

# *Celebration of Worship*

## *Third Sunday in Advent*

December 11, 2022

9:30 A.M.

***We are followers of Jesus Christ, living and sharing  
the love of God through faith and action, welcoming all.***

### **Prelude**

### **Reflection**

From "Worship Ways", United Church of Christ

"Advent celebrates anticipation. It reminds us that the days to come offer promise and a future with possibilities. We remember days of our past, heritage, and history as a testimony to the evolution of time and circumstance. Anticipation is best accompanied by preparatory action. How do we respond to the confession that Christ has come, Christ has risen, Christ will come again? How shall we ready ourselves and participate in the coming of Christ in the world?"

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Ring of the Bell**

**Song** *Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place*

### **Call to Worship**

Leader: Our souls magnify the Lord. Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!

**People: We come today with eager hope, awaiting God's new revelation.**

Leader: The mighty One has done great things! God's mercy covers generations.

**People: We come today with ready peace, trusting with anticipation.**

Leader: The One who lifted up the lowly and filled the hungry dwells with us.

**People: We come today with fervent joy; we worship with great expectation.**

### **Invocation**

Leader: God of Mary, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Rahab – God of us all, your children here and your children afar – We enter this moment of worship with eager anticipation. We know that even before a child would come to lead the way, You were leading our way. From the valleys of the shadows of death to the tables in the presence of enemies, You have never left us nor forsaken us. Your rod and Your staff have guided us. Guide us now, O God. Make Your presence known as we worship You in spirit and in truth. Amen.

**Lighting Advent Candles of Hope, Peace and Joy** The Dolan Family

### **Hymn**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

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### **Prayer for Transformation and New Life**

Leader: We gather together in this season of Advent anticipating hope, praying for peace, attempting to cultivate joy, and sharing love amidst commotion, grief, despair, and uncertainty.

Moment of Silence

**People: God, we confess that we have often placed our hope in people and things that can't fulfill our every need. We have searched for peace in shallow places. We have mistaken joy for temporal pleasure and artificial exhilaration. We have put limits on the ways we love, excluding those who need our loving kindness the most. God, when we have lost our way, show us Yours. Guide us to the hope in You that will renew our strength. Lead us to Your peace that transcends all understanding. Fill us with a joy we can only experience in Your presence. Remind us that You have always loved us with an everlasting love, so that we may share that love with others. Amen.**

### **Words of Grace**

Leader: In this season of desolation and uncertainty, it is good to know that God's love for us is sure – that God's commitment to us is definite – that God is walking with us, guiding us as the compassionate companion that we are called to be for each other. Let us live into this gift. Amen.

### **Gloria Patri**

### **Music Offering**

*Away in a Manger*

Chimers

arr. Thompson

### **Children's Time**

### **Passing of the Peace**

### **Hymn**

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

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**Scripture Readings**

*Isaiah 35:1-10*  
*Luke 1:47-55*

**Anthem**

*Mary, Did You Know?* arr. Anna Laura Page  
Alleluia Bells

**Scripture Readings**

*Matthew 3:1-12*  
*Matthew 11:2-11*

**Sermon**

*"That Means Yes"* Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.

**Prayers of the People and Lighting of Prayer Candles**

**Prayer 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** *People, Look East* # 12

**Benediction**

**Postlude** *Gloria Hodie* Julie Turner &  
Alleluia Bells Kevin McChesney

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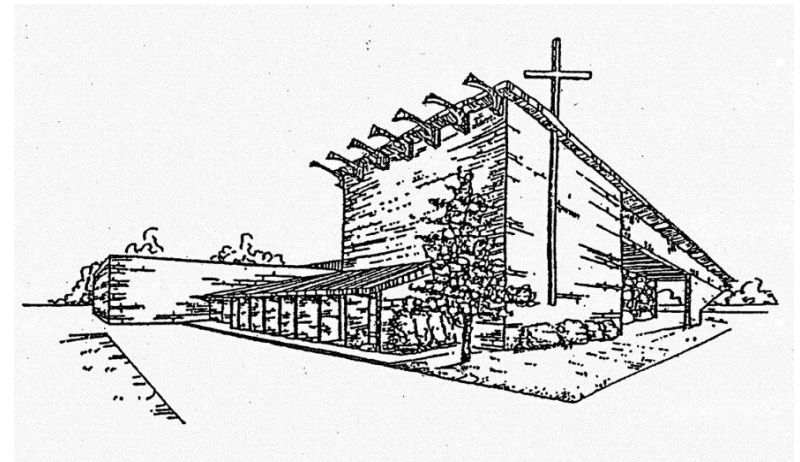
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welcoming all.*

## Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;  
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.  
I can hear the brush of angel's wings; I see glory on each face.  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

## O Come, O Come, Emmanuel # 9

O Come, O come, Emmanuel  
and ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

### Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by Thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain

O come, Desire of nations, bind  
all peoples in one heart and mind.  
Bid envy, strife and discord cease;  
fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Refrain

## 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.

## Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus # 2

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art.  
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all-sufficient merit raise us to Thy glorious throne.

