



Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

The Lord's Day, December 4, 2022 A.M.

WPC exists to develop in ourselves and others a passion for the glory of God and the preeminence of Christ in all of life and in all the world, as revealed in the infallible, inerrant Word of God alone.

The Lord's Day

December 4, 2022 10:15 a.m.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

“Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, ‘Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!’ And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them saying, ‘To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!’ And the four living creatures said, ‘Amen!’ and the elders fell down and worshiped.

(Revelation 5:11-14)

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE #195

“Joy to the World”

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.

READING OF SCRIPTURE
Philippians 1:1-18

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.”
(Ezekiel 36:25-27)

***HYMN #201**

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by:
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

***CONFESSION OF FAITH
WLC Q. 154-155**

Pastor: What are the outward means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of His mediation?

All: The outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates to His church the benefits of His mediation, are all His ordinances; especially the Word, sacraments, and prayer: all which are made effectual to the elect for their salvation.

Pastor: How is the Word made effectual to salvation?

All: The Spirit of God maketh the reading, but especially the preaching of the Word, an effectual means of enlightening, convincing, and humbling sinners; of driving them out of themselves, and drawing them unto Christ; of conforming them to His image, and subduing them to His will; of strengthening them against temptations and corruptions; of building them up in grace, and establishing their hearts in holiness and comfort through faith unto salvation.

OFFERTORY PRAYER, MUSIC, & OFFERING

SONG

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand”

On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye
To Canaan’s fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.
All o’er those wide extended plains shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns and scatters night away.

I am bound (I am bound), I am bound (I am bound), I am bound for the promised land
I am bound (I am bound), I am bound (I am bound), I am bound for the promised land

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness and sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more.

Chorus

When shall I reach that happy place, and be forever blest?
When shall I see my Father’s face, and in His bosom rest?

Chorus

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

EXODUS 12:29-42

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

REV. CHAD WATKINS

“Plundering the Egyptians”

God Judges the Wicked

God Blesses His People

God Works the Night Shift

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #320**

“Rejoice, All Ye Believers”

Rejoice, all ye believers, and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing, and darker night is near:
the Bridegroom is arising, and soon he draweth nigh;
up, pray, and watch, and wrestle: at midnight comes the cry.

See that your lamps are burning; replenish them with oil;
and wait for your salvation, the end of earthly toil.
The watchers on the mountain proclaim the Bridegroom near;
go meet him as he cometh, with alleluias clear.

Ye saints, who here in patience your cross and suffrings bore,
shall live and reign forever, when sorrow is no more:
around the throne of glory the Lamb ye shall behold,
in triumph cast before him your diadems of gold.

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
arise, thou sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord to see
the day of earth's redemption that brings us unto thee.

***THE BENEDICTION**

“Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us
and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts
and establish them in every good work and word.”

(2 Thessalonians 2:16-17)

WPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Evening Service Tonight: We encourage you to join us for evening worship at 5:30pm. If you cannot attend in person please join us via our livestream. To access the livestream go to our website www.wpc-pca.com and click on livestream.

GOOD NEWS JAIL AND PRISON CHRISTMAS MINISTRY

Okaloosa County Jail | Chaplain Josiah Alldredge | Contact Arleen Blackstone for more information

December 16 – 3:00 p.m. help pack Hope Bags

December 20, 4:30 p.m. – Christmas Caroling for Inmates



For Your Calendar:

Sunday, December 4, 5:30 p.m.
Evening Service

Tuesday, December 6, 4:30 p.m.
Catechism Club

Tuesday, December 6, 5:30 p.m.
Session Meeting

Wednesday, December 7, 9:15 a.m.
Bible Babes Bible Study

Wednesday, December 7, 4:45 p.m.
NextGen & Children's Choir

Thursday, December 8, 6:00 a.m.
Carpenter's Apprentice

Thursday, December 8, 11:00 a.m.
Food Ministry

Sunday, December 11, 12:00 p.m.
WPC Christmas Party!