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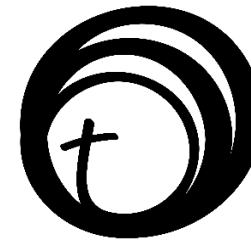
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WPCA
Washington Presbyterian Church

Welcome to
Washington Presbyterian Church in America

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire hope;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and yearn for fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to whoever will come — this church opens
wide her doors and offers welcome in the name
of the risen Lord Jesus Christ.



Washington Presbyterian Church Service of Worship

WPCA

December 1, 2024 | 10:30 a.m.

Children's Choir & Special Music *"The First Noel" & "What Child Is This"*

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Reading & Lighting of the Advent Candle

Prelude

"What Child Is This"

Call to Worship*

John 1:14

Leader: "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth." *Saints of God, exalt the name of the Lord, praise the salvation of the Lord, and offer Him your true worship.*

Song of Praise and Adoration*

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Trinity Hymnal #196

Prayer of Praise and Invocation*

Reading of the Law

John 3:16-21

Prayer of Confession

All: Almighty God and heavenly Father, we poor, miserable sinners confess that from our childhood until this very hour we have sinned against your commandments by evil thoughts, words, will, and works, which we cannot count, and first of all by vast unbelief. Therefore, we are not worthy to be called your children, nor lift our eyes up to heaven. O God and Father, we wish that we have never provoked you to anger. In your mercy and for the sake of your glory, we ask you to receive us into your grace by the forgiveness of our sins. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 34:8

Leader: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

Affirmation of Faith

Selection from the Athanasian Creed
(see screen or bulletin insert)

Prayer of Thanks and Receiving of the Tithes and Offerings

(Children under the age of 5 dismissed to the nursery if desired.)

Hymn of Preparation*

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Trinity Hymnal #194

Congregational Prayer & Lord's Prayer

(see screen)

Sermon

Pastor Mike Bowen

"The Compelling Love of Christ"

2 Corinthians 5:11-14

Hymn of Response*

"What Wonderous Love is This"

Trinity Hymnal #261

Invitation to the Table

Lord's Supper

(We offer red wine or white grape juice.)

Song of Praise*

"It Was Finished Upon That Cross"

(see screen)

Benediction*

Ephesians 3:17-19

Leader [S]o that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Doxology*

"Doxology"

Trinity Hymnal #731

SUNDAY MORNING INFORMATION

Visitor? Please complete a visitor card and place it in the offering plate so our elders can connect with you. Thank you for worshipping with us!

Children's sermon note sheets to help both older and younger children learn from the sermon at an age-appropriate level are available on the table in the back.

A nursery for children under age 5 is available downstairs. Families are welcome to keep their children with them in the service.

The worship service is livestreamed in the Fellowship Hall downstairs for any who need to step out of the sanctuary.

Fellowship time occurs each Sunday from 9:00-9:30 a.m.

Sunday school classes for adults and kids meet 9:30-10:15 a.m. January – November.

If you would like someone to pray for you today, speak to one of our elders who will listen and pray with you.

If you would like to give, you may place your offering in the plate or give securely online at washingtonpres.org/give.

Sermon recordings are available on most podcast apps under WPCA Sermons or on the Resources page of our website, washingtonpres.org. A **video recording** of today's service is on Vimeo: vimeo.com/washpca.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tuesday, December 3

- Bible Study – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 4

- Prayer Meeting – 10:00 a.m.
- Caroling at Transitions – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 5

- Session Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 8

- December Breakfast– 9:30 a.m.
- Worship – 10:30 a.m.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Wed. Dec 4: Caroling at Transitions

Sat. Dec 14: Children's Christmas Party

Sat. Dec. 14: Secret Sister Party at Panera

Wed. Dec 18: Youth Group Christmas Party

Sun. Dec 22: An Evening of Lessons & Carols

Tues. Dec 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLIDAY CALENDAR

Holiday events are listed on the back of this page (next to the Weekly Calendar). More information will be shared as we get closer to a given event.

CAROLING AT TRANSITIONS

Our annual evening of caroling will occur this Wednesday, December 4, starting at 5:30 p.m. We will have pizza here at the church, walk down to Transitions for caroling, and then return for cookies after. Please sign up and, if able, bring cookies to share.

DECEMBER BREAKFASTS

For the month of December, we will resume our tradition of meeting at 9:30 each Sunday for a fellowship breakfast instead of Sunday School. Sign-up sheets are on the information table.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual party will be held Saturday, December 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and will include lunch. Please wear play clothes. Contact Debbie Burtoft for more information.

SECRET SISTER REVEAL PARTY

Join your fellow sisters at Panera Bread for a time of fellowship, celebration, and revelation. The big reveal will be Saturday, December 14 starting at 9:30 a.m. at the Panera Bread in Washington (near Sam's Club.)

N2N: CIARRA'S COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS GIVEAWAY

Donations: Neighbor 2 Neighbor is requesting donations of new toys, toiletries, cleaning supplies, and diapers for the giveaway on December 21.

Setup: Help will be needed setting up at the Washington County Fairgrounds on Friday, December 20 from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Giveaway: The actual giveaway will happen on Saturday, December 21 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. Many volunteers are needed to fill many different positions, from serving snacks to loading cars.

If you're able to donate and/or volunteer your time on Friday or Saturday – or for more information – please contact Warren or Kim Champ