

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Guest Speaker, Michael Strickland

December 31, 2023

10:45 AM

THE JOY OF THE LORD

Prelude

Greeting

Announcements

Preparation for Worship (Silent Prayer)

Call to Worship

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
Worship the LORD with gladness;
Come before him with joyful songs.
Know that the LORD is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
Psalm 100:1-3

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation - Lord's Prayer

*Gloria Patri (No. 734)

*Hymn No. 1 *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

Call to Confession: Psalm 51:1-2

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me
from my sin.

Let us confess our sins

Prayer of Confession (unison)

O Glorious God, all Your ways of mercy bring us great delight. We are unworthy recipients of your grace.
We often disrespect your blood and slight your love, but through repentance draw water from the wells of
your joyous forgiveness. For our joy You have sent the Comforter, multiplied thy promises, shown us our
future happiness, given us a living fountain. Thou art preparing joy for us and us for joy; we pray for joy,
wait for joy, long for joy; give us more than we can hold, desire, or think of. Let our heart leap towards the
eternal sabbath, where the work of redemption, sanctification, preservation, glorification is finished and
perfected forever fill us with the joy of your salvation in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Private Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness: Psalm 51:7-12

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and
gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.
Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your
presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing
spirit, to sustain me.

Congregation: Thanks Be to God!

*Hymn No. 486 *God, Be Merciful to Me*

Offertory

*The Doxology (No. 731) and Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn No. 164 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Prayer of Supplication and Intercession

Scripture: Nehemiah 8:9-12
Message Mike Strickland
*Hymn No. 195 *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come*
*Benediction
*Response: Threefold Amen
Postlude
***Standing**

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