



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

Worship of God

January 11, 2026, 9:30am: Baptism of the Lord

Chiming the Hour

The Atwood Carillon

Greeting

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

Nathan Russell

Call to Worship

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

Nathan Russell

Prelude

On Jordan's Bank/Winchester New (C.S. Lang)

Sol M. Rizzato

Meditation for Preparation

"How did it get so late so soon?
It's night before it's afternoon.
December is here before it's June.
My goodness how the time has flown.
How did it get so late so soon?"

—Dr. Seuss, *Oh, the Places You'll Go!*

Hymn of Praise 177

What Was Your Vow and Vision

COMPLAINER

Invocation

Sheila Smith

Hymn of Prayer

Crashing Waters at Creation¹

RESTORATION

Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,
 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the cap - tives passed on through,
 Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a - round the One fore - told,
 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.

first to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.
 wash - ing off the chains of bon - dage - chan - nel to a life made new.
 o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.
 Well - spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

Prayers of the People

Pam Sheetz

Wellspring, source of life eternal...
Drench our dryness and make us whole.

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 305

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

CHILDREN PRAYING

Invitation to Stewardship

Ron Dauphin

Offertory *Three Liturgical Improvisations, No. 2* (George Oldroyd) Sol M. Rizzato

Doxology 365 v. 3 *Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters* BEACH SPRING



O how deep your ho-ly wis - dom! Un - i - mag - ined, all your ways! To your name be glo-ry,
hon - or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise! We your peo - ple stand be - fore you, wa-ter -
washed and Spir-it - born. By your grace, our lives we of - fer. Re-cre - ate us; God trans-form!

The Reading *Matthew 3:13-17* Brian Henderson
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Life Happens: What Are We Doing?* Brian Henderson

Discipline of Silence
"When I dare to be powerful, to use my strength in the service of my vision, then it becomes less and less important whether I am afraid."
—Audre Lorde, *The Cancer Journals*

Hymn of Communion 410 *Now We Come Before God's Presence* ST.PAUL'S

Invitation to Commune Pam Sheetz

Prayer at the Table Lauri Warfield

Words of Institution Pam Sheetz

Invitation to Discipleship Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship *Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice*² (Back cover) ABERYSTWYTH

Benediction and Charge Nathan A. Russell

Postlude *Marche Heroïque* (Herbert Brewer) Sol M. Rizzato
And all the people said...
AMEN!

¹WORDS: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1991; MUSIC: American traditional, *Southern Harmony*, 1835 ²WORDS: Carl P. Daw Jr., 1985; MUSIC: Joseph Parry, 1876

Wild and lone the proph-et's voice ech-oes through the des-ert still,
 "Bear the fruit re-pen-tance sows: lives of jus-tice, truth and love.
 With such preach-ing, stark and bold, John pro-claimed sal-va-tion near,
 call-ing us to make a choice, bid-ding us to do God's will:
 Trust no oth-er claim than those; set your heart on things a-bove.
 and his time-less warn-ings hold words of hope to all who hear.
 "Turn from sin and will to be bap-tized, cleanse your heart and mind and soul.
 Soon the Lord will come in power; burn-ing by clean the thresh-ing floor:
 So we dare to jour-ney on, led by faith through ways un-trod,
 Quit-ting all the sins you prized, yield your life to God's con-trol.
 then will flames the chaff de-vour; wheat a-lone shall fill God's store.
 till we come at last like John to be-hold the Lamb of God.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Weekly Calendar

- 10:00am-2:00pm: Office Hours and Labyrinth Open

Sunday, January 11

- 11:00am: AWAB Presentation with Brian Henderson
- 6:00pm: YouTube Online Worship Premiere

Tuesday, January 13

- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)
- 5:30-7:00pm: Elders' Committee Mtg. (Hybrid)
- 7:00pm: Board Meeting (Hybrid)



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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