



Washington Presbyterian Church Worship Celebration

WPCA

December 20, 2020 | 10:30 a.m.

Prelude – Silent Night; Hannah Amaismeier

Welcome and Announcements

*Calling upon God in Prayer

*Call to Worship – Psalm 24:7-10

*Hymn of Worship – What Child Is This? (#281)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – Luke 2:8-14

*Reading of the Law (Resp.) – Exodus 20:4-6

Confession of Sin – Based on WSC 50-52

Assurance of Pardon – Romans 8:1-4

Congregational Prayer

*Hymn – The First Noel (#265)

Praise from Children – Jonah Goehring, Scripture Reading

Message – **Christ “Emptied Himself”**

Philippians 2:5-11

Pastor Bob Weeber

*Hymn – Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (see below)

*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!

Prayer, counseling, or physical needs – You are encouraged to call our leaders if you have a particular need, would like prayer, want to share about a need someone else you know has, or if you just need to talk.

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

A CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE will be held this Thursday, December 24, at 7 p.m. Come and worship Jesus, sent by God to save us from our sins. The service will be livestreamed on our YouTube channel.

SEMINARY STUDENT SUPPORT FUND – A special offering for the Seminary Student Support Fund will be collected today to support Tom Meiers. To contribute, please write “Seminary Student Support” in the memo line of your check or on the pew envelope.

SECRET SISTER – Sign-ups are open for Secret Sister in 2021! Please return your sign-up form to Kim Champ or place it in Warren’s box downstairs on or before Sunday, January 3.

PASTORAL NOMINATION COMMITTEE –The PNC meets on Monday, December 14, at 7:30 p.m.

PIONEER CLUBS and **YOUTH GROUP** are on break until after the holidays. They will resume meeting on January 6.

SUNDAY SCHOOL for adults and children will be on break during December. Regrettably we are not able to host our traditional December Breakfasts during that hour, but please feel free to enjoy a donut at home and think of your brothers and sisters in Christ.

NOVEMBER GIVING*

**Does not include the fifth Sunday*

Budget for the year	\$ 171,004.00
General Giving YTD	\$ 123,443.64

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Giving</u>
General	\$ 9,545.00
Deacons	\$ 145.00
Capital Building	\$ 110.00
Seminary Student Support	\$ 40.00

Call to Worship – Psalm 24:7-10

- ⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
- ⁸ Who is this King of glory?
The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle!
- ⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates!
And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
- ¹⁰ Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory! *Selah*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath – Luke 2:8-14

- ⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,
- ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

Reading of the Law (Resp.) – Exodus 20:4-6

⁴“You shall not make for yourself a carved image,

or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God,

visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me,

⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Confession of Sin – Based on WSC 50-52

Lord, you are the sovereign God over us, and therefore you have every right to require from us worship that is pure in its entirety and offered according to your word. Yet you know that we often worship you with cold hearts, out of routine and not out of the broken feelings of guilt over our sin nor in awe of your beauty. Please forgive us when we have worshipped you through images, or any other way not appointed in the Bible. You are not a thing to be treasured up and paraded around that we might be close to you. You are a Spirit. Help us to worship you in Spirit and in truth and in accordance with the Bible. Please hear the silent confessions of our sins, and do not leave us to our own ways.

Westminster Shorter Catechism, adapted from the PCA website: <https://www.pcaac.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/ShorterCatechismwithScriptureProofs.pdf>

Assurance of Pardon – Romans 8:1-4

¹ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Scripture Reading – Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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What Child Is This?

What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain

This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear, for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading. **[Refrain]**

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him. **[Refrain]**

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The First Noel 265

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11

1. The first No - el, the an - gel did say, Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in
 2. They look - ed up and saw a star Shin - ing in the east, be -
 3. And by the light of that same star Three Wise Men came from
 4. This star drew nigh to the north - west, O'er Beth - le - hem it
 5. Then en - tered in those Wise Men three, Full rev - 'rent - ly up -
 6. Then let us all with one ac - cord Sing prais - es to our

fields as they lay; In fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep, On a
 yond them far, And to the earth it gave great light, And
 coun - try far; To seek for a King was their in - tent, And to
 took its rest, And there it did both stop and stay, Right
 on their knee, And of - fered there in His pres - ence Their
 heav'n - ly Lord, That hath made heav'n and earth of naught, And

Refrain
 cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
 so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
 o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
 gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.
 with His blood man - kind hath bought.

el, No - el, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

The LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him. Hab. 2:20

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!"