



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

Worship of God

December 31, 2023, 9:30am: The First Sunday after Christmas Day

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	<i>Noël sur les Flûtes</i> (Louis-Claude Daquin)	Sol Rizzato
Meditation for Preparation	"so I wait for you like a lonely house till you will see me again and live in me. Till then my windows ache."	-Pablo Neruda, <i>100 Love Sonnets</i>
Hymn of Praise 155	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	GLORIA
Invocation		Karen McCall
Hymn of Prayer 162	<i>What Child Is This?</i>	GREENSLEEVES
Prayers of the People	O God, who comes to us as a child... Help us to seek first your kin*dom.	
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 354	<i>Seek Ye First</i>	SEEK YE FIRST
Invitation to Stewardship		Kimberly Wilhelm
Offertory	<i>Infant Holy, Infant Lowly</i> (Dale Wood)	Sol Rizzato
Doxology	<i>Christmas Doxology</i>	CHRISTMAS
		
The Reading	Luke 2:25-38 For the Word of God in its promise and covenant... Thanks be to God!	Nathan A. Russell

Sermon	<i>Wait and See</i>	Nathan A. Russell
Discipline of Silence		
	“The sum of all human wisdom will be contained in these two words: Wait and Hope.”	
	–Alexandre Dumas, <i>The Count of Monte Cristo</i>	
Hymn of Communion 416	<i>Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face</i>	CONSOLATION
Invitation to Commune		Nathan A. Russell
Prayer at the Table		Don Hange, Jr,
Words of Institution		Nathan A. Russell
Invitation to Discipleship		Nathan A. Russell
Hymn of Discipleship 170	<i>How Great Our Joy!</i>	JUNGST
Benediction and Charge		Nathan A. Russell
Postlude	<i>Variations on GLORIA</i> (Sol Rizzato) And all the people said... AMEN!	Sol Rizzato

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 31	11:00am:	Two Or More: Scripture discussion group {Gibbens Room}
	6:00pm:	YouTube premiere of morning worship
Monday, January 1		Church office closed for the holiday
Tuesday, January 2	7:30am:	Upper Room Devotional Gathering (Zoom)
Wednesday, January 3	10:00am	Sabbatical Planning Committee
Friday, January 5	9:00am	Church Women United (Gibbens Room)
Sunday, January 7	9:30am:	Epiphany: Worship in the Sanctuary
	11:00am:	Congregational Meeting
	11:15am:	De-Hanging of the Greens
	6:00pm:	YouTube premiere of morning worship



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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