



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

## Worship of God

November 5, 2023, 9:30am: All Saints' Sunday

Chiming the Hour

The Atwood Carillon

Greeting

Glennis Covault

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

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

Prelude

*Prelude in A Minor, BWV 543*

Sol Rizzato

Meditation for Preparation

"In these days of grave uncertainty, perplexity, fear, and foreboding, it is good to be reminded that we are not alone. God is with us. The saints, who have themselves come through their own tribulations, watch over us. And the light of eternity is inside us — even as we make our own way towards the valley of the shadows."

—Ryon Price, *Friday's Letter*

Hymn of Praise 649

*Give Thanks for Life*

SINE NOMINE

Invocation

Debbie Walker

Remembering the Saints

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of the Saints 569

*Jesus, Remember Me*

REMEMBER ME

Hymn of Prayer

*Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers!*

LLANGLOFFAN

Re - joice! Re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;  
 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - plen - ish them with oil;  
 We sing to use the wait - ing; we pray to mark the time  
 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing and shad - ows length - en here.  
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.  
 as we look from a dis - tance for God's mys - te - r'ous sign.  
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this shad - owed sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon he will draw nigh.  
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand;  
 We hope with poign - ant ach - ing, with our hearts cry out, "How long?"  
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

Up, watch with ex - pec - ta - tion; at mid - night comes the cry.  
 a - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the Bride - groom is at hand!  
 Yet we trust God is stir - ring to fell the powr's of wrong.  
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee.

Prayers of the People

God of the saints...  
**Help us to look for the resurrection.**

The Lord's Prayer 307

*The Lord's Prayer*

MALOTTE

**Our Mother/Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin\*dom 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 kin\*dom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen. AMEN.**

Invitation to Stewardship

Kristen Mayer

Offertory

*Cromorne en Taille*

Sol Rizzato

Doxology 648

*Some There Are Who By Their Living*

GREENCASTLE

**Thanks to God for those inviting us to live more faithfully! Thanks to God for those who show us richer lives of charity! Thanks for those we see no longer, but whose mem'ries in us lie! Thanks to God for those who teach us how to live and how to die!**

The Reading

Matthew 27:50-56

Nathan A. Russell

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

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

*Looking for the Resurrection*

Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence

"Our life is a short time in expectation, a time in which sadness and joy kiss each other at every moment. There is a quality of sadness that pervades all the moments of our lives. It seems that there is no such thing as a clear-cut pure joy, but that even in the most happy moments of our existence we sense a tinge of sadness. In every satisfaction, there is an awareness of limitations. In every success, there is the fear of jealousy. Behind every smile, there is a tear. In every embrace, there is loneliness. In every friendship, distance. And in all forms of light, there is the knowledge of surrounding darkness . . . But this intimate experience in which every bit of life is touched by a bit of death can point us beyond the limits of our existence. It can do so by making us look forward in expectation to the day when our hearts will be filled with perfect joy, a joy that no one shall take away from us."

—Henri J.M. Nouwen, *Making All Things New*

Hymn of Communion 330

*Alleluia! Hear God's Story*

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Invitation to Commune

Nathan A. Russell

Words of Institution

Janet Stevens-Brown

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 272

*The Church's One Foundation*

AURELIA

Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

Postlude

*Organ Sonata No. 2 in C Minor: Maestoso*

Sol Rizzato

And all the people said...

**AMEN!**

Today's artwork is Jimson Weed (1936) by Georgia O'Keefe.

<sup>1</sup>Lyrics by Laurentius Laurenti, 1700, vv. 1-2, 4; trans. Sarah B. Findlater, 1854, alt,; Nathan A. Russell, 2023, v. 3.

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 5	11:00am:	Two or More Scripture Study Group (Gibbens' Room)
	6:00pm:	YouTube premiere of morning worship
Monday, November 6	3:00pm:	Worship Committee (Hybrid)
	7:00pm:	Balm for Blue Holidays (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday, November 7	7:00am:	Election Day Bake Sale at WACC
	5:30pm:	Stewardship Committee Meeting (Zoom)
	7:00pm:	Dream Team Meeting with Glennis (Zoom)
Thursday, November 7	7:00pm:	Creation Care Team Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday, November 11	11:00am:	Memorial for Dennis Balvin



We are thrilled that you are worshiping God with us! Scan this QR code to register your attendance, submit a prayer request, and make a contribution.

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