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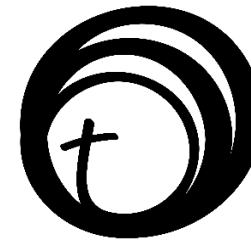
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**WPCA**  
**Washington Presbyterian Church**

**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 15, 2024 | 10:30 a.m.

**Christmas Choir**

*"Christmastime"*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Advent Reading & Lighting of the Advent Candle**

**Prelude**

*"Christmas Gloria"*

Performed by the Christmas Choir

**Call to Worship\***

Zechariah 2:10 & Isaiah 61:10

Leader: *The Lord says: "Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion for behold, I come and I will dwell in your midst, declares the Lord."*

Congregation:

"I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; My soul shall exult in My God, for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness."

**Hymn of Praise\***

*"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

Trinity Hymnal #201

Led by the Children's Choir

**Prayer of Praise and Invocation\***

**Reading of the Law**

Romans 13:8-10

**Prayer of Confession**

All: Almighty and most merciful God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, that we have not loved You with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength, and that we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We beg You, O God, to forgive what we have been, to help us to amend what we are, and by Your mercy to direct what we shall be, so that we may henceforth walk in the way of Your commandments and do those things which are pleasing in Your sight, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**

Romans 8:1

Leader: *"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."*

**Hymn of Testimony\***

*"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"*

Trinity Hymnal #200

**Prayer of Thanks and Receiving of the Tithes and Offerings**

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

**Hymn of Praise**

*"Once in Royal David's City"*

Trinity Hymnal #225

**Congregational Prayer**

**Sermon**

Pastor Mike Bowen

**Matthew 1:18-25**

*"The Announcement to Joseph"*

**Hymn of Response\***

*"Go Tell It On the Mountain"*

Trinity Hymnal #224

**Benediction\***

Zephaniah 3:17

Leader: *"The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing."*

## **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](http://washingtonpres.org/give).

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

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## **CALENDAR**

### **Wednesday, December 18**

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

### **Thursday, December 19**

- Third Thursday Theology Night – 7:00 p.m.

### **Sunday, December 22**

- December Breakfast – 9:30 a.m.
- Worship – 10:30 a.m.
- Evening of Lessons and Carols – 6:00 p.m.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **DECEMBER BREAKFASTS**

Sunday morning breakfast will continue through December, starting at 9:30. Sign-up sheets are on the information table.

### **WOMEN'S HOT COCOA NIGHT**

Join us tomorrow, 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.

### **YOUTH GROUP 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.

### **CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

The Christmas Eve Candlelight service will be on Christmas Eve, December 24 at 6:00 p.m.

### **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.