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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 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.

*(continued)*

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](http://washingtonpres.org/give).

**Sermon recordings** are available on most podcast apps under WPCA Sermons or on the Resources page of our website, [washingtonpres.org](http://washingtonpres.org). A **video recording** of today's service is on Vimeo: [vimeo.com/washpca](https://vimeo.com/washpca).

### **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

<b>Sun Dec 21</b>	6:00 p.m.: Advent Celebration
<b>Mon Dec 22</b>	
<b>Tues Dec 23</b>	
<b>Wed Dec 24</b>	6:00 p.m.: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
<b>Thurs Dec 25</b>	MERRY CHRISTMAS!
<b>Fri Dec 26</b>	
<b>Sat Dec 27</b>	
<b>Sun Dec 28</b>	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