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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 28, 2025 | 10:30 a.m.

**Christmas Bells**

*"Joy to the World"*

**Youth Choir**

*"Nowell, Nowell"*

**Children's Choir**

*"The First Noel"*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude: Men's Ensemble**

*"Noel, Noel"*

**Call to Worship\***

Isaiah 60:1; Psalm 108:3

Leader: *Arise, shine for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!*

People: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples: I will sing praises to you among the nations.

**Hymn of Praise\***

*"Joy Has Dawned"*  
(see screen)

**Prayer of Praise and Invocation\***

**Reading of the Law**

James 4:1-10

**Prayer of Confession**

All: I abhor my body of death, its indolence, envy, meanness, pride. Forgive, and kill these vices, have mercy on my unbelief, on my corrupt and wondering heart. When Your blessings come, I begin to idolize them and set my affection on some beloved object – children, friends, wealth, honor. Cleanse this spiritual adultery and give me chastity; close my heart to all but You.

**Assurance of Pardon**

1 John 2:1-2

Leader: *"My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world."*

**Hymn of Testimony\***

*"But for the Cross of Christ"*  
(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 Praise**

*"In the Bleak Midwinter"*  
(see screen)

**Congregational Prayer**

**Sermon**

**Romans 5:12-21**

Pastor Mike Bowen    "The Reigns of Death and Life – Adam and Christ"

**Hymn of Response\***

*"Lift High the Name of Jesus"*  
(see screen)

**Benediction\***

2 Thessalonians 3:5

Leader: *"May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of 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](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](http://vimeo.com/washpca).

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

<b>Sun Dec 28</b>	No Fourth Sunday Gathering this month
<b>Mon Dec 29</b>	
<b>Tues Dec 30</b>	
<b>Wed Dec 31</b>	10:30 a.m.: Prayer Meeting
<b>Thurs Jan 1</b>	Happy New Year!
<b>Fri Jan 2</b>	
<b>Sat Jan 3</b>	No Ruschel led Bible Study
<b>Sun Jan 4</b>	9:30 a.m.: Sunday School (for all ages) 10:30 a.m.: Worship Service

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FOURTH SUNDAY GATHERING

No Fourth Sunday Gathering will take place in December. The new year brings an exciting line-up of topics and events on Fourth Sundays. Stay tuned for more information!

### HOLIDAY BREAK

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

- Prayer Meeting will resume this 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

### 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.

### THIRD THURSDAY DISCUSSION

Looking for deeper discussion? The Third Thursday Theology group reads through a theological book and then meets to discuss it. The group will begin a new book in January: reading Sinclair Ferguson's *The Whole Christ*. Discussions will explore how the believer relates to the Law of God and how we can grow in gospel assurance. Join Pastor Mike at his house from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month, beginning on January 22. Interested? Reach out to Pastor Mike to get a copy of the book and a reading schedule.

### ROMANS PREACHING SCHEDULE

There is an updated Romans Preaching Schedule on the Information Table for January through March. Please take one and make sure to spend some time each week reading and thinking about the upcoming passage in Romans.

### SOUPER SUNDAY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A soup and sandwich potluck will be held after the service on Sunday, February 1. (A sign-up sheet will be shared soon.) After lunch, there will be a Session led time reviewing 2025 and looking forward to 2026, followed by a congregational meeting to vote on a change in the call of our pastors.