

Advent

Hope Peace Joy Love

The People of Washington Avenue Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
gather virtually for the

Worship of God

November 29, 2020, 9:30am: The First Sunday of Advent

Chiming the Hour

Mr. Evan Collins

Greeting

Rev. Nathan A. Russell

The Spirit of God is with you!
And also with you!

Call to Worship

Rev. Russell

Lift up your hearts...
We lift them to the Lord!

Prelude

Gentle Souls

Ms. Sharon Bohaty

Meditation for Preparation

"Advent encourages us to look for the lessons of pregnancy. Here's one: Although waiting is difficult, rushing to the end can actually diminish the quality of life. We need each day between conception and birth to grow. We need to learn to live with discomfort and the unknown. Not because it makes us stronger. But because it makes us human."

--Monica Coleman, *Pregnant Waiting: Reflections on Advent*

Hymn of Praise	<i>There's Trouble All Around</i>	LEONI
Invocation		Ms. Lydia Ward
Hymn of Advent	<i>Once Candle Is Lit</i>	CRADLE SONG
Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candle		Sandy Woosley
Hymn of Prayer	<i>Change Our Hearts, O God</i>	CHANGE MY HEART
Prayers of the People	Change our hearts, O God... And make us more like you.	
The Lord's Prayer		All
	Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.	
Congregational Response	<i>Wait for the Lord</i>	TAIZÉ
Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts		Rev. Russell
	Our regular tithes and offerings support the budgeted ministries of WACC.	
Offertory	<i>Love Has Come</i>	Collegiate Handbell Ensemble
Doxology	<i>Doxology</i>	VENI EMANUEL
	Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to us and with all people dwell.	
The Reading	Isaiah 64:1-9	Rev. Russell
	For the Word of God in its promise and covenant... Thanks be to God.	
Sermon	And Yet	Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"The extraordinary thing that is about to happen is matched only by the extraordinary moment just before it happens. Advent is the name of that moment."

--Frederick Buechner, *Whistling in the Dark*

Hymn of Communion	<i>God Almighty, We Are Waiting</i>	HOLY MANNA
Invitation to Commune		Rev. Russell
Elder's Prayer		Ms. Nancy Walker
Words of Institution		Rev. Russell
Hymn of Discipleship	<i>We Are God's People</i>	SYMPHONY
Pastoral Benediction and Charge		Rev. Russell
Postlude	<i>Praeludium</i> And all the people said... AMEN!	Mr. Collins

We Go to Love and Serve from Our Doorsteps to the Ends of the Earth

Poinsettias in the chancel this Advent were purchased in memory of Harold & Gladys Clark, courtesy of a perpetual flower fund gifted by their son, Edward.

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today, 11/29: 9:30am - Energetic, Liturgical Worship*
Mon., 11/30: 7pm - Online *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart* premiere**
Tue., 12/1: 7:45am - Devotional gathering for *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)***
Wed., 12/2: 7pm - theAlternative*
Thu., 12/3: 10am - All-Church Social Hour (on Zoom)****

*Sunday and Wednesday opportunities for worship premiere at their respective times on our website and YouTube channel (see waccelyria.org/online). Past services are available on our website and [YouTube channel](#).

***Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart* premieres online at: waccelyria.org/childrenscorner. Past episodes are available on our [YouTube channel](#).

***First-timers will want to register at waccelyria.org for these online, weekly devotional gatherings.

****Contact the church office for log-in information for this all-church, online chat.

Prayer requests may be submitted by contacting the church office or online at: waccelyria.org/pray

Contributions may be submitted to the church office or online at: waccelyria.org/give

