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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

September 6, 2026 | 10:30 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship*

Psalm 96:9; Isaiah 6:3

Leader: *Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before Him, all the earth!*

People: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of His glory!

Hymn of Praise*

Only a Holy God
The Sing! Hymnal #11

Prayer of Praise and Invocation*

Reading of the Law

Ephesians 4:25-5:4

Prayer of Confession

All: Almighty, merciful God, we acknowledge for ourselves and we confess before You that which is the truth; namely, that if You decided to consider our merits and worthiness, we would not be worthy to lift our eyes to heaven and bring our prayer before You. For our consciences accuse us and our sins testify against us. We also know that You are a righteous Judge, Who punishes the sins of those who transgress Your commandments. But, O Lord, since You commanded us to call upon You in every affliction, and promised in Your unspeakable mercy to hear our prayers, not for the sake of our merits – of which there are none – but for the sake of the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ, whom you have set forth as our Mediator and Advocate, so we forsake all other help and take our refuge in Your mercy alone. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Ephesians 1:7

Leader: *"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace"*

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

Oh, How Good It Is
(based on Psalm 133)
The Sing! Hymnal #580

Congregational Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Sermon

Romans 16:1-27

Pastor Mike Bowen

"Renewed Thinking about Life In the Church"

Hymn of Response*

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken
The Sing! Hymnal #878

Invitation to the Table

Lord's Supper

We offer red wine or white grape juice. A gluten free option is in the center cup of the bread tray.

Hymn of Faith*

Our God Will Go Before Us
The Sing! Hymnal #326

Benediction*

Romans 15:13

Leader: *"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."*

Doxology*

"Doxology"
Trinity Hymnal #731

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 to 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. Sept. 6	
Mon. Sept. 7	
Tues. Sept. 8	
Wed. Sept. 9	10:00 a.m.: Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.: Youth Group
Thurs. Sept. 10	4:45 p.m.: Football Dinner
Fri. Sept. 11	
Sat. Sept. 12	
Sun. Sept. 13	9:30 a.m.: Sunday School 10:30 a.m.: Worship Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT AN ASPIRING PASTOR

WPCA Pastoral Intern Antonio Palma begins 17 credit hours at Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary (RPTS) on September 7. To tangibly support his preparation for pastoral ministry at a faithful local seminary, we are collecting a special love offering. Our goal is to raise \$1,500 by September 13, which will be matched dollar-for-dollar by RPTS. If you would like to contribute, please designate "Seminary Support Fund" in your giving or on the memo line of your check.

SERVING WASH HIGH FOOTBALL TEAM

Throughout the football season, we provide dinner for the varsity football team multiple times here at the church. Folks are needed to help setup, prepare food, serve the team, and clean up. The first opportunity to serve will be this Thursday, September 10, beginning at 4:45. Contact Sara Cox for more information.

FALL BIBLE STUDY: THE STORYLINE OF THE BIBLE

Pastor Mike will lead a Tuesday evening Bible study this fall, running September 15 through November 17 from 7:00 to 8:15 PM downstairs in the church. Together, we will explore the overall storyline of the Bible, looking particularly at how the themes of Covenant and Kingdom tie Scripture together. This survey will help you see the unity and purpose of the Bible as it points us to, prepares us for, and explains the ultimate significance of Jesus Christ.

FAITH AND FAMILY CONFERENCE – SAVE THE DATE!

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, September 26, as we host the Faith and Family Conference featuring special guest speaker Patrick Myers. Stay tuned for additional details and registration info in upcoming weeks!