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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 14, 2025 | 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Bells

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Christmas Choir

Comfort and Joy

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Reading and Lighting of the Advent Candle

Prelude: Christmas Choir

Brightest and Best

Call to Worship*

Isaiah 40:9; 2 Corinthians 1:20

Leader: *Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"*

People: All the promises of God find their Yes in Jesus Christ. That is why it is through Him that we utter our Amen to God for His glory.

Hymn of Praise*

"Hark! The Herald Angles Sing"

Verse 1: Children, Verses 2-3: Congregation

Trinity Hymnal #203

Prayer of Praise and Invocation*

Reading of the Law

John 15:12-17

Prayer of Confession

All: O Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; Who pardons all such as truly repent and turn to You; We humbly confess our sins and implore Your mercy. We have not loved You with a pure heart fervently; Neither have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.

(continued)

We have not done justly, nor loved mercy, nor walked humbly with You, our God. Have mercy on us, O Lord, according to Your loving-kindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out our iniquity. Create in us a clean heart, O God; And renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from Your presence; And take not Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore unto us the joy of Your salvation; And uphold us with Your free Spirit. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

John 11:25

Leader: "Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live"

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

"Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor"

Trinity Hymnal #230

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

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

Trinity Hymnal #200

Congregational Prayer

Sermon

Romans 5:1-11

Pastor Mike Bowen

"The Many Blessings of Justification"

Hymn of Response*

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

(see screen)

Benediction*

Ephesians 6:23

Leader: "Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

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 14	4:00 p.m.: Christmas Choir Practice
Mon Dec 15	6:30 p.m.: Women's Hot Cocoa Night
Tues Dec 16	
Wed Dec 17	10:00 a.m.: Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.: Youth Group Christmas Party
Thurs Dec 18	
Fri Dec 19	
Sat Dec 20	
Sun Dec 21	9:30 a.m.: December Breakfast 10:30 a.m.: Worship Service 6:00 p.m.: Advent Celebration

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER BREAKFASTS

Continuing through December, we will meet at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday for a fellowship breakfast instead of Sunday School. Join us next week for Pancake Sunday! See the sign-up sheets on the Information Table.

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.

ADVENT CELEBRATION WITH SONGS AND SCRIPTURES

The Christmas Choir, with support from the Youth Choir, will present a concert of Christmas carols and holiday songs interspersed with Scripture readings on Sunday, December 21 at 6:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

The Christmas Eve Candlelight service will be on Christmas Eve, December 24 at 6:00 p.m.

WPCA COMMUNICANTS CLASS

The purpose of Communicants Class is to guide our children as they move from non-communing members to publicly professing their faith in Christ and thus becoming communing members of the church. If you have observed your child's relationship with God deepening, we encourage you to consider this class. Please contact your Elder or Pastor Phil to discuss participation in the upcoming class, which begins on Sunday, January 4, 2026

HOLIDAY EVENTS

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