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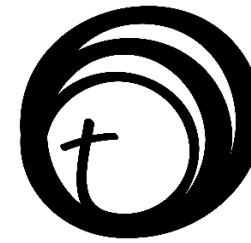
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**WPCA**  
**Washington Presbyterian Church**

**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 29, 2024 | 10:30 a.m.

**Special Music** “Joy to the World” (Performed by the Children’s Choir)  
“Angels On High Sing Gloria” (Performed by the Women’s Ensemble)

## Welcome and Announcements

## Advent Reading & Lighting of the Advent Candle

**Prelude** “He Who is Mighty”

**Call to Worship\*** Psalm 98:1, 4  
Leader: *Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things! His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!*

**Hymn of Praise\*** “Joy to the World! The Lord is Come”  
Trinity Hymnal #195

## Prayer of Praise and Invocation\*

**Reading of the Law** 1 John 1:3-10

## Prayer of Confession

All: Heavenly Father, You have made us as precious to you as Jesus. You have made us as righteous as he by nailing our sin to his cross. You pardoned us through his penalty; Purchased us with his sacrifice; Cleansed us with his blood; And, now you assure us we are as treasured as he in your heart. Yet, despite this amazing love we turn from you: Our hearts go wandering into selfishness; We neglect those who are hurting; We excuse our unforgiveness; and, We live as though you do not care. Forgive us, we pray. Humble our hearts through your mercy that makes living for Jesus our joy. Displace our love for sin with greater love for Christ, Then help us to be in life what you have already made us for eternity: A holy people.

**Assurance of Pardon** 1 John 2:1-2  
Leader: “My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.”

**Hymn of Praise\*** “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!”  
Trinity Hymnal #198

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

**Hymn of Reflection** “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”  
Trinity Hymnal #193

## Congregational Prayer

**Sermon** **Genesis 21:1-21**  
Rev. Jackson Lin “The Lord’s Visit, Our Abiding Hope”

**Scripture Outline**

- A. vv. 1-8: Celebration with a Child of Promise, Isaac
- B. vv. 9-13: Contention between the children
- A. vv.14-21: Complication with a child of Wilderness, Ishmael

**Hymn of Response\*** “He Who is Mighty”

**Benediction\*** Romans 15:13  
Leader: “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”

## **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).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Will resume with classes for all ages next Sunday, January 5 at 9:30 a.m.

### **HOLIDAY BREAK**

Regular Wednesday activities, including Prayer Meeting, Youth Group, and Pioneer Clubs, will be on break for this week. All Activities will resume on Wednesday, January 8.

### **WORSHIP MINISTRY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

The schedule for January through March was emailed out before Christmas. Printed copies are on the back table. Thank you to everyone who is serving the Lord by serving His people.

### **TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY**

The Tuesday Evening Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, January 7. The study for this quarter will be the book of Deuteronomy. If you are interested in joining this study, please let Pastor Mike know so he can give you a copy of the study guide and of the schedule.

### **SECRET SISTER**

It's time to sign up to be a Secret Sister! Women who sign up to participate will be given the name of someone to pray for and recognize with cards and gifts throughout 2025. Forms are in today's bulletin and can be given to Kim Champ. For more information, see Kim.

### **PRAYER CHAIN**

If you have a prayer request or a praise that you would like to share and have prayed for, please call or text Kim Champ at 724-503-5706. Also, if you are interested in being a part of the prayer chain, please see Kim.

## **CALENDAR**

### **Wednesday, January 1, 2025**

- Happy New Year!
- *No Wednesday Activities*

### **Sunday, January 5, 2025**

- Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.
- Worship – 10:30 a.m.