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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

October 11, 2026 | 10:30 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSIONS MOMENT

Tom and Catalina Nachtergaele

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Philippians 2:9, 11 and Psalm 118:22-23

Leader: God has highly exalted His Son and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name. Come and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

People: **The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Join All the Glorious Names
The Sing! Hymnal #847

*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND INVOCATION

READING OF THE LAW

Matthew 5:2-12

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Heavenly Father, I confess to you that I am often proud and self-dependent and not poor in spirit. I defend my own rights and reputation rather than demonstrating meekness. I hunger and thirst for getting my own way instead of for your righteousness. I forget the mercy that I have received and so show little mercy to others. I have jealous thoughts that lead to strife instead of pursuing your peace.

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For the sake of your son, Jesus, have mercy on me and forgive me, that by your Spirit I may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 3:23-25a

Leader: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood

*HYMN OF CONFIDENCE

Before the Throne of God Above
The Sing! Hymnal #121

PRAYER OF THANKS & RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

HYMN OF TESTIMONY

He Will Hold Me Fast
The Sing! Hymnal #598

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SERMON

Pastor Mike Bowen

Judges 4:1-5:31

“The Deborah and Barak Cycles”

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

O Church, Arise
The Sing! Hymnal #470

*BENEDICTION

Luke 12:32

Leader: ³²Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

SUNDAY MORNING INFORMATION

Visitor? Please complete a visitor card and place it in the offering plate so our elders can connect with you. Thanks 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.

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. Oct. 11	4:00 p.m.: Adult Choir
Mon. Oct. 12	
Tues. Oct. 13	9:30 a.m.: Women's Bible Study 7:00 p.m.: Storyline of the Bible
Wed. Oct. 14	10:00 a.m.: Prayer Meeting 5:30 p.m.: Youth Choir 6:00 p.m.: Pioneer Clubs / Youth Group
Thurs. Oct. 15	4:45 p.m.: Football Dinner 7:00 p.m.: Third Thursday Theology
Fri. Oct. 16	
Sat. Oct. 17	
Sun. Oct. 18	9:30 a.m.: Sunday School 10:30 a.m.: Worship Service

EVENTS

While there are only a few events and announcements this week, the calendar is full! Be sure to check the Weekly Calendar on the back of this page.

PIONEER CLUBS – Our ministry for preschool and elementary age children, Pioneer Clubs, began last week, but it's not too late to join in the fun! Pioneer Clubs meet on Wednesdays, 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.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR – Practice will begin today, from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH CHOIR – The Youth Choir will begin practicing for the Christmas season on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. before Pioneer Clubs. The first practice will be this week on October 14. The Youth Choir is for students in 3rd through middle school grades. Please contact Cheri Bowen if your child is interested.