

Westminster

Presbyterian Church, PCA

The Lord's Day, December 8, 2024 P.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 5:30 p.m.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP Responsive Reading of Psalm 150

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!

People: Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!

Pastor: Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!.

People: Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

Pastor: Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

People: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the LORD!

*Hymn of Praise #196

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free; From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art; Dear Desire of ev'ry nation, Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring from on high, appear; Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear! O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth: "Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness, He whose glories knew no end; By his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend. Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall; This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a Child, and yet a King, Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring. By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; By Thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION**

*Assurance of Pardon

"I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,' and you forgave the iniquity of my sin." (Psalm 32:5)

> **READING OF SCRIPTURE** Hebrews 12:18-29

*Нумп #207

"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice; Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today; Earth and heav'n before him bow, and He is in the manger now: Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this! He hath opened heaven's door, and man is blessed evermore: Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to gain His everlasting hall: Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

JOSHUA 7:1-26 Rev. Chad Watkins

"The Anger of Yahweh"

Sin's Consequences

Sin Exposed

Sin's Punishment

"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, see him dying on the tree! 'Tis the Christ by man rejected; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he! 'Tis the long expected Prophet, David's son, yet David's Lord; by his Son God now has spoken: 'tis the true and faithful Word.

Tell me, ye who hear him groaning, was there ever grief like his? Friends thro' fear his cause disowning, foes insulting his distress; many hands were raised to wound him, none would interpose to save; but the deepest stroke that pierced him was the stroke that Justice gave.

Ye who think of sin but lightly nor suppose the evil great here may view its nature rightly, here its guilt may estimate. Mark the sacrifice appointed, see who bears the awful load; 'tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.

Here we have a firm foundation, here the refuge of the lost; Christ's the Rock of our salvation, his the name of which we boast. Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, sacrifice to cancel guilt! None shall ever be confounded who on him their hope have built.

***The Benediction**

"Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it." (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)

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 <u>https://destinharvest.org/</u> 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. 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 (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

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