

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

Worship of God

January 18, 2026, 9:30am: Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Chiming the Hour

The Atwood Carillon

Greeting

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

Nathan A. Russell

Call to Worship

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

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Prelude

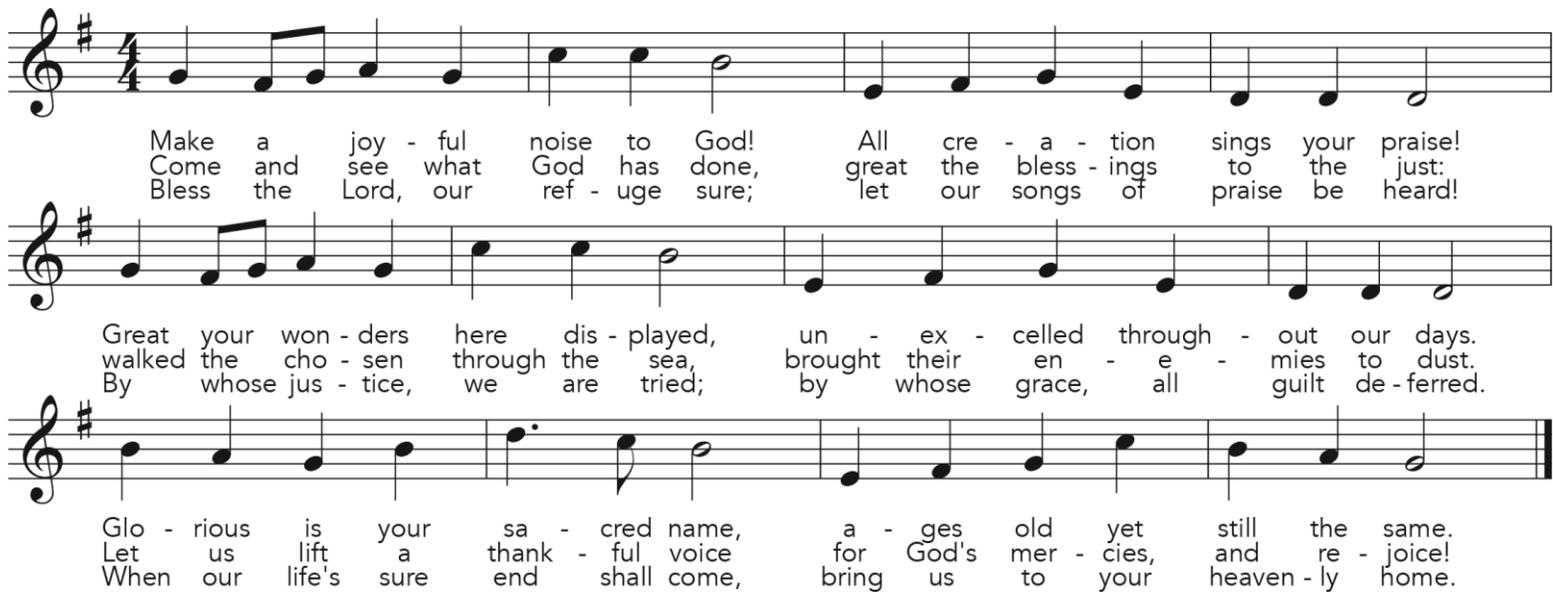
From "L'Épiphanie" (Charles Tournemire)

Sol M. Rizzato

Meditation for Preparation

"I have climbed the highest mountains / I have run through the fields / Only to be with you / Only to be with you / I have run, I have crawled / I have scaled these city walls / These city walls / Only to be with you / But I still haven't found what I'm looking for."

-U2, I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For



Make a joy - ful noise to God! All cre - a - tion sings your praise!
 Come and see what God has done, great the bless - ings to the just!
 Bless the Lord, our ref - uge sure; let our songs of praise be heard!

Great your won - ders here dis - played, un - ex - celled through - out our days.
 walked the cho - sen through the sea, brought their en - e - mies to dust.
 By whose jus - tice, we are tried; by whose grace, all guilt de - ferred.

Glo - rious is your sa - cred name, a - ges old yet still the same.
 Let us lift a thank - ful voice for God's mer - cies, and re - joice!
 When our life's sure end shall come, bring us to your heaven - ly home.

Invocation

Jan Moore

Hymn of Prayer 354

Seek Ye First

SEEK YE FIRST

Prayers of the People

God of the journey...
 Guide us as we seek.

Debbie Walker

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 282

Come and See²

COME AS A CHILD



"Come and see, come and see, I am the way and the truth," said he.
 "Fol - low me, fol - low me, come as a child, O come and see."

Invitation to Stewardship

Don Hange, Jr.

Offertory

Arietta (Thomas H. Kerr)

Sol M. Rizzato

Doxology 49

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

The Reading

John 1:35-42

Nathan A. Russell

For the Word of God in its promise and covenant... Thanks be to God!

Discipline of Silence

“Miracles do not belong to religions. Miracles belong to the desperate, which is why every religion, every philosophy, and most importantly, every fairy tale always has a moment of salvation, a eureka, an enlightenment. We are all chasing and chasing tails, running and running in circles, until a wolf or the witch or the stepmother jumps out and trips us, and we fall flat, splat, and we lie bare and bleeding and breathless and finally, finally look and see whatever it is---salvation or eureka or enlightenment or a hunter or prince or a glass slipper---in front of us. And that's what miracles are. Not solutions, but catalysts. Not answers, but chances.”

