



Washington Presbyterian Church Worship Celebration

January 17, 2021 | 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Calling upon God in Prayer

*Call to Worship – Psalm 119:17-19

*Hymn of Worship – Open My Eyes That I May See (#563)

*Reading of the Law (Resp.) – Exodus 20:14; WSC 70-72

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon (Unison) – From Heidelberg Q. 59-60

Congregational Prayer

Children's Message

*Hymn – My Faith Has Found a Resting Place (#528)

Message – **Dispelling Your Doubt**

Matthew 11:1-24

Pastor Phil Amaismeier

*Hymn – O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (#22)

*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 worship at the church building, aware that you are also worshipping with us at home. Although we're not under the same roof, we are still worshipping the one true God with one another.

We encourage you to join us in singing, reading aloud, and standing or bowing our heads as we worship.

Prayer, counseling, or physical needs – Please reach out to our leaders if you have a particular need, would like prayer, know of a need someone else 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.

Sunday school for adults and children meets at 9:30 a.m. Adults gather in the sanctuary, and children gather in the fellowship hall.

Giving – If you feel led to contribute, you may give by mail (Washington Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 1367, Washington, PA, 15301) or securely online at washingtonpres.org/give.

Sermon recordings are available on Apple Podcasts under WPCA Sermons or on the [Resources tab of our website](#). A **video recording** of today's live-streamed service is on our [YouTube channel](#).

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

RICK FERGUSON was installed as an elder on Session last Sunday, January 10.

ELECTRICAL WORK continues at the church this week during daytime hours.

PIONEER CLUBS for children age 2 through 6th grade meets this Wednesday, January 20, 6-7:15 p.m.

YOUTH GROUP for students in grades 7-12 meets this Wednesday, January 20, 7-8:15 p.m.

PASTORAL NOMINATION COMMITTEE – The PNC meets on Thursday, January 21, at 7:30 p.m.

DIRECTORY UPDATE – Today is the last day to review your information in the church directory on the back table and write in any additions or changes. A revised directory will be issued later this month.

SOUPER SUNDAY will take place on Sunday, January 31, at 4 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The meeting will also be livestreamed. In lieu of a soup potluck, please bring a can of soup or another non-perishable item to donate.

ELDER ON CALL: Phil Amaismeier

DECEMBER GIVING

Budget for the year	\$ 171,004.00
General Giving YTD	\$ 139,631.89

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Giving</u>
General	\$ 13,865.25
Deacons	\$ 165.00
Capital Building	\$ 0.00
Seminary Student Support	\$ 100.00

Call to Worship – Psalm 119:17-19

- ¹⁷ Deal bountifully with your servant,
that I may live and keep your word.
- ¹⁸ Open my eyes, that I may behold
wondrous things out of your law.
- ¹⁹ I am a sojourner on the earth;
hide not your commandments from me!

Reading of the Law (Resp.) – Exodus 20:14; WSC 70-72

Which is the seventh commandment?

The seventh commandment is, You shall not commit adultery.

What is required in the seventh commandment?

The seventh commandment requires the preservation of our own and our neighbor's chastity, in heart, speech, and behavior.

What is forbidden in the seventh commandment?

The seventh commandment forbids all unchaste thoughts, words, and actions.

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

Confession of Sin (Leader)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
By what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
Help us amend what we are,
And direct what we shall be,
So that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
To the glory of your holy name.
Through Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon (Unison) – From Heidelberg Q. 59-60

By true faith in Jesus Christ, I am right with God and heir to life everlasting.

Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I have never sinned nor been a sinner; as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me.

All I need to do is accept this gift of God with a believing heart.

Adapted from the Heidelberg Catechism: <https://students.wts.edu/resources/creeds/heidelberg.html>

Scripture Reading – Matthew 11:1-24

When Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in their cities.

² Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ⁴ And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. ⁹ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is he of whom it is written,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you.’

¹¹ Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. ¹² From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³ For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴ and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵ He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

¹⁶ “But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

¹⁷ “‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ ¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.”

²⁰ Then he began to denounce the cities where most of his mighty works had been done, because they did not repent. ²¹ “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. ²² But I tell you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ²³ And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You will be brought down to Hades. For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. ²⁴ But I tell you that it will be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom than for you.”

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Open My Eyes That I May See 563

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in Your law. Psalm 119:18

1. O - pen my eyes that I may see Glimp-ses of truth Thou hast for me;
2. O - pen my ears that I may hear Voic - es of truth Thou send-est clear;
3. O - pen my mouth and let me bear Glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where;

Place in my hands the won - der - ful key That shall un - clasp and
And while the wave - notes fall on my ear, Ev - ery - thing false will
O - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare Love with Thy chil - dren

Refrain

set me free. Si - lent - ly now I wait for Thee, Read - y, my God, Thy
dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I wait for Thee, Read - y, my God, Thy
thus to share. Si - lent - ly now I wait for Thee, Read - y, my God, Thy

will to see; O - pen my eyes, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine.
will to see; O - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine.
will to see; O - pen my heart, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine.

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

1. My faith has found a rest- ing place, from guilt my soul is freed;
 2. E - nough for me that Je - sus saves, this ends my fear and doubt;
 3. My heart is lean - ing on the Word, the writ - ten Word of God,
 4. My great Phy - si - cian heals the sick, the lost he came to save;

I trust the ev - er - liv - ing One, his wounds for me shall plead.
 a sin - ful soul, I come to him, he'll nev - er cast me out.
 sal - va - tion by my Sa - vior's name, sal - va - tion thro' his blood.
 for me his pre - cious blood he shed, for me his life he gave.

Refrain

I need no oth - er ar - gu - ment, I need no oth - er plea,

it is e - nough that Je - sus died, and that he died for me.

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace.

Jesus! The Name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come;
And leap, ye lame, for joy.

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread thro' all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy Name.