

Welcome to Epworth United Methodist Church

Worship: 9:30 AM

Pastor- Jeffery White
Lay Leader- Christine "Chris" Mosig
Pianist- Catherine Medovich

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 18, 2025--- Prayer meeting" 7pm on Zoom
December 18, 2025--- Thursday "Sunday School" 7:30 on Zoom

December 21, 2025---Christmas Cantata followed by Fellowship
3pm

January 8, 2026--- Prayer meeting" 7pm on Zoom
January 8, 2026--- Thursday "Sunday School" 7:30 on Zoom

January 12, 2026---Administrative Council Meeting 6pm Fellowship
Hall



WASHINGTON COOPERATIVE PARISH
December 14, 2025

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 14, 2025

*The Mission of the United Methodist Church:
To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world*

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THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRAISE HYMN

Hymn No. 211 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” V. 6 insert

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GATHERING HYMN

Hymn No. 224 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather today in great hope, longing to see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

The Almighty has done great things for us. Holy is God’s name.

May our worship strengthen our hands, make firm our trembling knees, and unburden our fearful hearts.

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Knowing that God is near, let us be patient with the times and with one another.

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To all who ask about our hope, let us tell the good news of what we have seen and heard.

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UNISON PRAYER

Joyful and patient God, you break into our Advent busyness with your extravagant promise of glory and joy. Fire up our imaginations with holy trust in your goodness. Inspire us with a patience that sees beyond our habitual longing for past glories and understandings. Move us beyond our too familiar criticisms of one another and of ourselves. Open our eyes and help us see your compassion, already at work in our world: healing, restoring, strengthening, and telling the good news that you are near. Make us signs of your everlasting joy for your people and for all the world We pray in the name of Jesus, whose nearness we proclaim. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORIAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

PASSING THE PEACE

Beloved people, as those who are called to rejoice while we await the coming of our Lord, share God’s peace and be at peace with one another.

TO HEAR THE WORD

1st Lesson: Isaiah 35

2nd Lesson: Luke 1:47-55

3rd Lesson: James 5:7-10**

4th Lesson: Matthew 11:2-11

Lectionary Reading * Sermon Lesson*

+JUNIOR CHURCH

Hymn No. 191”Jesus Loves Me, This I Know” v.1

+ Children are invited to follow teachers to Junior Church

TITHES AND OFFERING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn No. 95 “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

HYMN OF PREPARATION,

Hymn No. 218 “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

SERMON

Pastor White

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*THE APOSTLES’ CREED No. 881

*CLOSING HYMN

Hymn No. 206 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

* BENEDICTION

May God, who makes the desert blossom,
fill you with the joy of God’s glory and majesty.

May Jesus, who brings good news to all people,
fill you with the joy of patience,
as you await the coming of the Lord.

May the Holy Spirit, who keeps God’s promises
of mercy and justice, fill you with the joy of hope,
as you walk the Holy Way of Advent. Amen.

Leave carrying the light of Christ into the World

*please stand if able