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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

Advent Reading & Lighting of the Advent Candle

Prelude

Call to Worship* Matthew 24:42, 44

Leader: Stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is

coming.

People: Pray to the Lord, wait for him, and be ready, for the Son of Man

is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Song of Praise* "Sing We the Song of Emmanuel"

(see screen)

Prayer of Praise and Invocation*

Reading of the Law Matthew 6:19-24

Prayer of Confession

All: Father of Heaven, Son of God, and Holy Spirit, I have offended heaven and earth, More than my tongue can express. So where do I go, and where do I flee for relief? I am ashamed to lift up my eyes to heaven, and in earth I find no refuge. So what do I do? Lose hope? Give up? God forbid. O God, you are merciful. You never turn away anyone who comes to you for help. So I run to you. I humble myself before you. My sins are great, but have mercy on me for your great mercy. You did not become a man for our small offenses.

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You did not give up your Son to death just for small sins, but for all and the greatest sins of the world, so sinners could return to you in their hearts—as I am doing right now. So have mercy on me, O Lord. Although my sins are great yet your mercy is greater. May your kingdom come! Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103:10-13

Leader: "He does not deal with us according to our sins,

nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west,

so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

As a father shows compassion to his children,

so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him."

Song of Praise* "Here is Love, Vast as the Ocean (Everlasting Praise)" (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 "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Trinity Hymnal #268

Congregational Prayer

Sermon Matthew 24:1-51

Pastor Phil Amaismeier "Watching as You Wait"

Hymn of Response* "It Is Well with My Soul"

Trinity Hymnal #476

Benediction* 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Leader: "Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it."

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 <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: vimeo.com/washpca.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sun Nov 30	No choir practice today
Mon Dec 1	9:00 a.m.: Ladies Book Study (Felak)
Tues Dec 2	
Wed Dec 3	10:00 a.m.: Prayer Meeting 5:15 p.m.: Youth Choir 5:30 p.m.: Caroling at Transitions
Thurs Dec 4	6:30 p.m.: Session Meeting
Fri Dec 5	
Sat Dec 6	9:30 a.m.: Ladies Book Study (Ruschel) 10:30 a.m.: Children's Christmas Party
Sun Dec 7	9:30 a.m.: December Breakfast 10:30 a.m.: Worship Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 12:30 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.

BABY PRAYER SPRINKLE

A prayer sprinkle for Baby Palma will be held December 11 at 7:00 pm at the church. Women of the church will gather to pray for specific needs of mom, baby, and family. Gifts are not necessary but for those who would like, grocery or restaurant gift cards would be welcome. Light refreshments will be served. For more information or to RSVP, contact Deb Felak or Charlotte Goehring.

NEIGHBOR 2 NEIGHBOR CHRISTMAS GIVEAWAY

The Neighbor 2 Neighbor Christmas giveaway will be Saturday, December 13 at the Washington County Fairgrounds. If you can help at the giveaway, or with setup the night before, contact Kim Champ.

SECRET SISTER REVEAL

There will not be a reveal party this year. Instead, participants should personally give their gift to their sister.

HOLIDAY EVENTS		
Wed. Dec 3	Caroling at Transitions	
Sat. Dec 6	Children's Christmas Party	
Sat. Dec 13	N2N Christmas Giveaway	
Wed. Dec. 17	Youth Group Christmas Party	
Sun. Dec. 21	Advent Celebration with Songs and Scriptures	
Wed. Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	