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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

December 7, 2025 | 10:30 a.m.

Youth Choir and Christmas Choir

Ding Dong Merrily on High

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Reading and Lighting of the Advent Candle

Prelude: Youth Choir

Jesus Give Me Peace

Call to Worship*

Zechariah 2:10; Isaiah 61:10

Leader: *Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion, for behold, I come and I will dwell in your midst, declares the Lord.*

People: I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation; He has covered me with the robe of righteousness.

Hymn of Praise and Adoration*

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Verse 1: Children, Verses 2-4: Congregation

(see screen)

Prayer of Praise and Invocation*

Reading of the Law

Ephesians 4:20-32

Prayer of Confession

All: Holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature, our sinful thoughts, our sinful words, and our sinful deeds. We often forget Your love and Your commandments; we often grieve and quench Your Spirit. But O Father, we cry to You for mercy, for saving faith, for cleansing faith, and for healing faith for our souls. Help us to glory in the gospel promises, that we may live in freedom from condemnation. Help us to walk according to Your precepts, that we may live in Your light and love. We pray on the basis of the life, death, resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 2:5

Leader: *"[E]ven when we were dead in our trespasses, [God] made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved"*

Affirmation of Faith*

The Apostles' Creed

(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 Petition

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Trinity Hymnal #194

Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Sermon

Romans 4:16-25

Pastor Mike Bowen

"The Faith that Makes One Righteous"

Hymn of Response*

"Christ, the True and Better"

(see screen)

Invitation to the Table

Lord's Supper

(We offer red wine or white grape juice.)

Hymn of Praise*

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Trinity Hymnal #196

Benediction*

Zephaniah 3:17

Leader: "The Lord your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing."

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. 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 Dec 7	4:00 p.m.: Adult Choir
Mon Dec 8	9:00 a.m.: Ladies Book Study (Felak)
Tues Dec 9	
Wed Dec 10	10:00 a.m.: Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.: NO PIONEER CLUBS 6:00 p.m.: Youth Group
Thurs Dec 11	7:00 p.m.: Men's Book Study 7:00 p.m.: Baby Palma Prayer Sprinkle
Fri Dec 12	
Sat Dec 13	8:00 a.m.: N2N Christmas Giveaway
Sun Dec 14	9:30 a.m.: December Breakfast 10:30 a.m.: Worship Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Community Christmas giveaway will be Saturday, December 13 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Washington County Fairgrounds. There will also be setup on Friday, December 12 starting at 3:00 p.m. If you can help at the giveaway, or with setup, 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.

WOMEN'S HOT COCOA NIGHT

Sip on delicious hot chocolate and connect with other ladies at this relaxing event on Monday, December 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the Bennetts' home. Girls (Grade 5 and older) are warmly invited to join us! Feel free to bring a snack to share. For details, contact Ashley Bennett.

YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Youth Group will meet at the Lester's on Wednesday, December 17 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for a night of fellowship and festive fun. Talk to Phil Amaismeier for more information.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Sat. Dec 13	N2N Christmas Giveaway
Mon. Dec 15	Women's Hot Cocoa Night
Wed. Dec 17	Youth Group Christmas Party
Sun. Dec 21	Advent Celebration with Songs and Scriptures
Wed. Dec 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service