

Third Sunday of Advent

Celebration of Worship

December 13, 2020

9:30 A.M.

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Silent Meditation

Carlos Santana

“If you carry joy in your heart, you can heal any moment.”

Ring of the Bell

Call to Worship

Leader: Rejoice! The Spirit of God is sending us:

**People: to bring good news to the oppressed,
to comfort the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
to proclaim the year of favor among God’s people.**

Leader: Rejoice! The Work of the Spirit is calling us:

**People: to rebuild ancient relationships ruined by injustice,
to repair the cities as places of hope,
to restore land devastated across generations,
to proclaim the year of favor among God’s people.**

Leader: Rejoice! The Glory of the Spirit is leading us:

**People: to cast off any faint spirit
and put on the mantle of praise,
to take root as the plantings of the HOLY ONE,
to display God’s glory.**

Leader: Come, let us worship in Joy!

Lighting of the third Advent Candle - Joy

Leader: We light this third candle, and delight in the sparkle of its reminder to “rejoice”!

Let its flame cast light into shadowy places.

Let its flame show where work is to be done.

Let a community of builders be formed in the Light of Joy.

Let Joy find home in our hearts, and make space for God’s presence there, as we work for justice and peace in the service of Love.

People: God be with us in the Light of Joy.

Opening Hymn *Comfort, Comfort You My People*

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Prayer of Confession

Unison: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Holy Name. Amen

(Silent time to examine our hearts)

Assurance of Grace

Leader: Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.

Children’s Time

Scripture Readings 1 *Thessalonians 5: 16-24*
John 1:6-8, 19-28

Music Offering *For Unto Us a Child Is Born* McChesney
Alleluia Bells; Lee Ann Daigle, piano

Scripture Reading *Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11*

Sermon *See The Big Picture*
Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (Debts/Debtors)

Offering Mail in your gifts or click the WPC website 'Give' button

Doxology

Blessing the Offering

Closing Hymn *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* # 5

Benediction

Postlude * * * * *

MEMORY VERSE

*"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
since as members of one body you were called to peace."
Colossians 3:15*

LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, December 13th</u>	<u>Next Sunday, December 20th</u>
Old Testament	<i>Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11</i>	<i>II Samuel 7:1-11, 16</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalms 126</i>	<i>Psalms 89: 1-4, 19-26</i>
New Testament	<i>I Thessalonians 5:16-24</i>	<i>Romans 16: 25-27</i>
Gospel	<i>John 1:6-8, 19-28</i> <i>Luke 1:46b-55</i>	<i>Luke 1:26-38, 46b-55</i>

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Comfort, Comfort You My People

Comfort, comfort you my people; tell of peace thus says our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness, bowed beneath oppression's load.
Speak you to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;
Tell them that their sins I cover, and their warfare now is over.

For the herald's voice is calling in the desert far and near,
Bidding us to make repentance, since the kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise in meeting, and the hills bow down in greeting.

Make you straight what long was crooked; Make the rougher places plain
Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits God's holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessings in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture in the body and the blood.
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of Light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Lord Most High!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. WELCOME to Webster Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you are worshipping with us, whether by Zoom or in person. Those choosing to attend in person are reminded to make a reservation to attend by calling the church office and speaking to Georgia, or by emailing the church office by noon on Saturday
2. A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION has been called by Session for Sunday, December 27th, immediately following the regular worship service, for the purpose of nominating and electing officers to Session, Deacons and Trustees. Votes will be taken using the Zoom polling feature. Members may attend via Zoom or in person. The Zoom link will be the same as that for the morning worship service.
3. FROM THE STATED SUPPLY PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE - Pastor Phil Davis was offered and accepted Terms of Call to be our Stated Supply Pastor officially starting on January 1st, 2021. This was unanimously approved by the Presbytery of Genesee Valley Committee on Ministry on December 1st. Praise God! We are extremely pleased and blessed to have Pastor Phil join our WPC staff in this new role.
4. SUNDAY SERVICES continue to be live-streamed.
You can watch them live at 9:30 using:
Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/200521841> The password is **worship**.
or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Websterpres/>
Or you can watch them later at your leisure using:
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Websterpres/>
or YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzM5-thYxua2HQSPF6P71wA>
5. THE ADVENT SERIES *GRACE* continues today at 10:30 in the Sanctuary and on Zoom with chapters 4 & 5 from Max Lucado's book, *Grace: More Than We Deserve, Greater Than We Imagine*. Join us for an in-depth discussion of what Grace means to each of us in our walk with God, and what Grace means to disciples of Jesus.
Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/200521841> The password is worship.
6. A VIRTUAL HOLIDAY CONCERT performed by the ROC City Ringers will happen this afternoon at 4:00. You are invited to ZOOM in using the link below
<https://zoom.us/j/99210988765?pwd=TW5YVkrQSFJRjBgdjLzhDcW5lL1dyZz09> Password: bells
7. WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY continues the Advent Season by looking at the topic "His Gift, Our Gifts." Join the group this Tuesday morning at 10:00 to prepare and open your hearts to the true reason for this joyful season. The Zoom link is:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85736775467?pwd=cTVkcUcvTGRQTXRQdEdlY0NuVzhmdz09> Password: bible
8. GIFT CARDS FOR CHRISTMAS FOR GRACE HOUSE need to be turned in today, or you can call Brad Adams (698-3229) and make arrangements for him to get them by early this week. Thank you to all who have contributed cards to date. There will be many happy men and their families this Christmas as a result of your generosity.
9. CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS to decorate the church can be ordered by this Tuesday by going to the church website and clicking on the "Give" button and selecting "Poinsettia Fund or bringing a check to the church office. Plants may be taken home after the 5:00 Christmas Eve Service or after the December 27th Sunday service. Those remaining will be donated to WPC Friends at Home. A donation of \$15 is requested.
10. THE PCUSA CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING is being accepted this month. The Joy Offering distributes gifts to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. You may make your donation using the envelopes in the Sanctuary, by mailing a check to the church, or by visiting the "Give" button on the church Web site. For additional information, click on:
https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/2020_cjo_resources/cj20_god_is_with_us_bi.pdf
11. THE JANUARY PATHWAY DEADLINE is next Sunday. Please email articles to the church office: office@websterpres.org.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today, December 13

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary and on Zoom
- 10:15 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 4:00 P.M. Youth Fellowship in the Social Room
ROC City Ringers' Bell Concert on Zoom

Monday, December 14

- 7:00 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social/Memorial Room

Tuesday, December 15

- 10:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study on Zoom
- 7:00 P.M. Deacons Meeting in Room 9/10

Wednesday, December 16

- 7:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

Thursday, December 17

- 7:30 A.M. Bible Study on Zoom
- 3:00 P.M. Book Club in Room 9/10
Small Group on Zoom

Friday, December 18

- 10:30 A.M. Book Study on Zoom
- 6:00 P.M. Cub Pack 262

Saturday, December 19

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom