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**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.



**Welcome and Announcements** 

**Prelude** "He Who is Mighty"

Call to Worship\* Psalm 99:1, 3

Leader: "The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!"

People: "Let us praise His great and awesome name! Holy is He!"

Hymn of Praise\* "Holy! Holy! Holy!"

Trinity Hymnal #100

**Prayer of Praise and Invocation\*** 

Reading of the Law Romans 12:9-18

# **Prayer of Confession**

All: O my Savior, help me. I am slow to learn, prone to forget, and weak to climb; I am in the foothills when I should be on the heights; I am pained by my graceless heart, my prayerless days, my poverty of love, my sloth in the heavenly race, my sullied conscience, my wasted hours, my unspent opportunities. I am blind while the light shines around me: take the scales from my eyes, grind to dust my heart of unbelief. Make it my highest joy to study you, meditate on you, gaze on you, sit like Mary at your feet, lean like John on your breast, appeal like Peter to your love, count like Paul all things but dung. I believe, help my unbelief. Amen

Assurance of Pardon Romans 5:10-11

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. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation."

Affirmation of Faith\* The Apostle's Creed

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

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

**Hymn of Testimony** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Trinity Hymnal #457

## **Introduction of New Communing Members**

Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (see screen)

Sermon 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Pastor Mike Bowen "The New Creation in Christ"

**Hymn of Response\*** *"Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ"* 

Trinity Hymnal #524

Invitation to the Table

**Lord's Supper** (We offer red wine or white grape juice.)

Hymn of Praise\* "Arise, My Soul, Arise"

Trinity Hymnal #305

Benediction\* Hebrews 13:20-21

Leader: "Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen."

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 <u>washingtonpres.org/give</u>.

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

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### 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.

## **WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES**

There are several regularly scheduled events on Wednesdays that all resume this week. A weekly **Prayer Meeting** is held in the basement at 10:00 a.m. **Pioneer Clubs** – for Elementary age children – meet from 6:00 to 7:15 pm. in the basement. **Youth Group** – for students in Middle School and High School – meet from 6:00 to 8:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

#### SOUPER SUNDAY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A soup and sandwich potluck will be held after the service on Sunday, February 2, followed by our annual congregational meeting. Please sign up to bring either a crockpot of soup or one dozen sandwiches, plus a side dish or dessert. The signup sheet is on the information table.

#### 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.

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

The Session recently examined and received the following young people into communing membership: Caleb Amaismeier, Ashley De Jong, Kate De Jong, Adam Fraas, and Reed Goehring. This morning, they will affirm their membership vows before you and share fully in the Lord's Supper for the first time.

## **CALENDAR**

# Tuesday, January 7, 2025

• Bible Study – 7:00 p.m.

# Wednesday, January 8, 2025

- Prayer Meeting 10:00 a.m.
- Pioneer Clubs; Youth Group 6:00 p.m.

# Sunday, January 12, 2025

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