



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

## Worship of God

December 4, 2022, 9:30am: The Second Sunday of Advent

Chiming the Hour

The Atwood Carillon

Greeting

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

Rev. Nathan A. Russell

Call to Worship

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

Rev. Russell

Prelude

String Trio

Meditation for Preparation

“Come darkness, come light / Come new star, shining bright / Come love to this world tonight / Alleluia. Come broken, come whole / Come wounded in your soul / Come anyway that you know / Alleluia.”

–Mary Chapin Carpenter, *Come Darkness, Come Light*

Hymn of Praise 10

*Bring Many Names*

WESTCHASE

Invocation

Mr. Bob Rieth

Hymn of Advent 128

*One Candle Is Lit (v. 2)*

CRADLE SONG

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candle

Ruth, Lisa, Abe, Miles, and Olivia Reshad

Hymn of Prayer 133

*like a child*

Prayers of the People

God who comes to us as a child...

**Show us the way.**

Congregational Response

*Wait for the Lord*

WAIT FOR THE LORD

**Wait for the Lord, his day is near. Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!**

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.**

Invitation to Stewardship

Ms. Lauri Warfield

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

Offertory

String Trio

Doxology

*Doxology*

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

Luke 1:5-17, 24-25

Rev. Russell

For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Be Ready: Peace*

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"My pastor says that peace is joy at rest, and joy is peace on its feet."

—Anne Lamott, *A ham from God*

Hymn of Communion

*As We Gather at Your Table*<sup>1</sup>

BEACH SPRING

As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word, help us  
 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life; send us  
 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast where tri -

know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred Nour - ish  
 forth to love and serve - you, bring - ing peace where there is strife. Give us  
 um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least. There no

us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own; teach us  
 Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave; may we  
 more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy, as we

through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
 still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.  
 join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Prayer at the Table

Ms. Megan Rowe

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

EAST ACKLAM

*View the Present through the Promise*<sup>2</sup>

## View the Present through the Promise



View the pres - ent through the prom - ise, Christ comes a - gain.  
Probe the pres - ent with the prom - ise, Christ comes a - gain.  
Match the pres - ent to the prom - ise, Christ comes a - gain.



Trust de - spite the deep - ening dark - ness, Christ comes a - gain.  
Let your dai - ly ac - tions wit - ness, Christ comes a - gain.  
Make this hope your guid - ing prem - ise, Christ comes a - gain.



Lift the world a - bove its griev - ing through your watch - ing and be - liev - ing  
Let your lov - ing and your giv - ing and your jus - tice and for - giv - ing  
Pat - tern all your cal - cu - lat - ing and the world you are cre - at - ing



in the hope past hope's con - ceiv - ing: Christ comes a - gain.  
be a sign to all the liv - ing: Christ comes a - gain.  
to the ad - vent you are wait - ing: Christ comes a - gain.

Benediction and Charge

Rev. Russell

Postlude

String Trio

And all the people said...  
**AMEN!**

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

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<sup>1</sup>Words by Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1989

Words by Thomas H. Troeger, 1986<sup>2</sup>

Today's musicians are Evan Collins, organ/piano; Alivia Gaskins, violin; Alexis Facaros, violin; and, Hannah Ross (cello).

Flowers in the chancel are in memory of memory of Darrell Harris, Jr. on his birthday (December 5) from his loving family.

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

- Today, 12/4: 11am - Two or More scripture discussion group (Gibbens room)
- Community Choir rehearsal
- 6pm - YouTube premiere of morning worship
- Mon., 12/5: 7pm - YouTube premiere of Children's Corner: Lessons from the Heart
- Tue., 12/6: 7:45am - Devotional gathering using *The Upper Room* (on Zoom)\*
- Wed., 12/7: noon-3pm - Open labyrinth walk
- 7pm - YouTube premiere of theAlternative
- Thu., 12/8: 7pm - Advent Study (on Zoom)\*\*
- Fri., 12/9: 9am - Worship Committee work day (poinsettias)
- Sat., 12/10: 9am - Salvation Army bell-ringing at the Market Square Giant Eagle (until 9pm)

\*First-timers may register at [waccelyria.org](http://waccelyria.org) for these online, weekly devotional gatherings

\*\*Register at [waccelyria.org/adventstudy/](http://waccelyria.org/adventstudy/)



We are thrilled that you are worshiping God with us in-person and/or online. Scan this QR code with a smartphone to register your attendance, submit a prayer request, and make an online contribution.

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