



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.

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 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 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. 20	
Mon. Sept. 21	
Tues. Sept. 22	9:30 a.m.: Women's Bible Study 7:00 p.m.: Storyline of the Bible
Wed. Sept. 23	10:00 a.m.: Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.: Youth Group
Thurs. Sept. 24	7:30 p.m.: Third Thursday Theology
Fri. Sept. 25	5:30 p.m.: Football Tailgating
Sat. Sept. 26	8:30 a.m.: Faith & Family Life Conference
Sun. Sept. 27	9:30 a.m.: Sunday School 10:30 a.m.: Worship Service



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Lord's Day Worship Service

September 20, 2026 | 10:30 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

1 Corinthians 1:30-31; Psalm 13:5-6

Leader: God is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord"

People: My heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because He has dealt bountifully with me.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, People of the Risen King
The Sing! Hymnal #17

Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring him praise;
come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to him,
where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Chorus

Rejoice! Rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice!

One heart, one voice; O church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night;
come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.
For his perfect love will never change, and his mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days in the certain hope of peace. [*Chorus*]

Come, young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith;
come, those with full or empty hands—find the riches of his grace.
Over all the world his people sing—shore to shore we hear them call,
the truth that cries through ev'ry age: "Our God is all in all!" [*Chorus*]

*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND INVOCATION

READING OF THE LAW

Matthew 22:34-40

³⁴ But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵ And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” ³⁷ And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Almighty and most merciful God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, that we have not loved You with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength, and that we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We beg You, O God, to forgive what we have been, to help us to amend what we are, and by Your mercy to direct what we shall be, so that we may henceforth walk in the way of Your commandments and do those things which are pleasing in Your sight, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 John 1:9

Leader: ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*HYMN OF TRUST

I Lay My Sins on Jesus
Trinity Hymnal #512

I lay my sins on Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God;
he bears them all, and frees us from the accursed load:
I bring my guilt to Jesus, to wash my crimson stains
white in his blood most precious, till not a spot remains.

I lay my wants on Jesus; all fullness dwells in him;
he heals all my diseases, he doth my soul redeem:
I lay my griefs on Jesus, my burdens and my cares;
he from them all releases, he all my sorrows shares.

I rest my soul on Jesus, this weary soul of mine;
his right hand me embraces, I on his breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
like fragrance on the breezes his name abroad is poured.

I long to be like Jesus, meek, loving, lowly, mild;
I long to be like Jesus, the Father's holy child;
I long to be with Jesus amid the heav'nly throng,
to sing with saints his praises, to learn the angels' song.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

RECEIVING OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(Children under the age of 5 dismissed to the nursery if desired.)

HYMN OF TESTIMONY

The Lord's My Shepherd
The Sing! Hymnal #372

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me lie in pastures
green.
He leads me by the still, still waters; his goodness restores my soul.

Chorus

And I will trust in you alone, and I will trust in you alone.
For your endless mercy follows me; your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness, and he anoints my head with oil;
and my cup, it overflows with joy; I feast on his pure delight.

[Chorus]

And though I walk the darkest path, I will not fear the evil one;
for you are with me, and your rod and staff are the comfort I need to know.
[Chorus]

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SERMON

Judges 1:1-25

Pastor Mike Bowen “State of the Conquest: A Disheartening Report”

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

The Power of the Cross

The Sing! Hymnal #821

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:

Christ on the road to Calvary.

Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.

This the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.

Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross!

Oh, to see the pain written on your face,

bearing the awesome weight of sin.

Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed crowning your bloodstained brow.

This the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us.

Took the blame, bore the wrath; we stand forgiven at the cross!

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath
quakes as its Maker bows his head.

Curtain torn in two; dead are raised to life; "Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,

for through your suff'ring I am free!

Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live,

won through your selfless love!

This the pow'r of the cross: Son of God, slain for us.

What a love, what a cost— we stand forgiven at the cross!

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 RESPONSE

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

The Sing! Hymnal #894

Chorus

We will feast in the house of Zion;
we will sing with our hearts restored.
He has done great things, we will say together;
we will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire; he is the Lord our God.
We are not consumed by the flood; upheld, protected, gathered up.

[Chorus]

In the dark of night before the dawn,
my soul, be not afraid.
For the promised morning, oh, how long?
O God of Jacob, be my strength.

[Chorus]

Ev'ry vow we've broken and betrayed,
you are the Faithful One.
And from the garden to the grave,
bind us together, bring shalom.

[Chorus]

*BENEDICTION

2 Thessalonians 3:5

Leader: 5 May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the
steadfastness of Christ.

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EVENTS

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Women will meet Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the WPCA Fellowship Hall for a study on the book of Judges. The first gathering is this Tuesday, September 22. Please see Deb Felak to pick up materials for the first meeting.

4SG: ASK THE PASTORS – Have you ever encountered a particularly difficult topic while studying your Bible? Did a recent sermon have you asking questions on Monday morning? If so, plan to attend this month's Fourth Sunday Gathering as we "Ask the Pastors" our most difficult questions about God, the scriptures, and theology. The Gathering will be Sunday, September 27 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Questions should be submitted in advance to wpcasoffice@gmail.com, where they will be compiled for a live, unscripted Q&A — the pastors won't see them until that evening!

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP – Kick off the fall with a night of food and connection. The Young Adult Fellowship meets Thursday, October 1 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lesters. Dinner will be provided, so just bring yourself! YAF will meet regularly on the first Thursday of the month.

PIONEER CLUBS – Our ministry for preschool and elementary age children, Pioneer Clubs, begins on Wednesday, October 7 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. Children are encouraged to join us for games, Bible lessons, and learning exciting skills. Please talk to Cory or Erica Goehring for more information.

FALL HARVEST FELLOWSHIP – Gather with us on Saturday, October 10 at 5:00 p.m. at The Bennet House for an evening of food, fun, and a cozy hayride! The main dish will be provided—just bring a side dish or dessert to share as we enjoy a great time of fellowship together. Please RSVP at the Information Table or contact Ashley Bennet by Wednesday, October 7.

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PIONEER CLUBS HELPER NEEDED – The PreK/Kindergarten class is looking for a helpful aide to support the lead teacher. This is a low-stress role with no weekly prep required—just come ready to encourage and assist our little ones! Interested? Contact Erica Goehring or Louie Kawasaki today.

UPDATED SERMON SCHEDULE – A schedule for Pastor Mike's new sermon series in the book of Judges is on the Information Table. Pick up a copy so you can prepare for each week.

FAITH AND FAMILY LIFE CONFERENCE

Join us on Saturday, September 26, for a special morning of encouraging teaching with guest speaker Patrick Myers!

Light refreshments will be served before we begin at 9:00 a.m. Teaching will conclude at noon, followed by lunch.

Seminar Topics:

- Biblical Foundation of the Family
- Dive In: Practical Ways Churches Can Impact the Next Generation
- The Launch: Exploring the Work of Raising Kids to Leave

Details & Registration:

- **Who:** Recommended for high school age and older. Childcare is provided (especially for elementary age and younger).
- **Cost:** Suggested donation of \$15 (give what you can); collected at the conference.
- **RSVP:** Please sign up on the Information Table so we can plan for food and childcare.
- **Questions?** Contact Allan Edwards or Cliff Lester

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