



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

Worship of God

February 2, 2025; 9:30am: Fourth 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!

Nathan A. Russell

Prelude

Trio Sonata No. 1 in Eb Major II. Adagio (J.S. Bach)

Sol M. Rizzato

Meditation for Preparation

"Dearly beloved, we are gathered here together to get through this thing called 'life.'"

—Prince and the Revolution, *Let's Go Crazy*

Hymn of Praise

God Is Found in Teeming Jungles¹

PLEADING SAVIOR

God is found in teem - ing jun - gles, God is found in gap - ing caves,
 God is felt in child - ren play - ing, God is felt in friends' em - brace,
 God is known in dead - end path - ways, God is known in grief's great loss,
 God is her in peo - ple gath - ered, God is here in bread and wine,

God is found in stretch - ing prai - ries, God is found in surg - ing waves.
 God is felt in stran - gers' kind - ness, God is felt in com - mon grace.
 God is known in burnt - out ash - es, God is known up - on the cross.
 God is here in heal - ing wa - ters, God is here in gift and sign.

God is found through all our sens - es, taste and touch - sight, scent, and sound -
 for in all things God is mov - ing and in all things God is found.

Invocation

Debbie Walker

Hymn of Prayer 231

Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us

HOLY MANNA

Prayers of the People

God who walks beside us...
Hold us fast in friendship.

Lauri Warfield

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 559 v. 2

All the Way Our Savior Leads Us

ALL THE WAY

All the way our Sav - ior leads us, cheers each wind - ing path we tread, gives us peace for ev - ery
 tri - al, feeds us with the liv - ing bread. Though our wea - ry steps may fal - ter, and our
 souls a - thirst may be, gush - ing from the Rock be - fore us, Lo! a spring of joy we see.

Invitation to Stewardship Don Hange, Jr.

Offertory *Now the Green Blade Riseth* (Janis Dunson Wilson) Sol M. Rizzato

Doxology 280 v. 4 *God Is Here!* ABBOT'S LEIGH



Lord of all, of church and kin*-dom, in an age of change and doubt
keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.
Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

The Reading Luke 7:11-17 Nathan A. Russell
For the Word of God in its promise and covenant...
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Funeral* Nathan A. Russell

Discipline of Silence
"Every time the death of God is announced, a funny thing happens on the way to the funeral. Every time religion is pronounced dead at the scene, religion revives and lives on to bury its own undertakers."
—John Caputo, *The Folly of God*

Hymn of Communion 230 *Now the Green Blade Rises* NOËL NOUVELET

Invitation to Commune Lauri Warfield

Prayer at the Table Don Hange, Jr.

Words of Institution Lauri Warfield

Invitation to Discipleship Nathan A. Russell

Hymn of Discipleship *God Call the Church²* (Reverse) TRURO

Benediction and Charge Nathan A. Russell

Postlude *Postlude on TRURO* (Michael Bedford) Sol M. Rizzato
And all the people said...**AMEN!**

God, call the Church to hear your voice, in - vit - ing
 God, call the Church to care for earth, pre - serv - ing
 God, call the Church to pray for peace, and work till
 God, call the Church to rise for a gain, re - nounc - ing

us good - ness make the choice: to claim the cross with
 all death, have let sweet life be - gin from in plants powers and that cre - bind lead tures, us

its air full and cost, streams; while trust - ing no hid - one shall beau - ty be lost.
 to our sha - lom, that all in you may find a year to a gleams. year. home.

Today's artwork is the Anastasis fresco at the Chora Church in Turkey.
¹WORDS: David Bjorlin, 2020; MUSIC: Joshua Leavitt's *Christian Lyre*, 1830

²WORDS: Nathan A. Russell, 2024; MUSIC: *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 2

- 11:00am: Kurt Russell, National Teacher of the Year 2022
- 5:00pm: Maggie Johns in Concert at WACC
- 6:00pm: YouTube Online Worship Premiere

Tuesday, February 4

- 7:30-8:30am: Upper Room Devotional Hour (Zoom)
- 11:30-1:00pm: Church Life & Growth Committee Mtg. (Zoom)
- 5:30-7:00pm: Elders' Meeting (Zoom)
- 7:00-8:30pm: Board Meeting (Hybrid)

Wednesday, February 5

- 10:00-12:00pm: Just Values Meeting (Zoom)

Thursday, February 6

- 10:00-11:00am: All-Church Social Hour (Zoom) Final Meeting



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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