



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

Worship of God

January 8, 2023, 9:30am: Epiphany Sunday

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

Sleepers Awake!

Mr. Evan Collins

Meditation for Preparation

“During the day it is hard to remember that all the stars in the sky are out there all the time, even when I am too blinded by the sun to see them. While I am driving to the post office to pick up my mail, a shooting star could be flying right over the hood of my car. While I am walking to the library to return an overdue book, Orion’s Belt could be twinkling right above me. It is always night somewhere, giving people the darkness they need to see, feel, and think things that hide out during the day.”

–Barbara Brown Taylor, *Learning to Walk in the Dark*

Hymn of Praise

As with Gladness

DIX

Invocation

Mr. Mark Mathes

Hymn of Prayer

Lovely Star in the Sky

HANURE BINNANUN

Prayers of the People

God of planets and stars...
Light up our path.

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.

Sung Response 305

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

CHILDREN PRAYING

Invitation to Stewardship

Mr. Don Hange, Jr

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

Offertory

The Solid Rock Medley

Mr. Collins

Doxology

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KINGS OF ORIENT

Glorious now behold him arise; Christ and God and sacrifice: alleluia, alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies. O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright, westward leaning, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

The Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

Rev. Russell

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Chasing a Star

Rev. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"The light of epiphany is unpredictable; so the followers of this manifestation must be open to going in whichever direction it leads."

-Rev. Ryon Price

Hymn of Communion

In the Bleak Midwinter¹

CRANHAM

In the bleak mid-winter, frost-y wind made moan, earth stood hard as
 Our God, heav'n can-not hold him, nor earth sus-tain; heav'n and earth shall
 An-gels and arch-an-gels may have gath-ered there, cher-u-bim and
 What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a
 i-ron, wa-ter like a stone; snow had fall-en, snow on snow,
 flee a-way when he comes to reign: in the bleak mid-win-ter a
 ser-a-phim thronged the air; but his moth-er on-ly,
 shep-herd, I would bring a lamb; if I were a wise man,
 snow on snow, the in the bleak mid-winter, long a-go.
 sta-ble-place suf-ficed the Lord in-car-nate, Je-sus Christ.
 in her maid-en bliss, the wor-shipped the Be-lov-ed a kiss.
 I would do my part; yet what can I give him: give with give my heart.

Invitation to Commune

Rev. Russell

Prayer at the Table

Mr. Hange, Jr.

Words of Institution

Rev. Russell

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

Another Year Is Dawning²

AURELIA

Another Year Is Dawning



An - oth - er year is daw - ing: Cre - a - tor, let it be, in work - ing and in
An - oth - er year of mer - cies, of faith - ful - ness and grace; an - oth - er year of
An - oth - er year of ser - vice, of wit - ness for thy love; an - oth - er year of
An - oth - er year of won - der, of awe and love and praise; an - oth - er year of



wait - ing, an - oth - er - year with thee; an - oth - er year of prac - tice, an - oth - er year of
glad - ness in shin - ing of thy face; an - oth - er year of lean - ing up - on thy lov - ing
train - ing for hol - ier work a - bove. An - oth - er year is dawn - ing; Cre - a - tor let it
trav - el, we journ - ey through the days; Your Spir - it leads us sun - ward, one place we can - not



play, an - oth - er year of seek - ing thy pres - ence all the days.
breast; an - oth - er year of trust - ing, of qui - et, hap - py rest.
be, on earth as is in heav - en an - oth - er year for thee.
stay; from door - steps to earth's cor - ners, our home is on the way.

Benediction and Charge

Ms. Glennis Covault

Postlude

We Three Kings
And all the people said...
AMEN!

Mr. Collins

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

¹Lyrics by Christina Rossetti, 1872

²Lyrics by Frances R. Havergal, 1874, Nathan A. Russell, 2019

Today's artwork is *Advent Starry Night* by Virginia Wieringa; virginiawieringa.com

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 8:	11:00am: Congregational Meeting
	11:30am: Welcome Reception for Glennis Covault
	6:00pm: YouTube Premiere of morning worship
Monday, January 9	7:00pm: Children Worship & Wonder
Tuesday, January 10	7:30am: Upper Room Gathering via Zoom*
	5:30pm: Elders' Meeting in the Dining Room
	7:00pm: Board Meeting in the Music Room
Wednesday, January 10	10:00am: Worship Committee De-Decorating Party
	7:00pm: theAlternative: YouTube Premiere
Thursday, January 12	10:00am: Social Hour via Zoom*

*Register by emailing office@waccelyria.org



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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