# Second Sunday after Christmas

January 2, 2022

9:30 A.M.

Prelude

There's a Song in the Air arr. Cindy Berry

### Meditation

Meister Eckhart

"What good is it for me if Mary gave birth to the Son of God 1400 years ago and I don't give birth to God's son in my person and my culture and my times?"

### Welcome and Announcements

### **Ringing of the Bell**

Song	There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit	# 398
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## **Call to Worship**

- Leader: Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coast lands far away.
- People: They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion; they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord.
- Leader: I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
- People: For thus says the Lord: Proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel."
- Leader: Let us worship God!

Hymn As with Gladness Men of Old # 63

## **Prayer of Confession**

All: Gracious God, You chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless, yet we do not love our brothers and sisters as he taught. You destined us for adoption as Your children through Jesus Christ, yet we take our status for granted and fail to obey Christ when he calls us to follow. With all wisdom and insight You have made known to us the mystery of Your will, yet we stubbornly refuse to study Your Word. Forgive our sin, O God, and help us set our hope on Christ that we may live for the praise of his glory.

## Assurance of Pardon

Leader: In Christ, when we heard the word of truth, the gospel of our salvation, and believed in him, we were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit. This is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. In this promise lies our assurance - in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

### Gloria Patri

### A Social Distant Passing of the Peace

(Children in PreK through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade are dismissed to the Shine Program)

### Scripture Reading Isaiah 35

## Anthem

Follow the Star

Ruth Schram

A star shines bright in the sky tonight, guiding the Wise Men along. They've traveled far, led by the star, searching and singing a song.

Chancel Choir

"We'll follow the star no matter how far; it will guide us through the night. At last it will lead us to love and joy, and the child of peace and light." Follow, follow, follow the star.

The gifts they bring are gifts for a King: myrrh, frankincense and gold. They follow the star in search of the child prophets have long foretold.

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Scripture Readin	g Matthew 2:1-12			
Sermon	<i>"Wise People Still Seek Him"</i> Rev. Bob Kaiser			
Hymn	We Three Kings	# 66		
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	Go, Tell It on the Mountain	# 29		
Benediction				
Postlude	Do You Hear What I Hear?	arr. Jim Brickman		

## 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.

## As with Gladness, Men of Old

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold; As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright; So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to Thee.

As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger bed, There to bend the knee before Him whom heaven and earth adore. So may we with willing feet ever seek Thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at that manger rude and bare, So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy, All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.

Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way, And, when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last Where thy need no star to guide, where no clouds Thy glory hide.

## 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.

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## WEBSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## We Three Kings of Orient Are

We three kings of Orient are bearing gifts, we traverse afar, Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

Refrain: (after each verse)

O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright; Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain; gold I bring to crown Him again; King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign.

Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity nigh; Prayer and praising we are raising, worshiping God Most High.

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom; Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice; Alleluia, Alleluia sounds through the earth and skies.

## 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.

## Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain: (sung after each verse)

Go, tell it on the mountain over the hills and everywhere; Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. WELCOME to Webster Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you are worshipping with us, whether in person or by Live Streaming.
- 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/UCzM5thYxua2HQSPF6P71wA
- SERVICE GUIDELINES FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP Masks are <u>required</u> in the church building. ALL ARE WELCOME. <u>No reservations</u> needed.
- 4. ADULT ED. Join us following the worship service in Room 9/10:

Today - "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.

Next Sunday - "Choosing Life" Bible Study, continuing to consider our thoughts about choices for the new year.

- 5. WE ARE "UNDECORATING" THE CHURCH today following worship. Anyone willing to help would be most welcome!
- THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING concludes today. Please use the envelopes in the chair racks if you would like to add your donation to those already given.
- 7. FUNDS ARE BEING COLLECTED to help with the recovery from the recent devastating tornadoes in Kentucky and nearby states. Donations made payable to WPC with "December tornadoes" in the memo line will be forwarded to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance who already have people working in that area as first responders.
- 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).
- 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.
- 10. ANNUAL REPORTS from moderators, secretaries and treasurers are due in the church office by Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. Please submit your articles to office@websterpres.org and ghubbard@websterpres.org.

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Sunday, January 2

9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Live-streamed

10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel

10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. "Ten Questions to Ask" in Room 9/10

### Monday, January 3

7:00 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social and Basement Rooms

### Tuesday, January 4

- 5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10
- 5:30 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 650 in the Memorial Room
- 6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 454 in the Social Room

#### Wednesday, January 5

6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant 7:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

#### Thursday, January 6

6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom

6:30 P.M. Alleluia Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

7:00 P.M. Mission Committee on Zoom

### Friday, January 7

10:00 P.M. Quad copters in the Social Room

#### Saturday, January 8

9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom

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### Sunday, January 9

9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Live-streamed

- 10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. "Choosing Life" Bible Study in Room 9/10 Church "Undecorating"

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### MEMORY VERSE

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth... God saw all that he had made and it was very good. Genesis 1:1, 31

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### LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, January 2<sup>nd</sup></u>	Next Sunday, January 9 <sup>th</sup>
Old Testament	Jeremiah 31:7-14	Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm	Psalm 147:12-20	Psalm 29
New Testament	Ephesians 1:3-14	Acts 8:14-17
Gospel	John 1:1-18	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22