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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

January 4, 2026 | 10:30 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship*

Psalm 95:1-2

Leader: *Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!*

People: Indeed, let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

Hymn of Praise*

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Trinity Hymnal #302

Prayer of Praise and Invocation*

Reading of the Law

Matthew 22:34-40

Prayer of Confession

All: O Lord, we have been filled in You by the life and death of your Son. And yet, we often fail to act in harmony with the new life we have in Christ. We choose, instead, to willfully act in selfishness against the union we have with You. O Father, forgive us when we forget that we have been made dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus! Please give us grace to put to death what is earthly in us and to put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. We ask in Jesus' name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: *"I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,'
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin."*

Psalm 32:5

Hymn of Affirmation of Faith*

"The God We Love"

(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

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Trinity Hymnal #457

Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Mike Bowen

Romans 6:1-14

"United to Christ – Sin's Dominion Broken"

Hymn of Response & Preparation* *"Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me"* (see screen)

Invitation to the Table

Lord's Supper

(We offer red wine or white grape juice.)

Hymn of Praise*

"It Was Finished Upon That Cross"

(see screen)

Benediction*

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"*

Zephaniah 3:17

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 Jan. 4	12:00 p.m.: Communicants Class
Mon Jan. 5	
Tues Jan. 6	6:00 p.m.: Young Adult Fellowship
Wed Jan. 7	10:00 a.m.: Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.: Pioneer Club / Youth Group
Thurs Jan. 8	
Fri Jan. 9	
Sat Jan. 10	
Sun Jan. 11	9:30 a.m.: Sunday School (for all ages) 10:30 a.m.: Worship Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

There are several regularly scheduled events on Wednesdays. A weekly **Prayer Meeting** is held in the basement at 10:00 a.m. **Pioneer Clubs** – for Elementary age children – meet from 6:00 to 7:15 pm. in the basement. **Youth Group** – for students in Middle School and High School – meet from 6:00 to 8:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

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 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.

SECRET SISTER

It's time to sign up to be a Secret Sister! Women who sign up to participate will be given the name of someone to pray for and recognize with cards and gifts throughout 2026. Forms are in today's bulletin and can be given to Kim Champ. For more information, see Kim.

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 Worship Service on Sunday, February 1. A sign-up sheet is on the Information Table. Following 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.