

Welcome to Epworth United Methodist Church

Worship: 9:30 AM

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

No Sunday School 12/25/25 or 1/1/26

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

January 15, 2026--- Thursday "Sunday School" 7:30 on Zoom

January 22, 2026--- Prayer meeting" 7pm on Zoom
January 22, 2026--- Thursday "Sunday School" 7:30 on Zoom

January 29, 2026--- Thursday "Sunday School" 7:30 on Zoom



WASHINGTON COOPERATIVE PARISH
December 21, 2025

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Rev. Jeffery White, Pastor

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Christine Mosig, Lay Leader

Sue Hauptert-Johnson, Presiding Bishop

Rev. Dr. Sarah Calvert, District Superintendent
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 21, 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. 7 insert

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GATHERING HYMN

Hymn No. 202 “People, Look East”

CALL TO WORSHIP

The signs are there: God’s love comes again, showering us with the light of Christ!

O Lord God of hosts, let your face shine, that we may be saved.

With anticipation of the divine, we remain expectant and marvel at the steadfast faith of Mary and Joseph.

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The time is nearly upon us. Preparations are almost complete. Are we ready for change?

O Lord God of hosts, let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Worship and praise God for these signs of hope and love!

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UNISON PRAYER

In this season of love, hope and family, grant us joy and peace this day. You offered signs to Joseph and Mary long ago—signs that their son would be the Messiah, Emmanuel. May your light shine on us here, that we might understand the signs in our lives. We come with open hearts and minds to hear of your love coming into the world. We come to hear of a young woman with child, a foster father with trust in God, a match you made in heaven to shepherd a tiny boy to his destiny. Holy God, show us your peace as we make ready for your light in the world!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORIAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

PASSING THE PEACE

May Christ’s peace fill you with joy during this season of hope. May signs of God’s love bring peace and serenity, as you await the birth of light.

TO HEAR THE WORD

1st Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-16

2nd Lesson: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

3rd Lesson: Romans 1:1-7

4th Lesson: Matthew 1:18-25**

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. 220 “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

SERMON

Pastor White

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*THE APOSTLES’ CREED No. 881

*CLOSING HYMN

Hymn No. 230 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

* BENEDICTION

Go in faith and anticipation of the greatest gift of all.

Christ, the Light of the World, will restore us

to love, hope, and peace.

Emmanuel, God with us, will be with us again.

With faithful obedience encouraging us,

let us happily await the days ahead.

Go in joy to spread signs of God’s good news.

Leave carrying the light of Christ into the World

*please stand if able