



# Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

*The Lord's Day, December 8, 2024 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 8, 2024 10:15 a.m.

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## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”  
*(Psalm 46:1)*

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE #214

### *“Angels We Have Heard on High”*

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.  
Glo - - -ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o, Glo - - -ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song?  
Glo - - -ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o, Glo - - -ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o.

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Glo - - -ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o, Glo - - -ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o.

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,  
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”  
*(2 Corinthians 5:21)*

**READING OF SCRIPTURE**

Haggai 2:1-23

**\*HYMN #211**

***“God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen”***

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,  
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day,  
To save us all from Satan’s pow’r when we were gone astray;  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav’nly Father, a blessed angel came;  
and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:  
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

“Fear not, then,” said the angel, “let nothing you affright;  
This day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,  
To free all those who trust in him from Satan’s pow’r and might.”  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

The shepherds at those tidings re-joic-ed much in mind,  
And left their flocks a-feeding, In tempest, storm, and wind:  
And went to Bethlehem straight-way, the Son of God to find.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH  
THE NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER, MUSIC, & OFFERING**

**SONG**

***“Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery”***

Come behold the wondrous myst’ry in the dawning of the King;  
He the theme of heaven’s praises robed in frail humanity.  
In our longing, in our darkness now the Light of Life has come;  
Look to Christ, who condescended took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous myst’ry, He the perfect Son of Man;  
In His living, in His suffering never trace nor stain of sin.  
See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man;  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous myst’ry, Christ the Lord upon the tree;  
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.  
See the price of our redemption, see the Father’s plan unfold;  
Bringing many sons to glory grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous myst’ry slain by death the God of life;  
But no grave could e’er restrain Him, praise the Lord; He is alive!  
What a foretaste of deliv’rance, how unwavering our hope;  
Christ in power resurrected as we will be when He comes.

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**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE READING OF SCRIPTURE  
THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**

**MATTHEW 9:9-13  
REV CHAD WATKINS**

**“He Came to Call Sinners”**

The Call Jesus Issues

The Scandal Jesus Sparks

The People Jesus Saves

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION #246 “Man of Sorrows! What a Name” (vv. 1-4)**

Man of Sorrows! what a name for the Son of God, who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned He stood,  
Sealed my pardon with His blood: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we; spotless Lamb of God was He;  
Full atonement! can it be? Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die, “It is finished!” was His cry;  
Now in heav’n exalted high: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

**THE LORD’S SUPPER INSTRUCTION AND EXHORTATION**

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER\***

**\*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #246 “Man of Sorrows! What a Name” v. 5**

When He comes, our glorious King, all His ransomed home to bring,  
Then anew this song we’ll sing: Hallelujah! what a Savior!

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.”  
*(Philippians 4:23)*

# 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 [www.wpc-pca.com](http://www.wpc-pca.com) and click on livestream.

## Lord's Supper Offering

Our recipient for the 4th quarter will be Destin Harvest. Destin Harvest partners with WPC. Our weekly food distributions are provided by this organization. Destin Harvest is in need of donations to help with repairs for their Food Rescue Truck. Please visit <https://destinharvest.org/> for more information about Destin Harvest.

## CPR Training

If you are interested in taking a CPR training course, please sign-up through the church office via email at [wpcpcaoffice@gmail.com](mailto:wpcpcaoffice@gmail.com). Once enough members have signed up for CPR training, a date for the class will be determined.

## Westminster Church Christmas Party

The church Christmas party will take place **TONIGHT** following the evening service. Please bring an appetizer or a dessert to share.

## Candlelight Service | December 24 | 6:00 p.m.

We will have an evening of Lessons and Carols. This is a great time to invite friends and family! The nursery will not be available during this service.

### For Your Calendar:

**TONIGHT 5:30 p.m.**  
Evening Service

**Thursday, December 12, 6:00 a.m.**  
Carpenter's Apprentice

**TONIGHT (after the evening service)**  
**Church Christmas Party**

**Friday, December 13, 9:00 a.m.**  
Food Ministry

**Wednesday, December 11, 9:30 a.m.**  
Ladies' Bible Study