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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

November 23, 2025 | 10:30 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship*

Psalm 146:1-2

Leader: *Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!*

People: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Psalm of Praise*

"Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul"
Based on Psalm 146
Trinity Hymnal #57

Prayer of Praise and Invocation*

Reading of the Law

Hebrews 11:8-19

Prayer of Confession

All: Our Father, You are the God of comfort and of peace. We praise You for redeeming us from the misery and dominion of our sin. Yet, our God, we confess that we are often more filled with fear than trust, pessimism than faith, sorrow than joy. We look to the resources of this world and the imaginations of our own hearts to fill the emptiness and relieve the sadness in our lives. Loving Father, show us how those who hunger and thirst for righteousness can be satisfied; that those who mourn receive true comfort; that those who are poor in spirit or even persecuted for righteousness' sake might possess the blessings of the kingdom of heaven. May Your Spirit indeed grant us the fruit of joy in abundance, for the sake of the One who for the joy set before Him endured the cross for us and our salvation.

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 4:10

Leader: *"In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins."*

Song of Praise*

"His Mercy Is More"
(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

"Not What My Hands Have Done"
Trinity Hymnal #461

Congregational Prayer

Sermon

Romans 4:1-12

Pastor Mike Bowen

"Righteousness by Faith, not by Striving"

Song of Response*

"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"
(see screen)

Benediction*

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Leader: *"Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word."*

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 Nov 23	3:45 p.m.: Ladies Christmas Choir Practice 4:00 p.m.: Men's Christmas Choir Practice
Mon Nov 24	9:00 a.m.: Ladies Book Study (Felak)
Tues Nov 25	6:00 p.m.: Young Adult Fellowship
Wed Nov 26	
Thurs Nov 27	Happy Thanksgiving!
Fri Nov 28	
Sat Nov 29	
Sun Nov 30	9:30 a.m.: Sunday School 10:30 a.m.: Worship Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLIDAY DECORATING

Plan to stay following worship to help decorate for the Christmas season.

HOLIDAY CALENDAR

The Christmas season brings many events to Washington PCA. Please see the list below for the dates. Specific details regarding time and location will be announced soon.

FOURTH SUNDAY GATHERING

What topics of Christian discipleship challenge you? What issues would you like a deep dive into? Join us tonight at 6:00 p.m. to discuss how our Fourth Sunday Gathering can educate and encourage your spiritual growth next year.

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

All regular activities are cancelled this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

CAROLING AT TRANSITIONS

Our annual evening of caroling will occur Wednesday, December 3, starting at 5:30 p.m. We will have pizza at the church, walk down to Transitions for caroling, and then return for cookies. Please sign up and, if able, bring cookies to share.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual party will be held Saturday, December 6, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and will include lunch. Children should wear play clothes. Volunteers are needed, as are supplies and food; see signup sheets on the Information Table. Contact Colleen DeJong for more information.

DECEMBER BREAKFASTS

For the month of December, we will resume our tradition of meeting at 9:30 each Sunday for a fellowship breakfast instead of Sunday School. The weekly menus have been updated. See the sign-up sheets on the Information Table.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Sun. Mornings	December Breakfasts (starting Dec. 7)
Wed. Dec 3	Caroling at Transitions
Sat. Dec 6	Children's Christmas Party
Wed. Dec. 17	Youth Group Christmas Party
Sun. Dec. 21	Advent Celebration with Songs and Scriptures
Wed. Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service