

First Sunday after Christmas

December 26, 2021

9:30 A.M.

Prelude

Meditation "The Work of Christmas" Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among the people,
To make music in the heart.

Welcome and Announcements

Ring of the Bell

Song *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* # 398

Hymns of the Season

Call to Worship

Leader: Children are precious to God. The child Samuel grew in God's favor and the child Jesus grew likewise.

All: For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all!

Leader: Older adults and elders are precious to God. Young and old together praise God's name.

All: For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all!

Leader: Creation is precious to God: trees, mountains, snow and frost and shining stars.

All: For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all!

Prayer of Confession

All: O God, clothe us anew, for we confess we do not clothe our spirits as you require. The compassion we clothe ourselves with is conditional. The love we clothe ourselves with is limited. Forgiveness and gratitude: these are the garments we need to live in community, yet we rend them and fail to fit them, over and over again. Weave us new garments which do not need mending, clothes that protect us like suits of armor and that we can delight in like cozy sweaters. May we outwardly show what we inwardly know: Your love has no bounds.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The word of Christ indeed dwells within you richly and shines through you brightly. It dwells and shines also in your neighbor, near and far. We need only let our lights mingle to know firsthand the connective power of incarnate Love. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Passing of the Peace

(Children are to remain in worship with their families today.)

Scripture Readings *I Samuel 2:18-20, 26*
Colossians 3:12-17

Hymn *O Word of God Incarnate* # 327

Scripture Readings *Luke 2:41-52*

Sermon *The Business of God*
Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.

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

Offering Please place your offering in the plates at the exit doors, mail your gifts to the church, or click the WPC website 'Give' button

Doxology and Blessing of the Offering

Hymn *Joy to the World!* # 40

Benediction

Postlude

There's A Sweet, Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.
There's a sweet expression on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.
Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise:
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.

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.

O Word of God Incarnate

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
We praise You for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps shines on from age to age.
The church from You, dear Savior, received the gift divine,
And still that light is lifted on all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass that all life's voyage through,
Amid the rocks and quick sands still guides, O Christ, to You.
O make Your church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold
To bear before the nations Your true light, as of old;
O teach Your wandering pilgrims by this our path to trace
Till clouds and storms thus ended, we see You face to face.

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.

Joy to the World

Joy to the world! The Lord is come.
Let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
Joy to the world! The Savior reigns.
Let us our songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground.
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.
He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of his love, and wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. WELCOME to Webster Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you are worshipping with us, whether in person or by Live Streaming.
2. SUNDAY SERVICES continue to be live-streamed.
You can watch them live at 9:30 or later at your leisure using:
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Websterpres/>
or **YouTube** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzM5-thYxua2HQSPF6P71wA>
3. SERVICE GUIDELINES FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP –
Masks are required in the church building.
ALL ARE WELCOME. No reservations needed.
4. ADULT ED. - Join us following the worship service in Room 9/10:
Today - No class.
Next Sunday - “Ten Questions to Ask at the Start of a New Year”, from an article by Don Whitney, Professor of Biblical Spirituality, looking at the direction of our lives, where we are going and where God may want us to go.
4. THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING, which we have done for many years, concludes next Sunday. This denomination-wide offering gives emergency financial assistance to both retired and active pastors and other church workers, and provides scholarships for students of color that attend church-supported colleges. Please prayerfully consider making a contribution.
5. 2022 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 am to 3 pm. If you do not find envelopes and want them, or need your envelopes delivered to your home, please call Georgia Hubbard (265-9700 or 265-1224).
6. UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS for January/February are available for pick-up from the bench outside the north entrance of the church as well as on tables in the church Narthex.
7. ANNUAL REPORTS from moderators, secretaries and treasurers are due in the church office by Monday, January 10th. Please submit your articles to office@websterpres.org and gghubbard@websterpres.org.
8. THE CURRENT HEART & HAND PROJECT is fleece hats and scarves for homeless people. If you would like to help, there are easy straight stitch hat kits on a table in the hallway outside the Sanctuary. For fringing scarves, please call Tina McNeary, 413-7809. We are anxious for them to receive these items soon.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, December 26

9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Live-streamed
10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel

Tuesday, December 28

5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10

Wednesday, December 29

6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant

Thursday, December 30

6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
7:00 P.M. Stewardship & Finance Committee in Room 9/10

Saturday, January 1, 2022 - Happy New Year

Sunday, January 2

9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Live-streamed
10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. in Room 9/10
10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel

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MEMORY VERSE

*Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.
Isaiah 60:1*

LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, December 26th</u>	<u>Next Sunday, January 2nd</u>
Old Testament	<i>I Samuel 2:18-20</i>	<i>Jeremiah 31:7-14</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalms 148</i>	<i>Psalms 147:12-20</i>
New Testament	<i>Colossians 3:12-17</i>	<i>Ephesians 1:3-14</i>
Gospel	<i>Luke 2:41-52</i>	<i>John 1:1-18</i>