

# *Westminster Presbyterian Church*

*The Lord's Day, December 22, 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 22, 2019      10:15 a.m.

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## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

"I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?  
My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth."  
*(Psalm 121:1-2)*

### \* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

### \* 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.

### READING OF SCRIPTURE

2 Samuel 6:1-15

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

*(1 John 1:8-9)*

### \* HYMN #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!

### \* CONFESSION OF FAITH

#### WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM Q. 94-95

**Pastor:** What is baptism?

**All:** Baptism is a sacrament, wherein the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, doth signify and seal our ingrafting into Christ, and partaking of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord’s.

**Pastor:** To whom is baptism to be administered?

**All:** Baptism is not to be administered to any that are out of the visible church, till they profess their faith in Christ, and obedience to him; but the infants of such as are members of the visible church are to be baptized.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER, MUSIC, & OFFERING**

**HYMN #218**

***“Angels From the Realms of Glory”***

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation’s story, now proclaim Messiah’s birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o’er your flocks by night,  
God with man is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,  
Suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;  
Evermore your voices raising to th’eternal Three in One:  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE READING OF SCRIPTURE**

**LUKE 2:21-38**

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**

**REV. CHAD WATKINS**

***“The Nunc Dimittis”***

1. A Godly Remnant

2. A Marvelous Song

3. A Frightening sermon

\* SONG OF RESPONSE

*“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.

\* THE BENEDICTION

“Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.”  
*(Ephesians 6:23-24)*

**For Your Calendar:**

**Sunday, Dec. 22**  
NO NextGen Youth Group

**Sunday, Dec. 22, 5:30 p.m.**  
Evening Worship Service

**Tuesday, Dec. 24, 6 p.m.**  
Christmas Eve Service