

# *Celebration of Worship*

## *First Sunday in Advent*

December 1, 2019

9:30 A.M.

We welcome you to worship. Nursery & toddler care is available if you need it. The Young are welcomed to the front early on for a special time in the service. Please sign the Friendship Pads so that we can get to know you better, and join us for coffee in the Narthex after the service.

### **God Invites Us to Worship**

CAROL SING

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. Let us walk in the Light.*

*Isaiah 9:2*

RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

### **We Respond with Praise**

PRAYER

GOD'S BLESSING AS WE WORSHIP

### **God Speaks Through the Sacred Word**

WORDS FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

Message *Advent Wreath – First Candle*

*It's all about LIGHT!*

*Come, Lord Jesus, Light of the World!*

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\* Please stand, if you are able.

\* ADVENT CAROL *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* #9

*Children in Preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade may leave for Praise & Play.*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *Isaiah 2:1-5*

*John 1:1-5*

*Romans 13:11-14*

SERMON *The Light Continues to Shine in the Darkness!*

Rev. Dr. Eileen Borduin Vanderzwan

### **We Come to the Table**

IN HUMILITY WE CONFESS OUR SIN

One: Almighty and Holy God, we confess the many ways we block the light Christ brings into the world.

**All: God of Light, hear our prayer.**

One: The rushing and scurrying around to get things done in this season of Christmas and Light,

**All: We confess to you, O God of Light.**

One: The worrying about the little details,

**All: We confess to you, O God of Light.**

One: The financial burdens we put upon ourselves,

**All: We confess to you, O God of Light.**

One: The impatience, the irritability we feel and take out on one another,

**All: We confess to you, O God of Light.**

One: When we get so caught up in our own little world that we forget others in this time and season of Light, and so block your light from shining in us to others,

**All: We confess to you, O God of Light.**

One: And so we ask, when we feel overwhelmed,

**All: Instill within us your Light, O God.**

One: When we are filled with worry,

**All: Instill within us your Light, O God.**

One: When we become irritable,

**All: Instill within us your Light, O God.**

One: When we forget others because we are so caught up in our own wants and needs,

**All: Instill within us your Light, O God, and help us to make choices that bring us closer to you. Fill us with your Light so that we might shine in the darkness, spreading Christ's Light and love to all we encounter. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE AND FORGIVENESS

*Isaiah 40:1-2*

\* HYMN *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

#5

Verses 1 - 3

GOD SPEAKS AND ACTS THROUGH THE HOLY SUPPER

**The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you!

**And also with you!**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Invitation*

*The Institution*

*The Prayer of Consecration*

*We Share the Feast*

Please come forward to receive the bread and dip it in the cup.

Gluten-free wafers are available at the station by the pulpit.

COMMUNAL PRAYER

BRINGING GOD OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*Aberysrwyth*

arr. Simmons

\* DOXOLOGY (# 592)

\* ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* HYMN

*Christ, Be Our Light*

Insert

Verses 1, 2 & 5

\* GOD BLESSES US AS WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

\* POSTLUDE

*Variations on Truro*

Traditional

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**Lectionary Passages**

Today

Next Sunday, December 8

Old Testament

*Isaiah 2:1-5*

*Isaiah 11:1-10*

Psalm

*Psalm 122*

*Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19*

New Testament

*Romans 13:11-14*

*Romans 15:4-13*

Gospel

*Matthew 24:36-44*

*Matthew 3:1-12*

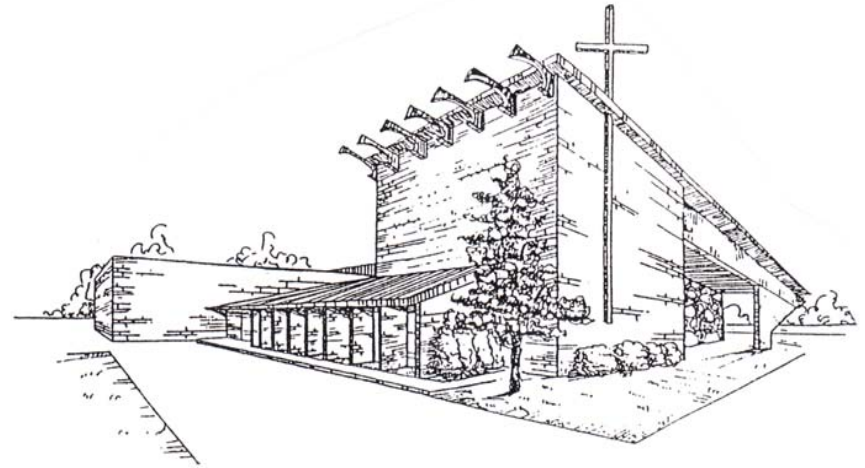
**Memory Verse**

*"Today, in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you:*

*He is the Messiah, the Lord."*

*Luke 2:11*

**WEBSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



*...that all may come*

*to know Jesus Christ,*

*to love Him,*

*to serve Him,*

*and to enjoy Him forever.*

## Webster Presbyterian Church

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## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Sunday, December 1

- 8:00 A.M. Worship Service in the Chapel
- 9:00 A.M. Coffee and Fellowship in the Narthex
- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary – Nursery care provided
- 9:45 A.M. Praise & Play for Children in Preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade
- 10:00 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed – *Carols & their History* in the Social Room

### Monday, December 2

- 10:30 A.M. Heritage Christian Services School in Room 9/10
- 6:30 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social & Basement Rooms
- 7:00 P.M. Session Meeting in Room 9/10  
ROC Ringers in the Sanctuary  
Boy Scout Committee in the Memorial Room

