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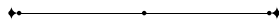
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 21, AD 2025



*"THE GRASS WITHERS, THE FLOWER FADES, BUT THE WORD OF
OUR GOD WILL STAND FOREVER."*

- ISAIAH 40:8 -



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Monday – Thursday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM; Friday, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Please silence your cell phones before the service begins.

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† *Those who are able, please stand.*

Evening Worship

Prelude

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

Silent Night! Holy Night!
(Hymn #315, arr. Berry)

The First Noel
(Traditional English Carol, arr. Berry)

Welcome and Announcements

† **Call to Worship**

Psalms 124:8, 16:11, 95:11, Deuteronomy 30:20

Leader: Our help is in the name of the **LORD**, who made heaven and earth.

People: You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Leader: He is your life and length of days.

People: O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

† **Hymn of Adoration**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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† **Invocation**

Encouraging One Another with Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

† **Hymn**

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

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Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 46, pg. 944

Prayer of Intercession

Mr. Joe Crowhurst

Offertory

Once He Came in Blessing
(M. Wrisse, arr. Pethel)

Proclamation of the Word of God

Mr. Stephen St. John

"Advent and John 3:16: The Destiny of Eternal Life"

John 3:16; Mark 10:28-30

pg. 888; 846

† **Communion Hymn**

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

#292, vv. 1-2

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The purple cups contain wine and the clear cups contain grape juice. The bread is gluten free.

Please hold each element until all have been served so that we may partake together.

† **Communion Hymn**

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

#292, vv. 3-4

† **Doxology**

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† **Postlude**

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

The Star Proclaims the King is Here
(J. Pachelbel)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -
 4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 fend thee! Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here
 made thee, decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand

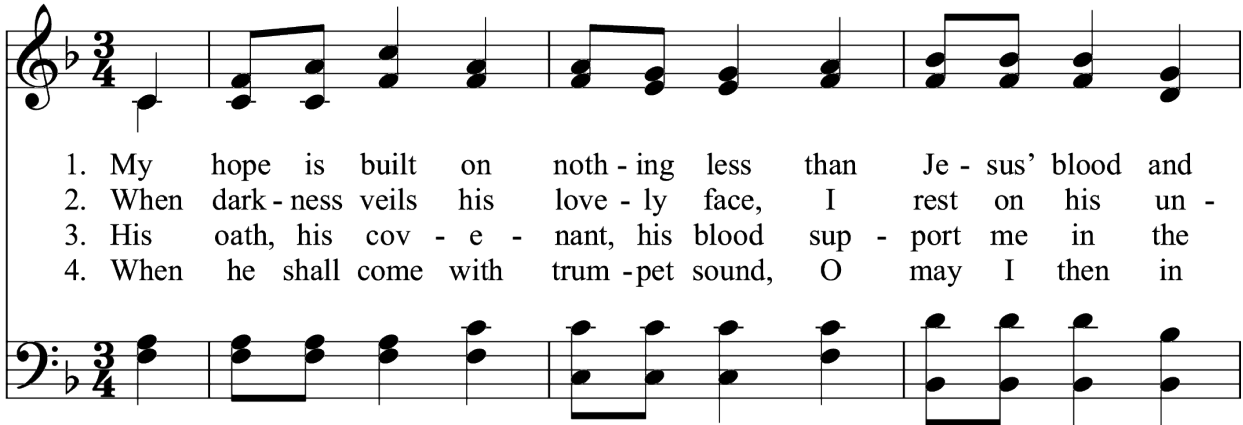
health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear; now to his
 gent - ly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 dai - ly at - tend thee. Pon - der a - new what the Al -
 guid - ed and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad a - do - ra - tion.
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 might - y will do, if with his love he be - friend thee.
 brought thee re - lief, spread - ing his wings to o'er - shade thee!

5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
 All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
 Let the amen sound from his people again;
 gladly fore'er we adore him.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

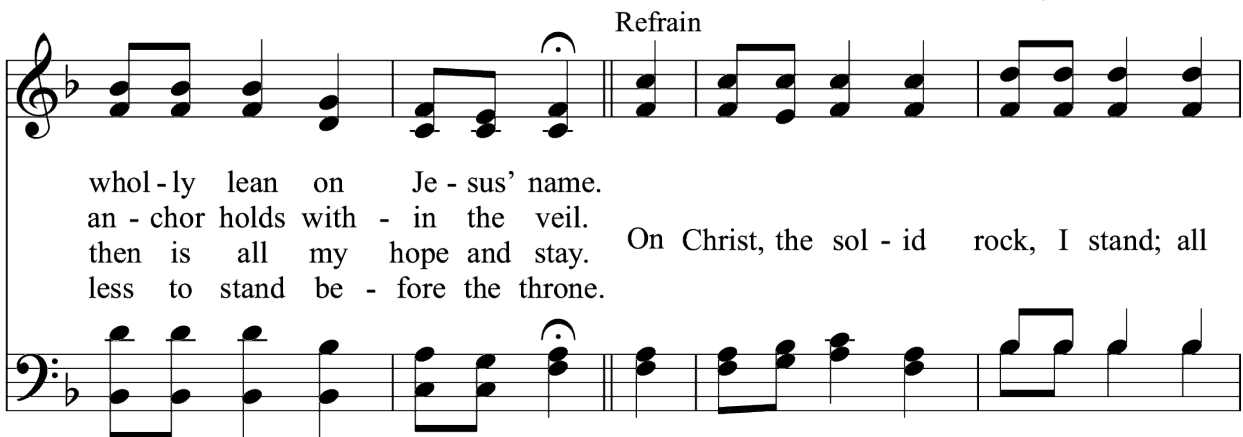
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1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un -
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in



