

# *Westminster Presbyterian Church*

*The Lord's Day, December 13, 2020*



*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 13, 2020 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 #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 & CONFESSION

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses,  
according to the riches of his grace”  
*(Ephesians 1:7)*

**READING OF SCRIPTURE**

1 Kings 7:13-37

**\*HYMN #213**

***“What Child Is This”***

What Child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary’s lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you:  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own Him;  
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby:  
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

**\*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 the life everlasting.  
Amen.

**\*SONG**

***“Joy Has Dawned”***

Joy has dawned upon the world, promised from creation:  
God's salvation now unfurled, hope for every nation.  
Not with fanfares from above, not with scenes of glory,  
but a humble gift of love; Jesus, born of Mary.

Sounds of wonder fill the sky with the songs of angels,  
as the mighty Prince of Life shelters in a stable.  
Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in darkness,  
cling now to a mother's breast, vul-n'ra-ble and helpless.

Shepherds bow before the Lamb, gazing at the glory;  
Gifts of men from distant lands prophesy the story.  
Gold, a King is born today; incense, God is with us;  
Myrrh, His death will make a way, by His blood He'll win us.

Son of Adam, Son of Heav'n given as a ransom;  
Reconciling God and man Christ our mighty Champion!  
What a Saviour, what a Friend, what a glorious myst'ry:  
Once a babe in Bethlehem, now the Lord of hist'ry.

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE READING OF SCRIPTURE**

**ISAIAH 9:1-7**

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**

**REV. CHAD WATKINS**

*“After Darkness, Light!”*

1. The Tenacity of Grace

2. The Response to Grace

3. The Source of Grace

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION #194**

***“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” vv. 1-3***

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,  
in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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

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

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #194**

***“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” vv. 4-5***

O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Key of David, come and open wide our heav'nly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

**\* THE BENEDICTION**

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”

*(Romans 15:13)*

*\*the communion bread is gluten free*

# WPC Announcements

**Evening Service Tonight:** We encourage you to join us for evening worship at 5:30pm. If you are unable to attend in-person worship, access the livestream via our website [www.wpc-pca.com](http://www.wpc-pca.com). The link is located at the top of the church website.

**Nursery Reopening:** The church nursery is now open for Sunday morning services. We would like to offer nursery for the evening service in the future but we are still in need of more volunteers to be able to offer more services and keep the morning nursery open moving forward. WPC nursery serves ages newborn to children 3 years of age. If you are willing to serve or want more information about our nursery ministry please call, email or text Robin Dickey at 571-420-2544 or [rdickey3901@gmail.com](mailto:rdickey3901@gmail.com).

**Sunday School:** Sunday school classes as well as the Sunday prayer meeting will start 30 minutes earlier than normal in order to give people time to travel for church. So please mark these changes to your schedule.

**Seating Request:** Although seating request are not required for services at this time it is still offered to those who would like to sit in an area where masks and strict social distancing will still be required . Each week you will get a new email from the church office with a link to request seating for Sunday worship services. The email will go out each Monday morning and you will have until Wednesday at 4pm to request seating. If for some reason you cannot access the seating request system, please contact the office at 882-8825 between 9am-3pm on Mon-Wed to request seating.

## For Your Calendar:

**Sunday, December 13, 3:00 p.m.**  
Children's Bible Class

**Wednesday, December 16, 9:30 a.m.**  
Ladies' Weekly Bible Study

**Sunday, December 13, 5:30 p.m.**  
Evening Service

**Thursday, December 17, 6:00 a.m.**  
Carpenter's Apprentices