



Washington Presbyterian Church Worship Celebration

WPCA

November 29, 2020 | 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Calling upon God in Prayer

*Call to Worship – Psalm 71:22-23; Isaiah 40:9

*Song of Worship – Lord, I Lift Your Name on High (see below)

*Reading of the Law (Unison) – Deuteronomy 5:6-7

Confession of Sin – Psalm 51:1-4

Song of Confession – Create in Me a Clean Heart

Assurance of Pardon – Micah 7:18-19

Congregational Prayer

Children's Message

*Song of Worship – There Is a Redeemer (see below)

Message – **Identity Amnesia**

Luke 9:28-43

Pastor Dave Bindewald

*Hymn – Be Thou My Vision (#562)

*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.

While viewing the worship service, 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!

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LORD'S SUPPER will be observed next Sunday, December 6. You are encouraged to prepare your heart to meet with the Lord in this special way. The Bible tells us to examine our hearts, and, as needed, to be reconciled to God and/or others by the forgiveness offered by Jesus' sacrifice for us. **A BENEVOLENCE OFFERING** for the Deacons fund (used to help those with particular needs) will be received during this communion service.

MNA OFFERING – This year's Thanksgiving Offering for the PCA's Mission to North America will support new church planting efforts in multi-ethnic or economically challenged neighborhoods, including cross-cultural ministry training for PCA church planters. The enclosed brochure highlights three church planters who have pursued being trained by established black churches and black pastors from outside the PCA to prepare them to go out and plant new PCA congregations.

Please consider supporting the ministry through prayer and a financial gift. You can make a gift directly online, or by marking "MNA" on your check or offering envelope.

ADVENT READINGS – Please take advantage of the daily advent readings and hymns provided in your bulletin as you or your family prepare for Christmas.

PIONEER CLUBS for children age 2 through 6th grade meets this Wednesday, December 2, 6-7:15 p.m. This is the final regular meeting of the year. Next week we will join the carolers, and then break until after the holidays.

YOUTH GROUP meets this Wednesday, December 2, 7-8:15 p.m., in the sanctuary. This is the final regular meeting of the year. Next week we will join the carolers, and then break until after the holidays.

SESSION MEETING – Friday, December 4, at 7 p.m. Please pray for your elders as they meet.

PASTORAL NOMINATION COMMITTEE –The PNC next meets on Monday, December 7, at 7:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING - We are going Christmas caroling to the homes around the church on **Wednesday, December 9!** We will stay in family groups and wear masks. We will not have pizza and cookies as in the past, but maybe hot chocolate outdoors (depending on weather). Please meet at church at 7 p.m. to be put into groups. Contact Kim Champ for more information. Hope to see you there!

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.

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 71:22-23; Isaiah 40:9

²² I will also praise you with the harp
for your faithfulness, O my God;
I will sing praises to you with the lyre,
O Holy One of Israel.

²³ My lips will shout for joy,
when I sing praises to you;
my soul also, which you have redeemed.

⁹ Go on up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good news;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;
lift it up, fear not;
say to the cities of Judah,
“Behold your God!”

Reading of the Law (Unison) – Deuteronomy 5:6-7

⁶ ***“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.***

⁷ ***“You shall have no other gods before me.***

Confession of Sin – Psalm 51:1-4

¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!

³ For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.

Assurance of Pardon – Micah 7:18-19

¹⁸ Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity
and passing over transgression
for the remnant of his inheritance?

He does not retain his anger forever,
because he delights in steadfast love.

¹⁹ He will again have compassion on us;
he will tread our iniquities underfoot.

You will cast all our sins
into the depths of the sea.

Scripture Reading – Luke 9:28-43a

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰ And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, ³¹ who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at

Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!” ³⁶ And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

³⁷ On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸ And behold, a man from the crowd cried out, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child. ³⁹ And behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out. It convulses him so that he foams at the mouth, and shatters him, and will hardly leave him. ⁴⁰ And I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” ⁴¹ Jesus answered, “O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” ⁴² While he was coming, the demon threw him to the ground and convulsed him. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit and healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ⁴³ And all were astonished at the majesty of God.

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Silent Night, Holy Night

Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and Child.
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar;
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia.
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night,
Wondrous star, lend thy light.
With the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King.
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth,
Jesus Lord at Thy birth.

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

(Repeat)

Cast me not away
from Thy presence, O Lord,
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me, the joy of Thy Salvation,
and renew a right spirit within me.

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There Is a Redeemer

There is a Redeemer: Jesus God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Chorus

Thank You O my Father, for giving us Your Son
and leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

Jesus my Redeemer, Name above all names
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.

Chorus

When I stand in glory, I will see His face,
and there I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place.

Chorus

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Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art -
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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