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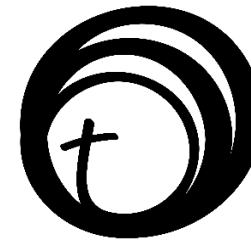
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WPCA
Washington Presbyterian Church

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 22, 2024 | 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Choir

“Sing We All Noel”

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Reading & Lighting of the Advent Candle

Prelude

“O Come O Come Emmanuel”
 Performed by the Men’s Ensemble

Call to Worship*

taken from Luke 1:32-33, 68-69

Leader: *Come and worship Jesus Christ, “the Son of the Most High; to Him the Lord God will give 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.”*

People: *“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David.”*

Hymn of Praise*

“Angels We Have Heard on High”
 Trinity Hymnal #214

Prayer of Praise and Invocation*

Reading of the Law

Galatians 6:1-10

Prayer of Confession

All: O Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; Who pardons all such as truly repent and turn to You; We humbly confess our sins and implore Your mercy. We have not loved You with a pure heart fervently; Neither have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justly, nor loved mercy, nor walked humbly with You, our God.

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Have mercy on us, O Lord, according to Your loving-kindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out our iniquity. Create in us a clean heart, O God; And renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from Your presence; And take not Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore unto us the joy of Your salvation; And uphold us with Your free Spirit. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Galatians 1:3-4

Leader: *“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father”*

Hymn of Praise*

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”
 Trinity Hymnal #203
 Led by the Children’s Choir

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

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”
 Trinity Hymnal #218

Congregational Prayer

Sermon

Luke 1:67-79

Pastor Mike Bowen

“The Announcement to Zechariah”

Songs of Response

“The Messiah Christmas Suite”
 Performed by the Christmas Choir
 (Please stand and join in the *“Hallelujah Chorus”* at the end)

Benediction*

Isaiah 60:19b-20

Leader: *“...The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. Your sun shall no more go down nor your moon withdraw itself; for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended.”*

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

DECEMBER BREAKFASTS

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

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

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

HOLIDAY BREAK

Regular Wednesday activities, including Prayer Meeting, Youth Group, and Pioneer Clubs, will be on break for the next couple weeks. All Activities will resume on Wednesday, January 8..

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 22

- Evening of Lessons & Carols – 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, December 25

- Merry Christmas!
- *No Wednesday Activities*

Sunday, December 29

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