

Advent

Hope Peace Joy Love

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

Worship of God

December 13, 2020, 9:30am: The Third 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

Ms. Caitlin Gibson, Mr. Evan Collins, and Mr. Joseph Francisco
Away in the Manger

Meditation for Preparation

"Justice is what love sounds like when it speaks in public."

--Michael Eric Dyson, *Tears We Cannot Stop*

Hymn of Praise

We Hail You God's Anointed

ELLACOMBE

Invocation		Ms. Polly Simmons
Hymn of Advent	<i>One Candle Is Lit</i>	CRADLE SONG
Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candle		Ms. Carole & Mr. Mike Weinhardt
Hymn of Prayer 132	<i>When God Is a Child</i>	MOON BEAMS
Prayers of the People	God who comes to us as a child... Give us joy and make us strong.	
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>Coventry Carol</i>	Ms. Gibson, Mr. Collins, and Mr. Francisco
Doxology	<i>Doxology</i>	VENI EMMANUEL
	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 61:1-4, 8-11 For the Word of God in its promise and covenant... Thanks be to God.	Rev. Russell
Sermon	Justice and Joy	Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"If we cite the Bible, and yet fail to live according to its codes, the Bible becomes just another book. But when we live it, it becomes powerful. If you believe it, the words of scripture say that we become living epistles in whose life others read the presence of God."

--Michael Eric Dyson, *Tears We Cannot Stop*

Hymn of Communion

For Everyone Born

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Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Elder's Prayer

Mr. Bob Maxwell

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

Our Hearts Sing Out with Joyful Praise

MARIAS LOVÁSANG

Pastoral Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

Joy to the World
And all the people said...

Collegiate Handbell Ensemble

AMEN!

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

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Today, 12/13: 9:30am - Energetic, Liturgical Worship*
- Mon., 12/14: 6:30pm - Pastoral Relations Committee meeting (on Zoom)
7pm - Online *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart* premiere**
- Tue., 12/15: 7:45am - Devotional gathering for *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)***
- Wed., 12/16: 7pm - theAlternative*
- Thu., 12/17: 10am - All-Church Social Hour (on Zoom)****
- Fri., 12/19: 9am - WACC at the Salvation Army kettle at the Market Square Giant Eagle
(ends 8pm)

*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/childrencorner. 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 online, bi-weekly gathering.

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

