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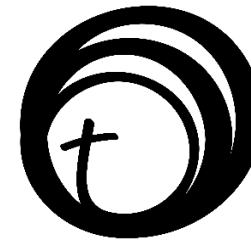
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WPCA
Washington Presbyterian Church

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 8, 2024 | 10:30 a.m.

Children’s Choir “Away in a Manger”/“Silent Night”

Christmas Choir “Carol of the Bells”

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Reading & Lighting of the Advent Candle

Prelude “Ding Dong Merrily on High”
Performed by the Christmas Choir

Call to Worship* Luke 1:31-33
Leader: “And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”

Congregation:
Come and let us worship our Savior and our King – Jesus Christ the Lord!

Hymn of Praise* “O Come, All Ye Faithful”
Trinity Hymnal #208

Prayer of Praise and Invocation*

Reading of the Law John 15:9-12

Prayer of Confession

All: We have great reason, O Lord, to be humbled before you, on account of the coldness and insensibility of our hearts, the disorder and irregularity of our lives, and the prevalence of worldly affections within us. Too often have we indulged the tempers which we ought to have subdued and have left our duty unperformed. O Lord, be merciful to us for your Son Jesus Christ’s sake. Produce in us deep repentance, and a lively faith in that Savior who has died for our sins and risen again for our justification. Amen. (credit to Henry Thornton)

Assurance of Pardon Romans 5:10

Leader: *For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.*

Hymn of Testimony* “Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor”
Trinity Hymnal #230

Prayer of Thanks and Receiving of the Tithes and Offerings
(Children under the age of 5 dismissed to the nursery if desired.)

Song of Hope “In the Bleak Midwinter”
Performed by the Christmas Choir

Congregational Prayer

Sermon Luke 1:26-38
Pastor Mike Bowen “The Announcement to Mary”

Hymn of Response* “All Praise to The, Eternal Lord”
Trinity Hymnal #219

Benediction* 2 Thessalonians 3:18
Leader: *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*

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.

CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 11

- Prayer Meeting – 10:00 a.m.
- **No Pioneer Club**
- Youth Group – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 14

- Secret Sister Party – 9:30 a.m.
- Children's Christmas Party – 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, October 15

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

NNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER BREAKFASTS

Sunday morning breakfast will continue through December, starting at 9:30. 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.)

YOUTH GORUP CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Youth Group will meet at the Lester's on Wednesday, December 18 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for a night of fellowship and festive fun. Talk to Cliff Lester for more information.

AN EVENING OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

The Choir will present a concert of Christmas carols and holiday songs interspersed with Scripture readings on Sunday, December 22 at 6:00 p.m.

WOMEN'S HOT COCOA NIGHT

Join us on Monday, December 16, at 6:30 p.m. for a Hot Cocoa Night at Ashley Bennett's (111 S Heide Ln., McMurray). Sip on delicious hot chocolate, connect with other women, and enjoy a relaxing time together. Feel free to bring a snack to share. For more details, please contact Ashley Bennett.

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. If you're able to help, there is a sign up sheet on the information table.

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 help, there is a sign up sheet on the information table.

If you're able to donate or for more information please contact Warren or Kim Champ or see the sign up sheet on the information table.