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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 18, 2026 | 10:30 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Exodus 31:12-14; 19:8

Leader: And the Lord said... "Above all you shall keep my Sabbaths, for this is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I, the Lord, sanctify you. You shall keep the Sabbath, because it is holy for you."

People: All that the Lord has spoken we will do.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Let Us Love, and Sing, and Wonder
The Sing! Hymnal #39

*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND INVOCATION

READING OF THE LAW

Luke 14:25-35

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Father of spirits, take my heart in your hand. My heart is too hard, and I am too weak. Do not give up on me, though I already have. Just a word from you, in your power; will do the work. You who have the key of David, You who opens what no person can shut, open this heart and come in, oh King of Glory. Make this soul your captive. Protect me from the delays of the tempter, until I turn from my sins and accept life on your self-denying terms. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Peter 2:23-25

Leader: ²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

*HYMN OF CONFIDENCE

His Mercy is More
The Sing! Hymnal #123

PRAYER OF THANKS & RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

HYMN OF TESTIMONY

All I Have is Christ
The Sing! Hymnal #397

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SERMON

Matthew 26:30-75

Pastor Phil Amaisimeier "The Importance of Watchful Prayer"

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Go to Dark Gethsemane
The Sing! Hymnal #814

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

All My Boast Is In Jesus
The Sing! Hymnal #227

*BENEDICTION

Psalms 20:1-2

Leader: ¹ May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble!

May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!

² May he send you help from the sanctuary
and give you support from Zion!

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. 18	
Mon. Oct. 19	
Tues. Oct. 20	7:00 p.m.: Storyline of the Bible
Wed. Oct. 21	10:00 a.m.: Prayer Meeting 5:30 p.m.: Youth Choir 6:00 p.m.: Pioneer Clubs / Youth Group
Thurs. Oct. 22	
Fri. Oct. 23	5:30 p.m.: Football Tailgating
Sat. Oct. 24	
Sun. Oct. 25	9:30 a.m.: Sunday School 10:30 a.m.: Worship Service

EVENTS

4SG: TEEN PANEL – Have you wondered what it's like to be a Christian, seeking to live for Christ, as a teenager? What joys, struggles, hopes, and fears do our teens face? If so, plan to attend this month's Fourth Sunday Gathering as we feature a Teen Panel, with members of the WPCA Youth Group. We promise the discussion will be straight fire, low-key inspiring, and 100% brainrot-free. The Gathering will be Sunday, October 25 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Questions should be submitted in advance to allan.e.edwards@gmail.com, where they will be compiled for the panel.

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK – The annual Thanksgiving Potluck will be immediately after church on Sunday, November 8. Turkey and gravy will be provided. Families are asked to bring two items; singles may bring one. Please mark your contribution on the sign-up sheet on the Information Table.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY – The Tuesday morning study will not meet this week.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR – There will not be choir practice today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH CHOIR – It's not too late to join the Youth Choir! Practice for the Christmas season will be on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. before Pioneer Clubs. Youth Choir is for students in 3rd through middle school grades. Please contact Cheri Bowen if your child is interested.

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.