–Amy Zhang, *This Is Where the World Ends*

Hymn of Communion 416

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

CONSOLATION

Invitation to Commune

Debbie Walker

Prayer at the Table

Mark Mathes

Words of Institution

Debbie Walker

Invitation to Discipleship

Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship

*Sing of Andrew, John's Disciple*³

RUSTINGTON

Sing of An - drew, John's dis - ci - ple, led by faith through ways un - trod,
 Sing of An - drew, called by Je - sus from the shores of Gal - i - lee,
 Sing of An - drew, bold a - pos - tle, sent to make the gos - pel known,
 till the Bap - tist cried at Jor - dan, "There be - hold the Lamb of God."
 leav - ing boats and nets and kin - dred, trust - ing - hold in that "Fol - low me."
 faith - ful to his Lord's ex - am - ple, called to make the cross his own.
 Stirred by hear - ing this new teach - er, An - drew, freed from doubt and fear,
 When a lad's small meal fed his thou - sands, when in - quir - ing from Greeks found care,
 So may we who prize his mem - ory hon - or Christ in our own day,
 ran to tell his broth - er Si - mon, "God's A - nointed One is here!"
 when the Spir - it came in bless - ing, An - drew faith - ful - ly was there.
 bear - ing wit - ness to our neigh - bors, liv - ing what we sing and pray.

Benediction and Charge

Nathan A. Russell

Postlude

Tuba Tune (C.S. Lang)
 And all the people said...
AMEN!

Sol M. Rizzato

Today's artwork is *The Lamb* by Paul Klee (1920). Paul Klee was a Swiss-born German artist whose artwork is difficult to classify. He incorporated a variety of different artistic movements, including surrealism, abstraction, expressionism, futurism, and cubism. He also worked in several media, such as etching, ink, oil paint, watercolor, and pastels, among others.

¹WORDS: Michael Morgan, 1995, alt.; MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838
³WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1987; MUSIC: C. Hubert H. Parry (1897)

²WORDS and MUSIC: Marilyn Houser Hamm, 1974

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Weekly Calendar

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

Sunday, January 18

- 11:00am: Two Or More: Scripture discussion group {Gibbens Room}
- 6:00pm: YouTube Online Worship Premiere

Monday, January 19

- Federal Holiday/MLK Day

Tuesday, January 20

- January 20-26: Pastor Nathan Cleveland Orchestra Chorus Tour
- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)

Wednesday, January 21

- 5:00-8:00pm: Girl Scout Troup #50163 Meeting in the Music Room



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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29 The next day he **SAW**¹ Jesus coming toward him and declared, “**SEE**²: the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ 31 I myself did not **SEE**³ him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” 32 And John testified, “I **SAW**⁴ the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abided on him. 33 I myself did not **SEE**³ him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you **SEE**² the Spirit descend and abide is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ 34 And I myself have **SEEN**² and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”[a]

35 The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and as he **SAW**⁵ Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “**SEE**², here is the Lamb of God!” 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38 When Jesus turned and **SAW**⁴ them following, he said to them, “What/Who are you **SEEKING**⁶?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you abiding?” 39 He said to them, “Come and **SEE**².” They came and **SAW**² where he was staying, and they abided with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. 40 One of the two who heard John speak and accompanied him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first **FOUND**⁶ his brother Simon and said to him, “We have **FOUND**⁷ the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed[b]). 42 He brought Simon[c] to Jesus, who **SAW**⁵ him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas”[d] (which is translated Peter[e]).

- a. 1.34 Other ancient authorities read the Son of God
- b. 1.41 Or Christ
- c. 1.42 Gk him
- d. 1.42 Aramaic for rock
- e. 1.42 Greek for rock

¹Greek: blepó – To see, to look at, to behold, to perceive. The most generic form of seeing.

²Greek: horaó – to stare at; to discern clearly. To see, behold, perceive, attend to. When translated as “Behold,” it’s an imperative command: “Y’all LOOK HERE!”

³Greek: eidó – To see, to behold, to know, to perceive, to be aware. Equivalent to horaó.

⁴Greek: theaomai - To behold, to look upon, to view attentively, to contemplate

⁵Greek: emblepó - To look at, to gaze upon, to consider intently.

⁶Greek: zéteó - To seek, to search for, to desire, to strive after.

⁷Greek: heuriskó - To find, discover, obtain. (less common, to see).

1. blepó	noticing	“Seeing that registers presence”
2. horaó	recognizing	“Seeing that understands in the moment”
3. eidó	settled knowing	“Knowing that comes from having seen”
4. theaomai	beholding	“Seeing that lingers and attends”
5. emblepó	penetrating gaze	“Seeing that looks into a person”
6. zéteó	seeking	“Desire in motion”
7. εὕρισκω	finding	“Discovery received as gift”

Other verses:

John 20:29 Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have **SEEN**² me? Blessed are those who have not **SEEN**² and yet have come to believe.”

Matthew 7:7 Jesus: “Ask, and it will be given to you; **SEEK**⁶, and you will **FIND**⁷; knock, and the door will be opened for you.”