right - eous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but
 chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale, my
 whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
 him be found, dressed in his right - eous - ness a - lone, fault -



Refrain

whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 then is all my hope and stay. On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all
 less to stand be - fore the throne.



oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Unison

1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
 2. King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on
 3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van - guard
 4. At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim, with

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
 earth he stood, Lord of lords, in hu - man ves - ture,
 on the way, as the Light of light de - scend - eth
 sleep - less eye, veil their fac - es to the pres - ence,

for with bless - ing in his hand, Christ our God to
 in the bod - y and the blood, he will give to
 from the realms of end - less day, that the pow'rs of
 as with cease - less voice they cry, "Al - le - lu - ia,

earth de - scend - eth, our full hom - age to de - mand.
 all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.
 hell may van - ish as the dark - ness clears a - way.
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Welcome guests! We are delighted that you have come to worship with us here at Westminster. We pray that God will bless you richly through the service and the welcome of our congregation and that you will worship with us again soon. For more information about the church, please stop by the Welcome Desk in the Lobby.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Evening Meal & Activities: Wednesday activities will resume on January 15.

Christmas Service: December 24, 5:00 pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. *Pick up invitations on the table in the narthex to give to family, friends, and neighbors.*

The church office will be closed December 24- January 1. If you need to speak to someone that week, please contact your Shepherding Elder.

No Sunday School or Evening Service on December 28.

Nursery Volunteers Needed: Our church is growing, and so is our nursery! The nursery is looking for volunteers to serve with our covenant children during morning and evening worship and Sunday school hour. Volunteers serve during one service every other month. Volunteers must be WPC members and pass a background check and child safety training before serving. If you would like to volunteer or have questions, contact Cameron: cameron.baird@wpc-hsv.org.

PCA Ministerial Relief Fund: The offering on December 24 will be given to the PCA Ministerial Relief Fund, which aids widowed and retired church servants across the denomination in times of severe financial need. Flyers with more information are available on the table in the narthex.

Christmas Post Office: If you are sending Christmas Cards to church members, consider sending them through the "Christmas Post Office. Place your cards in the red "mailbox" in alphabetical order, with the recipient's name and your name, and secure it with a rubber band. They will be sorted and are ready for pick. Donations are welcome and will go to the Huntsville Pregnancy Resource Center. Please pick up your cards on or before December 24.

Christmas Decoration Tear Down: We will be taking down the church Christmas decorations in two stages and need help to complete it in a timely manner. Stage 1- December 27, 9 AM, Stage 2- January 3, 9 AM.

Women's Let's Talk Event - Stewarding Our Bodies: January 12, 7:00 PM @ WPC. Flyers with more information are available on the table in the narthex.

Women's Spring Bible Studies: Ladies, join us starting in January as we study God's Word and fellowship together! Even if you did not participate in a bible study this fall, we would love for you to join us this semester for one of our four studies:

Tuesdays, 10:00-11:30 am, studying Colossians, begins Jan. 6.

Wednesdays, 11:30 am-12:30 pm, studying The Sermon on the Mount, begins Jan. 14.

Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 pm (1st and 3rd Thurs of the month), studying Romans, begins Jan. 15.

Fridays, 9:30-11:30 am, studying Colossians, begins Jan. 9. (Nursery is available but limited.)

If you are new to a study and wish to register, please email Kristen Thompson, kristen.thompson@wpc-hsv.org. Flyers with more information are available on the table in the narthex.

ROOTS: Students- It's time to sign up for the ROOTS RETREAT! Providence Presbytery's annual winter youth retreat will take place at Camp ToKnowHim in Pisgah, Alabama, from January 23-25, 2026! Cost is \$145/person. Scholarships are available. Flyers with more information are available on the table in the narthex.

Men's Retreat: January 30-31, February 1. Vision Ministry Retreat. Register through Realm. Flyers with more information are available on the table in the narthex.

Book Table: The Student and Children's Ministry team selects new books each month for parents, students, and anyone interested in learning. The book theme for December is Advent. This table is in the narthex near the nursery area. Donations of any selected books are appreciated.

