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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 27, 2026 | 10:30 a.m.

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL MINISTRIES SPOTLIGHT      Coalition for Christian Outreach  
at Washington & Jefferson College

### PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP      Psalm 100:1-2, 5

Leader: <sup>1</sup> *Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!*  
<sup>2</sup> *Serve the Lord with gladness!*  
*Come into His presence with singing!*

People: <sup>5</sup> **For the Lord is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE      *Come, Thou Almighty King*  
The Sing! Hymnal #101

### \*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND INVOCATION

READING OF THE LAW      Exodus 20:1-17

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All:      Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess  
before You our sinful nature—prone to evil and slothful in good—and  
all our shortcomings and offenses against You. You alone know how  
often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your  
gifts, in forgetting Your love. O Lord, have mercy on us, who are  
ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased You. Teach us to  
hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins  
for the sake of Your dear Son. *(continued)*

And O most holy and loving Father, send Your purifying grace into  
our hearts, we beseech You, that we may henceforth live in Your light  
and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON      Psalm 32:5

Leader: <sup>5</sup> 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.

\*HYMN OF TESTIMONY      *How Deep the Father’s Love for Us*  
The Sing! Hymnal #223

PRAYER OF THANKS & RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
*(Children under the age of 5 dismissed to the nursery if desired.)*

HYMN OF PREPARATION      *May the Mind of Christ My Savior*  
Trinity Hymnal #644

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM      Sarah Jane Curtis  
Covenant child of Austin and Kara Curtis

### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SERMON      Judges 2:6-3:6  
Pastor Mike Bowen      “Divine Perspective on Israel’s Unfaithfulness”

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE      *Christ Is Mine Forevermore*  
The Sing! Hymnal #601

\*BENEDICTION      Psalm 29:10-11

Leader: <sup>10</sup> The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.  
<sup>11</sup> May the Lord give strength to his people!  
May the Lord bless his people with peace!

## 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 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.<br/>Sept. 27</b>  | 6:00 p.m.: 4SG – Ask the Pastors                                    |
| <b>Mon.<br/>Sept. 28</b>  |                                                                     |
| <b>Tues.<br/>Sept. 29</b> | 9:30 a.m.: Women's Bible Study<br>7:00 p.m.: Storyline of the Bible |
| <b>Wed.<br/>Sept. 30</b>  | 10:00 a.m.: Prayer Meeting<br>6:00 p.m.: Youth Group                |
| <b>Thurs.<br/>Oct. 1</b>  | 4:45 p.m.: Football Dinner                                          |
| <b>Fri.<br/>Oct. 2</b>    |                                                                     |
| <b>Sat.<br/>Oct. 3</b>    |                                                                     |
| <b>Sun.<br/>Oct. 4</b>    | 9:30 a.m.: Sunday School<br>10:30 a.m.: Worship Service             |

## EVENTS

**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 tonight, Sunday, September 27 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Questions should be submitted in advance to [wpcaoffice@gmail.com](mailto:wpcaoffice@gmail.com), where they will be compiled for a live, unscripted Q&A—our pastors won't see them until that evening!

**YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP (DATE CHANGE!)** – Kick off the fall with a night of food and connection. The Young Adult Fellowship meets Thursday, October 8 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lesters. Dinner will be provided, so just bring yourself! YAF will meet regularly on the second 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.

**CHRISTMAS CHOIR** – Share your voice this holiday season! The Christmas Choir is welcoming new members, and rehearsals begin soon. For more information or to get involved, please reach out to Cheri Bowen.