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WPCA
Washington Presbyterian Church

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 21, 2025 | 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Bells

"Silent Night"

Children's Choir

"Away in a Manger"

Youth Choir

"Come to the Manger"

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Reading and Lighting of the Advent Candle

Prelude: Christmas Choir

"Thorn and Thistle"

Call to Worship*

Zechariah 9:9, 10, 17

Leader: *Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He. His rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. How great is His goodness, and how great His beauty!*

Hymn of Praise*

"Angels, From the Realms of Glory"

Trinity Hymnal #218

Prayer of Praise and Invocation*

Reading of the Law

Colossians 3:5-10

Prayer of Confession

All: Heavenly Father, save me entirely from sin. I know I am righteous through the righteousness of another, but I pant and pine for likeness to Yourself; I am your child and should bear Your image. Enable me to recognize my death unto sin; when it tempts me may I be deaf to its voice.

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Deliver me from the invasion as well as the dominion of sin. Grant me to walk as Christ walked, to live in the newness of His life, the life of love, the life of faith, the life of holiness.

Assurance of Pardon

Matthew 1:21

Leader: *"She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."*

Hymn of Praise*

"Christmas Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)"

(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

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Trinity Hymnal #214

Congregational Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Mike Bowen

Luke 2:14 / Romans 5:1-2

"Glory to God and on Earth Peace"

Hymn of Response*

"Sing We the Song of Emmanuel"

(see screen)

Benediction*

based on Isaiah 66:12-14

Leader: *"May the Lord extend peace to you like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream; may He comfort you and make your heart rejoice; may He make your bones to flourish like the grass and make you know the work of His hand."*

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 21	6:00 p.m.: Advent Celebration
Mon Dec 22	
Tues Dec 23	
Wed Dec 24	6:00 p.m.: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Thurs Dec 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Fri Dec 26	
Sat Dec 27	
Sun Dec 28	9:30 a.m.: December Breakfast 10:30 a.m.: Worship Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CELEBRATION WITH SONGS AND SCRIPTURES

Join us this evening! The Christmas Choir, with support from the Youth Choir, will present a concert of Christmas carols and holiday songs interspersed with Scripture readings tonight 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.

DECEMBER BREAKFASTS

Join us for the final December Breakfast next week at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School will resume on January 4. See the sign-up sheet on the Information Table.

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 BREAK

Many regular activities have been on break or will be this week. See below to find out when each activity will resume its normal schedule.

- Prayer Meeting will resume on Wednesday, December 31
- Sunday School for all ages will resume on Sunday, January 4
- Young Adult Fellowship will resume on Tuesday, January 6.
- Pioneer Clubs will resume on Wednesday, January 7
- Youth Group will resume on Wednesday, January 7