Radical Mentoring: The men's mentoring team at WPC invites you to consider participating in a ministry at Westminster called Radical Mentoring. It is a special type of men's small group made up of men in the same season of life, mentored by more senior and "seasoned" men. Mentors will endeavor to share what we have learned about God, the Christian life, and "success," including areas where we have failed, with the hope that you can minimize or avoid the mistakes we have made along the way. Pick up more information on the narthex table in the lobby and contact Janssen Firth or Jim Roberts to express interest by Tuesday, January 13.

The WPC session invites all members and friends of WPC to join together in paying off our debt by the end of the 2025 calendar year. We currently have a balance of \$69,000, and paying off the debt will enable us to increase our ministry in a variety of ways. The session and the Strategic Planning Committee have been working on these plans, and they intend to bring a report with recommendations/plans to the January 2026 Congregational Meeting.

2025-2026 Upcoming Events

- December 24 - January 1: Office Closed
- December 27, 9 AM: Christmas Decoration Tear Down, Stage 1
- December 28: No Evening Service
- January 3, 9 AM: Christmas Decoration Tear Down, Stage 2
- January 12, 7 PM: Women's Let's Talk Event – Stewarding Our Bodies @ WPC
- January 30 – February 1: Men's Retreat
- March 27 – 28: Parenting Conference

Sunday School for Youth and Children:

Sunday Servants

	This Week: 12/21/25	Next Week: 12/28/25
Coffee Fellowship	Mary S & Joanne P	Team Cochrane
Evening Prayer	Joe Crowhurst	Bill Emrich
Head Usher	Jason Rutledge	Kevin Boyd
Nursery	PM: Katy Kirkwood, Elizabeth Steele, Nikki Bush, Nathan Olson	AM: Mary Lou Cantrell, Karen Replogle, Wendy Pearce, Deb McFadden, Beverly Parker
Sexton Counter	Josh Buhl	John Kirkwood
Sound Booth	AM: James Pearce PM: Bethany Miller	AM: Eric Fulcher PM: Christopher Thompson



Poinsettia Dedications

John and Teresa Henderson

In memory of Thomas Henderson

Tom and Diana Perrin

In memory of Martin & Jayne Perrin

In memory of Arthur & Doris Lohr

Rev. John and Cherry Ragland

In memory of Rev. & Mrs. W.T. Mulcay
In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Reuben Ragland

Byron and Angela Boyd

In memory of Hollis & Mildred Boyd

In memory of Megan Boyd Franklin

Gary and Pat Corder

In memory of Ryan Corder

In honor of Emma Peace

Steve and April Stegman

In honor of Bob & Carolyn Jeffus

In honor of Gary & Gloria Stegman

In memory of Thomas Henderson

David and Marilyn Armbruster

In memory of David Lyle Conrad,
our son-in-law

Joe Weeks

In memory of David Hammond

Barbara Searcy

In honor of Joyce Edgar

Susann Anderson

In memory of my dear husband-
John C. Anderson

Pat Thompson

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Souder
In memory of Mr. & Mrs. George Smith

Erika Kemp

In honor of Jo Nell Parker

Joe & Elizabeth Steele

In memory of Leon & Elizabeth Lassiter

In memory of Bill & Jeane Meador

In memory of Joseph & Flossy Steele & Joe Gabriele

In memory of Joseph H. Steele Jr.

Arin Pratt

In honor of Jennifer Thole

Rob Padgett

In memory of Mimi, Bob, and David Padgett

Jess Nuckols

In memory of Terry Bailey

In memory of Jerrie Nuckols

In memory of Paul Kaeser

Bill & Lady Emrich

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. William Emrich, Sr.

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Wornat

In memory of Ethan D. Emrich

Scooter & Angie Johnson

In memory of George Thomas Craig

In memory of Laurel Mariah Johnson

In memory of Buren & Satoko Craig

In memory of Bob & Jane Johnson

Michael and Mary Loutzenheiser

In memory of Gene Renner

In memory of Gary Loutzenheiser

Scott & Barbara Nicol


In memory of Carl & Anna Jackson

In memory of Bill & Carol Fisher

In memory of Doug & Betty Nicol

In memory of Bob & John Nicol

In memory of Diane Nicol





December 21 – December 28, 2025

Morning Worship: 9:30 AM

Evening Worship: 6:00 PM

Sunday, December 21, 2025

11:00 AM - Lessons & Carols Brunch

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

5:00 PM - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Thursday, December 25, 2025

Merry Christmas

Saturday, December 27, 2025

9:00 AM - Christmas Decoration Tear Down

Sunday, December 28, 2025

4:30 PM - Outreach Ministry Team Meeting

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Ruling Elders:

Andy Ball, Nat Causey, Joe Crowhurst, John A. Davis, John W. Davis III, Fred Diaz, Curtis Edewaard, Bill Emrich, Aaron Finch, Eric Fulcher, Scooter Johnson, Paul Keel, Scott Lynn, *Brian McFadden, Stacy Murphree, Scott Nicol, Chester Replogle, Ken Shipman, Allen Zumbach

(*currently on sabbatical)