



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

Worship of God

December 24, 2023, 7:30pm: Christmas Eve

Chiming the Hour

The Atwood Carillon

Greeting

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

Glennis Covault

Call to Worship

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

Glennis Covault

Prelude

Still, Still, Still (Paul Manz)

Sol Rizzato

Meditation for Preparation

"Sure on this shining night of star made shadows round, Kindness must watch for me this side the ground. The late year lies down the north. All is healed, all is health. High summer holds the earth. Hearts all whole. Sure on this shining night I weep for wonder wand'ring far alone of shadows on the stars."

—James Agee, *Sure on This Shining Night*

Hymn of Praise 148

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

Invocation

Jane Hutson

Hymn of Advent 128 v. 5

One Candle Is Lit

CRADLE SONG

Come, lis - ten the sounds of God - with - us ring clear, the child and the
shep - herds at the man - ger a - pear. The Word is made flesh, and the
Word's ev - er near. One can - dle is lit for the Christ - birth - day here!

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Sol Rizzato & Ron Dauphin

Hymn of Prayer 165

Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

Prayers of the People

Love incarnate for us all...
Share in both our sadness and gladness.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Mother/Father/Creator, who 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.

Sung Response 147

Away in a Manger

AWAY IN A MANGER

Invitation to Stewardship

Ron Dauphin

Offertory *The First Noel* (Dan Forrest) Sol Rizzato

Doxology 154 v. 6 *Christmas Doxology* CHRISTMAS

"All glo - ry be to God on high and on the earth be peace; good - will hence forth
from heav'n to earth be - gin and nev - er cease, be - gin and nev - er cease.

The Reading Luke 2:1-20 Nathan A. Russell
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...
Thanks be to God!

Hymn of Joy 150 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

Sermon *Adventure: Journey to the Manger* Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence
"Into an extremely dark and bitterly cold December came a one-star night. Those who had compassion found room and were filled with wonder at the brightness of the star above them. Those who saw fell to their knees in fear, but listened to the angels' song and ran to see. Those who heard the baby's cry believed, and fell to their knees, this time in worship. Those who followed the star already believed, and knew the time was now. They persisted in their journey through the dark and cold, bringing gifts to this One born to us all in a one-star night."
—Ann Weems, *The One-Star Night*

Hymn of Communion 143 *Joy to the World* ANTIOCH

Invitation to Commune Nathan A. Russell

Prayer at the Table Mark Mathes

Words of Institution Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship 145 *Silent Night, Holy Night* STILLE NACHT

Benediction and Charge Nathan A. Russell

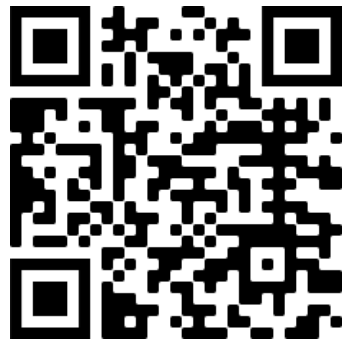
Postlude *Bring a Torch, Janette Isabella* (Keith Chapman) Sol Rizzato
And all the people said...
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

POINSETTIAS WERE GIVEN IN MEMORY OF

Our Parents	by Mary Lou and Alan Petersen
Bert Fitzgerald, Sr.	by Kim and John Jorgensen
Catherine "Kit Cat" Woodburn	by Sol Rizzato
our parents.	by Bob and Sandy Rieth
Melanie Rose Majewski	by Marianne Majewski Richardson
Linda Lee	by Dick Lee
Bud and my family	by Polly Simmons
Jean and Don Willets	by Debby and Mike Willets
Elaine and Ernest Schmittgen	by Debby and Mike Willets
Donald J. Willets	by Debby and Mike Willets
Barbara Lloyd	by Debby and Mike Willets

POINSETTIAS WERE GIVEN IN HONOR OF

WACC Staff and Lay Leaders by Nathan A. Russell



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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