

# ***The Worship of God***

Sunday, December 15, 2024

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Chiming of the Hour & Prelude

Musicians

Welcome & Invocation

Pastor

Call to Worship (Isaiah 12:4-6)

Pastor: Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done...

**ALL: proclaim that his name is exalted!**

Pastor: Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.

**ALL: Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you!**

\*Hymn: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" #277 (CH)

First Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 9:2;6-7

2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

6 For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 Of the greatness of his government and peace  
there will be no end.

He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom,  
establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness  
from that time on and forever.

The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

\*Gloria Patri "Glory Be to the Father" #813 (CH)  
***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.***

Offertory

Musicians

\*Doxology "Old Hundredth" #815 (CH)  
***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Musical Worship

Musicians

Children's Time & Advent Candle Lighting "Away in a Manger" #262 (CH)  
(Pennies for Jesus; Children are dismissed to Children's Church)

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Pastor/Congregation

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom  
come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day  
our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is  
the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.***

Second Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 12:2-6

2 Surely God is my salvation;  
I will trust and not be afraid.

The LORD, the LORD himself, is my strength and my defense;  
he has become my salvation."

3 With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation.

4 In that day you will say:

"Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;  
make known among the nations what he has done,  
and proclaim that his name is exalted.

5 Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things;  
let this be known to all the world.

6 Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion,  
for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.”

Pastor: This is the Word of God for the People of God!

**ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Sermon

“I Will Trust”

Pastor

Responding to God’s Word

The Apostles’ Creed

Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Hymn:

“O Sing a Song of Bethlehem” #291 (CH)

Announcements and Opportunities for Service

Benediction

Pastor

Postlude

Musicians

# West Point Presbyterian Church



“The Church of the Covenant”

Established 1837

Rev. Gerald W. (Jerry) Ledbetter, Pastor

## Announcements:

~ **Sunday School gathers at 10:00 AM!**

~ **December Third Sunday Fellowship**, December 15<sup>th</sup> following Worship. We're decorating the tables for Christmas! Plus we have a church-wide celebration as Mrs. Helen turns 96!

~ **The Session** will meet following the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Fellowship on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

~ **LEO** (Law Enforcement Outreach) meets at the Police Department on Fridays at 8:00 AM.

~ **Christmas Eve** we will have our Traditional Candlelight Service beginning at 6:00 PM in our Sanctuary. First Baptist Church will be joining us for this service.

~ **Every First Sunday** we hold a **Unity Worship Service** with our friends from the First Baptist Church of West Point. The service rotates back-and-forth between the churches. Our next Unity Service will be held on **January 5<sup>th</sup> in the Sanctuary of West Point Presbyterian Church**. The service begins at **10:30 AM**. Please join us as we seek to further the Kingdom of God.

~ **The Presbyterian Women** are heading up our Christmas outreach this year. We will be providing Christmas gifts to some local children, with the help of the whole congregation! The gifts will be delivered on December 18th.

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WELCOME: *Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ, and welcome to West Point Presbyterian Church! At WPPC, we are Seeking, Serving, and Sharing...*

*Seeking... to Nurture Lifelong Christian Disciples.  
Serving... the Congregation, Community & World in the Name of Jesus Christ.  
Sharing... God's Love in the Reformed Tradition.*

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## What in the Bible is this?

Post your guesses about what's going on in this picture to our church Facebook page!  
Let's have fun learning the various unique stories from God's Word!