### Tuesday, December 3

- 6:15 A.M. Men's Study in the Memorial Room
- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 1:30 P.M. Women's Club in Room 9/10
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS in the Memorial Room
- 7:15 P.M. Vision & Strategy Committee in Room 9/10

### Wednesday, December 4

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study at the Golden Boys Restaurant
- 10:30 A.M. Heritage Christian Services School in Room 9/10
- 6:00 P.M. Supper & Scripture in the Social Room  
Girl Scouts in the Memorial Room
- 7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary  
Small Group in Room 9/10

### Thursday, December 5

- 9:00 A.M. Flying Club in the Social Room
- 9:15 A.M. Glory Bells Off-site
- 10:30 A.M. Book Study in Room 1

### Saturday, December 7

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time in Room 1  
Pastors' Breakfast at the Presbyterian Home
- 6:00 P.M. Adult Christmas Party in the Social Room

### Sunday, December 8

- 8:00 A.M. Worship Service in the Chapel
- 9:00 A.M. Coffee and Fellowship in the Narthex  
Chimers in the Memorial Room
- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary – Nursery care provided
- 9:45 A.M. Sunday School for Children and Youth
- 10:00 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed – *Bible Project* Word Study on Love and Joy
- 3:00 P.M. Worship at Baywinde

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. WELCOME to Webster Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you are worshipping with us today. Visitors are invited to stop by the Welcome Center in the Narthex after the service to learn more about our fellowship.
2. FLOWERS are given by Don & Donna Burgess in loving memory of their spouses, Beverly & Mike.
3. WE THANK welcomer Karen Stoddard, greeters and ushers Mary Ann Case, Nancy Granger and Tara Hunt, and substitute organist Jackie Anderson for their participation in today's worship service.
4. ADULT ED. OPPORTUNITIES following the 9:30 service:  
Today - *Carols and their History* led by Carol Saylor in the Social Room.  
Next week - *Bible Project* word study of the words Joy and Love in the Social Room.
5. THE ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held this Saturday at 6 p.m. Join us for appetizers, a delicious meal, and after dinner musical entertainment. Cost is \$20 per person. Sign up today in the Narthex.
6. THE ANNUAL PASTORS' APPRECIATION BREAKFAST will be held at the Rochester Presbyterian Home this Saturday at 8:30 a.m. Sign up today in the Narthex and join us for fellowship, presentations, a word of hope from our pastors, and a carol sing for the home residents.
7. CHRISTMAS CAROLING - Next Sunday we will be singing Christmas carols to the WPC shut-ins from 2 – 4 p.m. Everyone will meet at the church to carpool. All are welcome. Contact Connie Rice (703-0618 or [connie56rice@gmail.com](mailto:connie56rice@gmail.com)) if you have questions.
8. THE ANGEL TREE to benefit the Williamson Community Center is in the Narthex today. Select a gift tag with gift suggestions and bring **unwrapped** gifts by next Sunday. Help us support these families with our gifts and prayers!
9. CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR GRACE HOUSE - From now until Monday, December 9, we are collecting new gifts for Grace House men and their children. **Unwrapped gifts for the men** could include winter clothing items such as hats, gloves, socks, underwear, warm shirts and toiletries as well as \$10 gift cards for fast food restaurants and stores. **Wrapped gifts for children** up to age 16 should be labeled for boy, girl, or either, and could include clothing items, small toys and games. Collection boxes are located in the upper and lower Narthex.
10. PMF IS COLLECTING for Eastern Services Workers' food baskets. Please stop at the table in the Narthex if you would like to donate.
11. ORDERS FOR POINSETTIAS to be displayed December 22 and Christmas Eve are being taken in the Narthex today through December 15. White or red plants in green foil cost \$15 each. Please pay with cash or a check (made out to PWC) when placing your order. Plants may be taken home after the 11 p.m. Christmas Eve service or during weekday mornings after Christmas.
12. ADVENT THEATER – Calling WPC thespians! Our Christmas play will be on December 15 with a read through after the 9:30 December 8 worship service and a rehearsal on December 14. No memorization is required. Youth and adults are needed for this Advent tradition. Please see or phone Sally Turner (671-9045) to select a part.
13. BELL RINGERS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE are needed at the 11 p.m. service. Please call Jackie Anderson (703-2381) if you are interested in ringing in a bell choir.
14. CHIMES TO LEND: Anyone wanting to borrow the hand chimes for group singing may sign up for them on the storage closet door. Questions? Contact Jackie Anderson (703-2381).
15. VISITORS ARE NEEDED for our Friends at Home. If you wish to help, please contact Arlene Sahmel (425-2032) or Andrea Hock (467-8607) or call the church office to be matched up with a homebound friend.
16. A NEW OUTSIDE SIGN for our church is coming, hopefully by the end of the year! The Webster Zoning Board has approved our plan and location and the plan has been submitted by the Skylight Sign Company to their plant for construction. The sign will be centered in front of the church on the newly-constructed berm. The sign is two shades of blue, with the cross, letters, and Presbyterian logo in white, lit with LED lights from the inside. It is two-sided, so it can be viewed from both approaches to the church.
17. ADULT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help with childcare for infants and toddlers beginning in January following the 9:30 worship service when the new children's program, SHINE, begins. If you have an extra hour to share once a month, please contact Anita Bocker or Gayl Galen. To help with the school-aged children, speak to Rachel McKay or Linnaea Nifong. With the support of our congregation by giving a small amount of your time, we can help make this new program for young families possible.
18. THE 2020 FLOWER CHART IS UP! If you would like to fund flowers to honor a special someone or a special date, please add your name to the chart across from the Christian Education office. Ruth Fischer will contact you with details.



16. WEBSTER PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL HAS OPENINGS in the afternoon 3-day/Pre-K program for the current school year. Please contact Laura Blair at 265-1578 for more information.



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