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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.



Washington Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

October 19, 2025 | 10:30 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Local Ministries Spotlight

Prelude

Call to Worship*

Psalm 99:5; Psalm 5:7

Leader: *Exalt the Lord our God; worship at His footstool! Holy is He!*

People: I, through the abundance of Your steadfast love, will enter Your house. I will bow down toward Your holy temple in the fear of You.

Hymn of Praise*

"Only a Holy God"
(see screen)

Prayer of Praise and Invocation*

Reading of the Law

Luke 18:9-14

Prayer of Confession

All: Holy Father, you see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of your gracious care. We forget that all life comes from you and that to you all life returns. We have not sought to do your will with our whole hearts. We have not lived as grateful children, nor loved as Christ loved us. Apart from you, we are nothing. Only your grace can sustain us. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and make us whole. Set us free from our sin and restore us to the joy of your salvation now and forever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hebrews 10:16-17

Leader: *"This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds." Then he adds: "Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more."*

Psalm of Request*

"O God, Show Mercy to Us (Psalm 67C)"
(see screen)

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

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"
Trinity Hymnal #353

Congregational Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Sermon

Romans 2:1-11

Pastor Mike Bown

"The Unrighteousness of Self-Righteousness"

Song of Response*

"Come, Let Us Return to the Lord"
(see screen)

Ordination and Installation of Deacons

Elder Emeritus status for Jim Burtoft

Benediction*

Hebrews 13:20-21

Leader: *"Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."*

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. For those who need to step out of the sanctuary, the worship service is livestreamed in the Fellowship Hall downstairs.

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun Oct 19	9:30 a.m.: Sunday School 10:30 a.m.: Worship Service 4:00 p.m.: Ladies Christmas Choir Practice 4:45 p.m.: Men's Christmas Choir Practice
Mon Oct 20	9:00 a.m.: Ladies Book Study (Felak)
Tues Oct 21	(Financial Peace University is on break)
Wed Oct 22	10:00 a.m.: Prayer Meeting 5:30 p.m.: Youth Choir 6:00 p.m.: Pioneer Club / Youth Group
Thurs Oct 23	4:30 p.m.: Football Dinner 7:00 p.m.: Men's Book Study
Fri Oct 24	
Sat Oct 25	6:00 p.m.: Fall Fun Fest at WPCA
Sun Oct 26	9:30 a.m.: Sunday School 10:30 a.m.: Worship Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FALL FUN FEST

Everyone is invited to an evening of bonfire, food, and fellowship! The Fall Fun Fest will take place at the church, beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 25. Please RSVP on the signup sheet on the Information Table. Hotdogs and s'mores will be provided. Please bring a snack to share.

FOURTH SUNDAY GATHERING

This month's Fourth Sunday Gathering will be a discussion about developing a personal Bible study routine at home. Many of us wish for more consistent and productive time in our Bibles and this Gathering will help lay a foundation for a deeper devotional time. We will meet at the church on Sunday, October 26 at 6:00 pm to share techniques, resources, and personal experiences.

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The Young Adult Fellowship will kick off on Tuesday, October 28, meeting from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. The group will meet bi-weekly at the Lester's home. The group is geared for those from post-high school to late-20s. For more information, contact Cliff Lester.

N2N TRUNK OR TREAT

The Neighbor 2 Neighbor Trunk or Treat night in Washington will be held Thursday, October 30. Due to construction at the high school, the event will be held in the parking lot of Blueprints. The event will be from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m., but set up begins at 4:30 for those passing out candy. For more information, see a member of the Local Ministries Committee.

FOURTH SUNDAY GATHERING DISCUSSION IDEAS

The Youth & Adult Discipleship Committee is looking for your ideas! Our monthly "Fourth Sunday Gathering" talks have been going strong, and we would love to meet your needs and interests in these engaging discussions. What subjects would you like to be considered? A small basket has been placed by the front door for you to submit your ideas.

WPCA WEBSITE

The editors of the WPCA website need help with tasks large and small. We can provide training, and your time commitment can be minimal. We are especially interested in encouraging anyone with an interest in writing for the church; we publish original articles every other week. Please contact Ryan Higginbottom for details.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ROMANS SERMON SERIES

For adults: *The Power of the Gospel: Romans in a Year* by R.C. Sproul

For kids: *The Sword: Magnus and the Mystery of Romans* by Marty Machowski