

# Celebration of Worship

## Second Sunday in Advent

December 8, 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.

### Thought for Reflection

“Christmas may inevitably bring sentimental soft-focus scenes of mother and infant, but the Scriptures for Advent make clear that such a scene is merely the eye of the hurricane. It is a mistake to think just because God comes as a helpless child, the effects of incarnation will be small and manageable, contained. During Advent, the words of the prophets – from Isaiah to John the Baptist – are foretelling monumental change, potentially cataclysmic, at all levels: personal, political, cosmic. Why do you think that God being with us will make the ride less wild?”

Rev. Julie Poulter

### God Invites Us to Worship

PRELUDE *Pastorale Symphony from “Messiah”* Handel

WELCOME AND GREETING

A MOMENT OF SILENCE PREPARING OUR HEARTS TO WORSHIP GOD

INTROIT *Alleluia, He Comes to Us* arr. Stark  
Praise Ringers

OPENING WORDS FROM ISAIAH (responsively)

One: God spoke through the prophet Isaiah,

All: **“Comfort, O comfort my people.”**

One: A voice cries out,

All: **“Prepare the way of the Lord!”**

One: Every valley will be lifted up; every mountain brought low, and the glory of the Lord will be revealed. All people shall see it together,

All: **For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.**

One: Come, O come, Emmanuel;

All: **We wait for You to enter our world and our lives in a new way.**

\* Please stand, if you are able.

\* HYMN *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

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LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

### God Speaks Through the Word

WORDS FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

*Children and Youth may leave for Sunday School.*

### God Offers Grace

CALL TO CONFESSION

Friends, we are in the presence of the ineffable and holy God. Let us humbly confess our neediness and ask for grace and mercy. Let us pray.

HUMBLE CONFESSION (in unison)

We confess to you, O God, that we have fallen asleep. We often go through the motions and live our daily lives without much thought outside of ourselves.

Forgive our shortsightedness. Forgive us for not being awake to the wonders and signs that you are doing something new in our world and in our lives. Help us to seek you in the face of others. Call us into your ways of love and justice so that we might be fully awake, watching and waiting for your return in our world and in our lives in a new way. Amen.

WE ARE FORGIVEN

“O Holy Child of Bethlehem, descend on us we pray.

Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.”

As we wait for Christmas, we know that Christ has already come into our world and lives, has already been born in us. We are renewed and restored. Go and share the good news of God’s love and restoration. Amen.

### God Speaks Through the Word

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Isaiah 11:1-10* p. 558

\* HYMN *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* # 48

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *Romans 15:4-13* p. 924

GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 3:1-12* p. 784

SERMON *The Signs of the Times: Hope*  
Pastor Larry De Vuyst

**We Respond to God's Love**

BRINGING GOD OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *And the Glory of the Lord* Handel  
from the *Messiah*  
Chancel Choir

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts/debtors)

**God Sends Us Out to Serve**

\* HYMN *Song of Hope* # 432  
(Sung twice)

\* ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE *2<sup>nd</sup> Movement from "Pastorale"* Bach  
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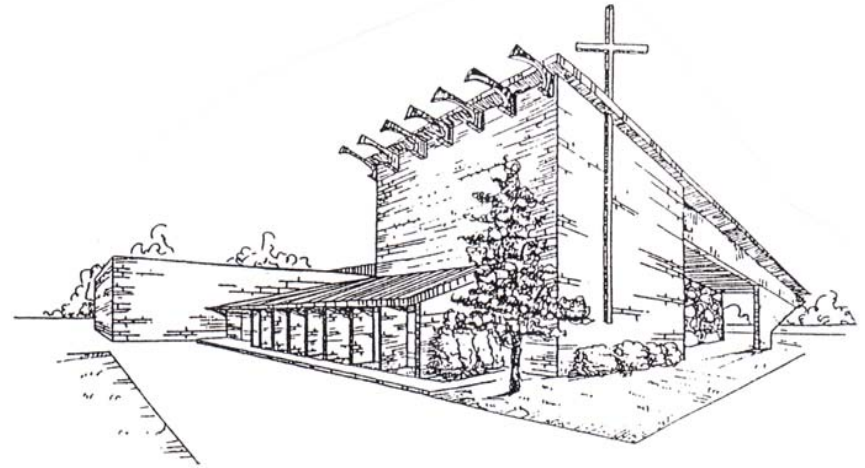


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*...that all may come*

*to know Jesus Christ,*

*to love Him,*

*to serve Him,*

*and to enjoy Him forever.*

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## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### 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  
Advent Theater Read-through in the Memorial Room
- 2:30 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 868
- 3:00 P.M. Worship at Baywinde
- 5:30 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 617

### Monday, December 9

- 9:30 A.M. Preschool in Rooms 3 - 6
- 10:30 A.M. Heritage Christian Services School in Room 9/10
- 6:00 P.M. Garden Club in the Memorial Room
- 6:30 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social & Basement Rooms
- 7:00 P.M. Rachel Circle at the home of Sarah Stein

