

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020

9:30 A.M.

Order of Worship

Prelude

Reflection

Hamilton Wright Mabie

“Blessed is the season which engages
the whole world in a conspiracy of love.”

Welcome and Announcements

Silent Meditation

Robert Flatt

“The giving of gifts is not something man invented. God started
the giving spree when He gave a gift beyond words, the
unspeakable gift of His Son.”

Ringling of the Bell

Invocation

**All: O Wondrous God, send your Messenger to us today. With a
word of grace if we are fearful, move us to Confidence. If we
are weary, offer us Rest. If we are empty, fill us with Hope.
We have been searching for you far away; Let us find you at
home in our midst, Changing hearts and minds, Urging us
to join your work of Love. We pray in the name of the One
who is coming, Jesus, the Christ. Amen.**

Call to Worship

Leader: Sing out, my soul! Sing of the holiness of God,

**People: Our God who has delighted in humanity lifted up the
poor, satisfied the hungry, given voice to the silent,
and grounded the oppressor.**

Leader: God has blessed the full-bellied with emptiness, and
given the gift of tears to those who have never wept.

**People: God has desired the darkness of the womb, and
inhabited our flesh.**

Leader: Sing of the longing of God:

People: Sing out, my soul!

Leader: Let Us Worship God

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle - Love

Leader: O Holy One, we light this fourth candle and marvel at
your desire to be one with us. Let its flame summon
hearts grown cold into the warmth of a people living in
The Light of Love. Fill our lives with Love, making room
there for friends and strangers, all who desire to know
you, God with us, as we work for justice and peace in the
service of Love.

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

Opening Hymn *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

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Prayer of Confession

**Unison: “Do not be afraid”, said Gabriel, surprising Mary and
confronting her with the decision of her life. Do not
be afraid; God is with you. 2020 has confronted
many of us with life-changing circumstances and
decisions. We know fear from the inside out.**

Moment of Silence To ponder our fears and anxieties.

Hear God saying to your heart “Do not be afraid.”

Assurance of Grace

Leader: Our God, who has been with the people since the
beginning, is with us now offering grace that is more than
we can ask or imagine. God’s love frees us from the past,
and helps us move forward into a new future. Let us
thank God-with-Us, Emmanuel, for faithful love.

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 Reading *Luke 1:47-55*

Music Offering *Advent Hymn* Don Besig
Choir Ensemble

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:26-38

Sermon

Listen To the Angels

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 *The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came* # 16

Benediction

Postlude

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Christmas Eve

Candlelight Communion Service

This Thursday - 5:00 p.m.

**Call the church office
for in-person reservations**

or watch on Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/200521841>

Password - worship

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 20th</u>	<u>Next Sunday, December 27th</u>
Old Testament	<i>II Samuel 7:1-11, 16</i>	<i>Isaiah 61:10-62:3</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-26</i>	<i>Psalm 148</i>
New Testament	<i>Romans 16: 25-27</i>	<i>Galatians 4:4-7</i>
Gospel	<i>Luke 1:26-38, 46b-55</i>	<i>Luke 2:22-40</i>

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appears.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations bind, all peoples in one heart and mind:
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
Fill the whole world heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

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.

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame.
"All hail," said he, "O lowly maiden Mary,"
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

"For know a blessed mother you shall be
All generations praise continually.,
Your Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,"
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
"To me be as it pleases God," she said.
"My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name."
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born
In Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn,
And Christian folk through-out the world will every say:
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

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 next 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 has 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-thYxua2HQP6P71wA>
5. THE ADVENT SERIES *GRACE* continues today at 10:30 in the Sanctuary and on Zoom with chapters 7 & 8 from Max Lucado's book, *Grace: More Than We Deserve, Greater Than We Imagine*. You are reminded to look at the "Ask" reflections for chapters 4 & 5 at the back of the book as a follow-up to last Sunday's study. 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. 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
7. THE JANUARY *PATHWAY* DEADLINE is today. Please submit articles to the church office via email – office@websterpres.org.
8. THANK YOU for your generous donations to the Williamson Come-Unity Center Angel Tree! Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, 118 gifts and 14 gift cards were donated to the Williamson Come-Unity Center this holiday season. This was a combination of gifts ordered from Amazon, gifts brought to church, as well as gifts picked up. We even had out of town folks send gifts through the Amazon list. We were thrilled to be able to continue this long-standing Christmas mission during these uncertain times. We plan to keep the Amazon list as an option in future years since so many found it easy and convenient.
9. UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS for January/February are now available for pick-up from the bench outside the north entrance of the church.
10. 2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for pick-up from the table outside the church office on Sunday mornings and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 pm. If you need your envelopes delivered to your home please call Georgia Hubbard (265-9700 or 265-1224).

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today, December 20

- 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

Monday, December 21

- 7:00 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social/Memorial Room
Spiritual Nurture in Room 9/10

Tuesday, December 22

- 10:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study on Zoom
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10

Wednesday, December 23

- 6:30 P.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys and on Zoom

Thursday, December 24

- 5:00 P.M. Christmas Eve Service in the Sanctuary and on Zoom

Saturday, December 26

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

Poinsettias have been given by:

Brad & Kathy Adams in memory of loved ones;

Bob & Sandi Blakey in memory of loved ones;

Joyce Bradstreet to the Glory of God and in memory
of Jack;



The Chippero Family in memory of their loved ones;

Irv & Shirley Crane to honor everyone together doing their part to keep
each other safe during this pandemic;

Don & Nikki George in memory of their parents, David & Louise
George and Ross & Alice Cuddeback;

Tony & Georgia Hubbard in celebration of Christ's birth;

Mark Pipal & Connie Rice to honor Jesus as we remember his birth on
earth;

Bob & Jeanne Rice in memory of Sallyann and Larry;

Bud & Carol Saylor in memory of their parents and friends;

Jody Clark, Lori Singleton and their Families in loving memory of Bob
& Joyce Clark and Hunter Dunlap;

Joyce Tompkins in memory of Joyce Petz;

John & Elaine Wilbert to the Glory of God.

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