Washington Presbyterian Church Worship Celebration November 8, 2020 | 10:30 a.m.

Prelude Welcome and Announcements Missions Moment – Samaritan's Purse *Calling upon God in Prayer *Call to Worship – Psalm 144:1-2 * Hymn – A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (#151) Responsive Reading – Micah 7:1-7 **Congregational Prayer** Assurance of Pardon – Matthew 5:2-4 Children's Message *Hymn – Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus (see below) Message - Jesus' Call to a Cross-Shaped Life Matthew 10:5-42 Pastor Phil Amaismeier *Hymn – So Send I You—by Grace Made Strong (#440) *Benediction Postlude

*Please stand in body or spirit

Please scroll down for announcements, songs, and readings.

WELCOME members and guests. We're glad you joined us!

Today we continue public worship at the church building with full awareness that you are also worshipping with us at home. Even though we're not under the same roof, we are still worshipping the one true God with one another.

<u>While viewing the worship service</u>, we encourage you to sing along with the hymns, participate in the responsive reading, bow your head in prayer when we pray, etc. Also, share the link to the service with others if you can—it's a great way to get the gospel out to the world!

<u>Children's sermon note sheets</u> to help both older and younger children learn from the sermon at an age-appropriate level are available to print at <u>washingtonpres.org/worship-bulletins</u>.

<u>Sermon recordings</u> are available on Apple Podcasts under WPCA Sermons or on the Resources page of our website, <u>washingtonpres.org</u>. A **video recording** of today's live-streamed service is on our YouTube channel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELDER NOMINATION – Rick Ferguson has been nominated to return to the office of elder. A congregational meeting will be held on **Sunday, December 13**, about 15 minutes after the worship service, for the dual purposes of voting on Rick's nomination and making changes to the terms of Phil's call (pending Session review of the budget). The meeting will be livestreamed, and livestreaming members will be able to vote from their cars.

Session intends to expand both the Session and the diaconate in order to both better meet the needs of the congregation and better care for the men in leadership. A call for additional nominations for both elders and deacons will follow later.

BYFAITH MAGAZINE, the PCA's quarterly magazine, as well as MTW's Network newsletter, are on the information display in the main entrance. This issue of ByFaith is from the beginning of the pandemic and includes biblical reflections on some of the issues we're still facing. Please take a copy home to enjoy. Email <u>wpcaoffice@gmail.com</u> if you would like a copy mailed to you.

PASTORAL NOMINATION COMMITTEE – Surveys are due on or before **next Sunday**, November 15. Surveys may be submitted online, mailed to the church, or placed in Sarah's box downstairs. The PNC meets tomorrow, November 9, at 7:30 p.m.

<u>OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD</u> – Please bring shoebox gifts to the church or complete them online on or before **next Sunday**, November 15. Speak to Donna Menkel for more information.

<u>PIONEER CLUBS</u> for children age 2 through 6th grade meets this Wednesday, November 11, 6-7:15 p.m. Masks and social distancing are in effect.

YOUTH GROUP meets this Wednesday, November 11, 7-8:15 p.m., in the sanctuary. Masks and social distancing are in effect.

<u>CHURCH LIBRARY</u> – A library of Bible study resources, including commentaries, Bible dictionaries, and other reference materials, is available on the shelf in the fellowship hall. The library is honor-system; if you borrow something, please bring it back.

DECEMBER BREAKFASTS – Unfortunately we are not able to safely host the traditional December breakfasts. Sunday school will still break during December.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adults – 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary, led by Cory Goehring. Masks and social distancing are in effect. Please sit in the same seat for both Sunday school and the service.

Children – 9:15-10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Households are asked to sit together at a table, and masks are required. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

OCTOBER GIVING

Budget for the year	\$ ·	171,004.00		
General Giving YTD	\$ 113,898.64			
<u>Fund</u>	<u>Giving</u>			
General	\$	10,675.00		
Deacons	\$	185.00		
Capital Building	\$	220.00		
Seminary Student Support	\$	0.00		

Call to Worship – Psalm 144:1-2

¹Blessed be the Lord, my rock, who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle;
² he is my steadfast love and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, my shield and he in whom I take refuge, who subdues peoples under me.

Responsive Reading – Micah 7:1-7

Woe is me! For I have become as when the summer fruit has been gathered,

as when the grapes have been gleaned: there is no cluster to eat, no first-ripe fig that my soul desires.

The godly has perished from the earth, and there is no one upright among mankind;

they all lie in wait for blood, and each hunts the other with a net.

Their hands are on what is evil, to do it well; the prince and the judge ask for a bribe, and the great man utters the evil desire of his soul; thus they weave it together.

The best of them is like a brier, the most upright of them a thorn hedge.

The day of your watchmen, of your punishment, has come; now their confusion is at hand.

Put no trust in a neighbor; have no confidence in a friend;

guard the doors of your mouth from her who lies in your arms;

for the son treats the father with contempt, the daughter rises up against her mother, the daughter-in-law against her motherin-law;

a man's enemies are the men of his own house.

But as for me, I will look to the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.

Assurance of Pardon – Matthew 5:2-4

² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Scripture Reading – Matthew 10:5-42

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' ⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. ⁹ Acquire no gold or silver or copper for your belts, ¹⁰ no bag for your journey, or two tunics or sandals or a staff, for the laborer deserves his food. ¹¹ And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. ¹² As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³ And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴ And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. ¹⁵ Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.

¹⁶ "Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷ Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, ¹⁸ and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹ When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. ²⁰ For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹ Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²² and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³ When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

²⁴ "A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵ It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

²⁶ "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸ And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill

the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³² So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

³⁴ "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶ And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷ Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸ And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

⁴⁰ "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. ⁴¹ The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. ⁴² And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

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Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth. Is. 45:22



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Jesus Shall Reign

So send I you by grace made strong to triumph o'er hosts of hell, o'er darkness, death and sin, My name to bear, and in that name to conquer— So send I you, My victory to win.

So send I you to take to souls in bondage the Word of truth that sets the captive free, to break the bonds of sin, to loose death's fetters so send I you, to bring the lost to Me.

So send I you My strength to know in weakness, My joy in grief, My perfect peace in pain, to prove My pow'r, My grace, My promised presence so send I you, eternal fruit to gain.

So send I you to bear My cross with patience, and then one day with joy to lay it down, to hear My voice, "Well done, My faithful servant come share My throne, My kingdom and My crown!"

"As the Father hath sent Me, so send I you."