### Tuesday, December 10

- 6:15 A.M. Men's Study in the Memorial Room
- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10  
Preschool in Rooms 3 - 6
- 1:30 P.M. Small Group in Room 9/10
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS in the Memorial Room
- 6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Leaders in the Social Room
- 7:00 P.M. Cub Scout Committee in the Memorial Room
- 7:15 P.M. Trustees' Meeting in Room 9/10

### Wednesday, December 11

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study at the Golden Boys Restaurant
- 8:00 A.M. WIC Social Services Program in the Social Room
- 8:30 A.M. People without Partners at the Atlantic Restaurant
- 9:00 A.M. Preschool in Room 3 - 6
- 10:30 A.M. Heritage Christian Services School in Room 9/10
- 6:00 P.M. Supper & Scripture in the Social Room  
Girl Scout Troop 502 in Room 2
- 7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary  
Small Group in Room 9/10  
Naomi Circle at the home of Stephanie Lux  
Boy Scout Committee in the Memorial Room

### Thursday, December 12

- 9:00 A.M. Flying Club in the Social Room  
Preschool in Rooms 3 - 6
- 9:15 A.M. Glory Bells Off-site
- 10:30 A.M. Book Study in Room 1  
King Circle at the home of Barbara Coleman
- 6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 450 in the Memorial Room
- 6:30 P.M. Youth Committee in the Youth Room
- 7:00 P.M. Stewardship & Finance Committee in Room 9/10

### Friday, December 13

- 9:00 A.M. Preschool in Rooms 3 - 6

### Saturday, December 14

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time in Room 1
- 10:00 A.M. Advent Theater Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

### Sunday, December 15

- 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. Sunday School for Children and Youth
- 10:00 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed – Advent Theater in the Sanctuary
- 4:00 P.M. Youth Christmas Party in the Social Room

### Lectionary Passages

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Sunday, December 15</u>
Old Testament	<i>Isaiah 11:1-10</i>	<i>Isaiah 35:1-10</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19</i>	<i>Psalms 146:5-10</i>
New Testament	<i>Romans 15:4-13</i>	<i>James 5:7-10</i>
Gospel	<i>Matthew 3:1-12</i>	<i>Luke 1:46b-55</i> <i>Matthew 11:2-11</i>

### Memory Verse

*"Today, in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you:  
 He is the Messiah, the Lord."  
 Luke 2:11*

## 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. WE ARE BLESSED by two flower arrangements this morning:  
One to the Grace of God and His wisdom in keeping Andy & George Hock together for 40 wonderful years.  
A second in honor of Lane Case's 27<sup>th</sup> birthday, given by her mother, Mary Ann Case.
3. WE THANK greeters and ushers Fred Denson and the Blair Family and liturgist Mary Ann Case for their participation in today's worship service.
4. ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES AT 11:00 include:  
Today - Bible Project Videos *Joy* and *Love* shown in the Social Room as part of an Advent word study and discussion on how these words are used in the Bible and how they apply to our Christmas celebrations.  
Next week - Advent Theater presenting an invitation to a small boy's birthday party in the Sanctuary.
5. CHRISTMAS CAROLING - Today we will be singing Christmas carols to WPC Friends at Home 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.
6. FINAL DAY FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR GRACE HOUSE - Tomorrow is the final day to place your donations in the collection boxes in the Narthex so they can be delivered to Grace House on Tuesday morning.
7. PMF IS COLLECTING for Eastern Services Workers' food baskets. Please stop at the table in the Narthex if you would like to donate.
8. THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING will be collected the next several Sundays. Your gifts are used to assist current and retired church workers and their families with critical financial needs, as well as provide financial assistance to students of color at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges. Envelopes can be found in the chair racks.
9. ORDERS FOR POINSETTIAS to be displayed December 22 and Christmas Eve are being taken in the Narthex today and next Sunday. 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.
10. TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY is looking at the topic Angels during Advent. God's Word has revealed a great deal about these heavenly creatures. Join the group to find out what it tells us and what is not there. Carols begin in the Chapel at 9:30 followed by discussion in Room 9/10.
11. A REMINDER FROM SPIRITUAL NURTURE: The new daytime Small Group will be meeting this Tuesday, December 10, at 1:30 p.m. in Rooms 9/10. There is still room for more participants! Questions? Call Connie Rice (703-0618) or Barb Hach (746-0764).
12. BELL RINGERS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE are needed at the 11 p.m. service. A rehearsal will be held Sunday, December 22 at 11 a.m. Please call Jackie Anderson (703-2381) if you are interested in ringing.
13. 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).
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. 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.

ACTIVE CHURCH MEMBERS are invited to register for the 2020-21 year at Webster Presbyterian Pre-School starting December 16<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in receiving a registration form or would like more information, please contact Laura Blair (265-1578) and give her your email address. 2-day (Mon/Thurs) and 3-day/Pre-K(Tues, Wed, Fri) classes are offer in the morning (8:45-11 a.m.) and afternoon (11:45 a.m.-2 p.m.).



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