



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

Worship of God

January 3, 2021, 9:30am: Epiphany Sunday

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

We Three Kings

Collegiate Handbell Ensemble

Meditation for Preparation

"A book, too, can be a star, a living fire to lighten the darkness, leading out into the expanding universe."

--Madeleine L'Engle

Hymn of Praise

Silver Star, Precious Star

STARLIGHT AND SONG

Invocation

Mr. Alan Petersen

Hymn of Prayer

When the Present Holds No Promise

JOEL

Prayers of the People

God of Light...

Strengthen us on our journey toward home.

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

Star-Child

STAR-CHILD

Offering of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Gifts

Rev. Russell

Our regular tithes and offerings support the budgeted ministries of WACC.

Offertory

Andante Sostenuto

Mr. Collins

Doxology

THE FIRST NOEL

Praise God for gifts of hope and peace, praise God for gifts of joy and love, praise God for sending Christ to dwell on earth for us – Emmanuel. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel. Born is the king of Israel.

The Reading

Matthew 2:1-12
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...
Thanks be to God.

Rev. Russell

Sermon

Home by Another Way

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"If the stars should appear one night in a thousand years, how would men believe and adore; and preserve for many generations the remembrance of the city of God which had been shown! But every night come out these envoys of beauty, and light the universe with their admonishing smile."

--Ralph Waldo Emerson, *Nature and Selected Essays*

Hymn of Communion 420

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Elder's Prayer

Ms. Sandy Rieth

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

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O Day of Radiant Gladness

Pastoral Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

Poco Vivace
And all the people said...
AMEN!

Mr. Collins

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

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OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today, 1/3: 9:30am - Energetic, Liturgical Worship*
Mon., 1/4: 7pm - Online *Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart* premiere**
Tue., 1/5: 7:45am - Devotional gathering for *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)***
Wed., 1/6: 7pm - theAlternative*
Fri., 1/8: 7pm - All-Church Pandemic Mixer (on Zoom)****

*Sunday and Wednesday opportunities for worship, and our Christmas Eve services, 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 online, all-church event.

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

