



Washington Presbyterian Church

Worship Celebration

December 27, 2020 | 10:30 a.m.

Prelude – Faith of Our Fathers, The Friendly Beasts; Abby De Jong

Welcome and Announcements

Calling upon God in Prayer

*Call to Worship – Revelation 1:8; 4:11

*Hymn of Worship – Away in a Manger (#262)

*Reading of the Law (Resp.) – Exodus 20:17, WSC 79-81

Confession of Sin (Silent) – Isaiah 6:5

Assurance of Pardon – Isaiah 6:6-7

Congregational Prayer

Praise from Children

Fletcher Goehring, reading Galatians 4:4-7

Jack De Jong, God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen;

Crown Him with Many Crowns

*Hymn – O Come, All Ye Faithful (#249)

Message – **Living Sacrifices in Need of Transformation**

Romans 12:1-2

Pastor John McCombs

*Hymn – Angels We Have Heard on High (#278)

*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

THE LORD'S SUPPER will be observed next Sunday, January 3. 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.

SECRET SISTER – Sign-up forms for Secret Sister are on the back table! Please return your form to Kim Champ or place it in Warren's box downstairs on or before next Sunday, January 3.

SUNDAY SCHOOL for adults and children resumes next Sunday, January 3. Both classes will meet at 9:30 a.m., the children in the fellowship hall and the adults in the sanctuary.

PASTORAL NOMINATION COMMITTEE –The PNC meets on Monday, January 4, at 7:30 p.m.

PIONEER CLUBS and **YOUTH GROUP** will resume meeting on January 6.

SESSION MEETING – Session meets on Friday, January 8, at 7 p.m. Please pray for our elders as they meet.

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 – Revelation 1:8; 4:11

⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

¹¹ “Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.”

Reading of the Law (Resp.) – Exodus 20:17, WSC 79-81

Which is the tenth commandment?

The tenth commandment is, you shall not covet your neighbour's house,

you shalt not covet your neighbor's wife,

nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant,

nor his ox, nor his donkey,

nor anything that is your neighbor's.

The tenth commandment requires full contentment with our own condition,

with a right and charitable frame of spirit toward our neighbor, and all that is his.

The tenth commandment forbids all discontentment with our own estate,

envying or grieving at the good of our neighbor,

and all inordinate motions and affections to any thing that is his.

Adapted from the Westminster Shorter Catechism, adapted from the PCA website:

<https://www.pcaac.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/ShorterCatechismwithScriptureProofs.pdf>

Confession of Sin (Silent) – Isaiah 6:5

⁵ And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

Assurance of Pardon – Isaiah 6:6-7

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

Scripture Reading – Romans 12:1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

All Scripture texts, unless otherwise noted:

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Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay;
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus - no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

Lyrics: st. 1-2 unknown (possibly Martin Luther); st. 3 by John Thomas McFarland; music by James R. Murray - Public Domain - CCLI #822586

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful,
joyful, and triumphant;
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him -
born the King of angels!

Refrain

O come, let us adore Him!
O come, let us adore Him!
O come, let us adore Him -
Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels;
sing in exultation;
O Sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n above,
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! **[Refrain]**

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n:
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing! **[Refrain]**

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song? **[Refrain]**

Come to Bethlehem, and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the new-born King. **[Refrain]**

See within a manger laid
Jesus, Lord of heav'n and earth!
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
With us sing our Savior's birth. **[Refrain]**

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