

Westminster Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day, December 8, 2019



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.

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December 8, 2019 10:15 a.m.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

“Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!
Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered
in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.”

(Psalm 107:1-3)

* 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

2 Samuel 5:1-16

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”

(Titus 3:4-7)

* HYMN #465

“Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord”

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary’s mount outpoured there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

*Grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within,
Grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!*

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold, threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold points to the Refuge, the mighty cross.

Chorus

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide, what can avail to wash it away?
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide; whiter than snow you may be today.

Chorus

*** CONFESSION OF FAITH
THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

* The word “catholic” refers to the church universal, not the Roman Catholic Church

OFFERTORY PRAYER, MUSIC, & OFFERING

HYMN #200

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heav’n’s all-gracious King”;
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heav’nly music floats o’er all the weary world:
Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hov’ring wing,
And ever o’er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
Who toil alone the climbing way with painful steps slow,
Look now! For glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing:
O rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hast'ning on, by prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

LUKE 1:57-80

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

REV. KNOX WHITE

“The Benedictus: The Music of Mercy”

1. God gives new life in our barrenness.

2. God disciplines us in our unbelief.

3. God delivers us from our enemies.

4. God forgives us for our sins.

5. God's mercy shines upon us in our darkness.

*** HYMN PREPARATION #221 *“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming” (v. 1-3)***

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung.
It came, a flow'r-et bright, amid the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love a-right she bore to men a Savior, when half-spent was the night.

The shepherds heard the story, proclaimed by angels bright,
How Christ, the Lord of glory, was born on earth this night.
To Bethlehem they sped and in the manger found him, as angel heralds said.

THE LORD'S SUPPER INSTRUCTION AND EXHORTATION

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER*

* HYMN OF THANKSGIVING #221 *“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”* (v. 4-5)

This flow'r, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor the darkness ev'rywhere.
True man, yet very God; from sin and death he saves us and lightens ev'ry load.

O Savior, child of Mary, who felt our human woe;
O Savior, King of glory, who dost our weakness know,
Bring us at length, we pray, to the bright courts of heaven and to the endless day.

* THE BENEDICTION

“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.”
(Numbers 6:24-26)

For Your Calendar:

Sunday, Dec. 8

Young Adult Lunch (Oliver Home)

Sunday, Dec. 8

NO NextGen Youth Group

Sunday, Dec. 8, 5:30 p.m.

Evening Worship Service

Monday, Dec. 9, 6:30 p.m.

Diaconate Meeting

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 6:30 p.m.

Missions Meeting

**the communion bread is gluten free*