## 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.

## People, Look East # 12

People, look east, the time is near  
of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able,  
trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look east and sing today:  
Love the guest is on the way.

Furrows, be glad, though earth is bare,  
one more seed is planted there.

Give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
that in course the flower may flourish.

People, look east and sing today:  
Love the rose is on the way.

Birds, though you long have ceased to build,  
guard the nest that must be filled.

Even the hour when wings are frozen  
God for fledging time has chosen.

People, look east and sing today:  
Love the bird is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch, when night is dim  
one more light the bowl shall brim,

Shining beyond the frosty weather,  
bright as sun and moon together.

People, look east and sing today:  
Love the star is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth  
Christ who brings new life to earth.

Set every peak and valley humming  
with the word, the Lord is coming.

People, look east and sing today:  
Love the Lord is on the way.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Sunday, December 11

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. Shine Program for Children in Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 10:45 A.M. Advent Theater in the Sanctuary
- 4:00 P.M. Youth Fellowship in the Social Room
- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 617 in Room 9/10

### Monday, December 12

- 6:30 P.M. Rachel Circle at the home of Gwen Hoffman  
Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social & Memorial Rooms

### Tuesday, December 13

- 9:30 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:30 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10
- 6:00 P.M. Girl Scout Leaders in the Social Room
- 7:00 P.M. Trustees' Meeting in Room 9/10

### Wednesday, December 14

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at the home of Mark Coleman
- 1:00 P.M. Naomi Circle at the home of Elaine Wilbert
- 6:30 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

### Thursday, December 15

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 9:00 A.M. Glory Bells Cherry Ridge
- 1:00 P.M. Small Group on Zoom
- 3:30 P.M. Book Club in Room 1
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 7:00 P.M. Boy Scout Committee in the Memorial Room

### Friday, December 16

- 10:00 A.M. Flying Club in the Social Room
- 10:30 A.M. Book Club on Zoom
- 6:30 P.M. Cub Pack 262 in the Social Room

### Saturday, December 17

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8020641367?pwd=VnlXcDITWjZlS2d0NE96dmVFeVB4dz09>
- 1:00 P.M. Girl Scout Event in the Social Room & Kitchen
- 7:00 P.M. Youth to Planetarium

### Sunday, December 18

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 9:45 A.M. Shine Program for Children in Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 10:45 A.M. Lessons and Carols in the Sanctuary
- 3:00 P.M. Worship at Cherry Ridge
- 5:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 489 in the Memorial Room

## 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>  
 THIS SERVICE IS LIVESTREAMED on YouTube and Facebook. Participation in and/or observation of the service implies acknowledgement that your image may be seen on the stream at the time of the service and in the future, as the services are saved for future viewing.
2. A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been called for December 18, 2022 immediately following worship for the purpose of (1) If the way be clear, amending the church By-laws by approving a waiver allowing trustees to serve one additional year beyond the six-year consecutive term limit, and (2) Receiving the report from the Nominating Committee and electing church officers for terms beginning in 2023.
3. WPS ADVENT THEATER is always a popular event. Join us today following worship in the Sanctuary for this year's offerings.
4. ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS are in the Narthex for you to use during the Advent season. There are 3 to choose from, so you are welcome to take the one which most fits your needs.
5. A GENTLE REMINDER to check out WPC's website, websterpres.org as well as FaceBook, Twitter or Instagram, as we will be posting visuals and verses of scripture each day during Advent. If you are without a computer or a mobile phone, there is a hard copy of an Advent Adventures Calendar in the Narthex for you to take home.
6. THE ANGEL TREE gifts need to be returned to the church by 4:00 tomorrow, or call Laura Oliver (703-2567) for other arrangements.
7. \$10 GIFT CARDS for Christmas for the men at Grace House will be collected until next Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Please buy only \$10 cards for basic items like fast food, groceries, and for stores like Walmart and Target (places that can be accessed by bus in Rochester). Contributions may be placed in the offering plates, dropped off in the church office, or mailed to the office. (Not left in the Narthex, please.)
8. THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING will be collected until Christmas Sunday. Donations are divided evenly between providing financial assistance to active and retired pastors and church workers who have serious financial problems, and scholarships to needy students of color at Presbyterian sponsored or assisted colleges. Envelopes are in the chair racks. Thank you for prayerfully considering a contribution.

9. HOPE MINISTRIES continues to serve the underserved in our neighborhood of Webster. Please help our extended families in Christ with your donations. The following items are especially needed now: chunky soup, canned cannellini beans, canned mixed vegetables, canned pineapple, body wash, and aluminum foil. Gently used clothing is always needed, especially men's gloves and hats.
10. HEART AND HAND is asking for your help to complete winter hats and scarves for Christmas bags for needy kids at State Road School. These wonderful, warm, happy items are a part of a New Beginnings outreach into our "neighborhood" school. Instructions are easy to follow and the finished items are snazzy. Please help.
11. DRIVERS are occasionally needed to pick up non-driving members who would like to worship in person on Sunday morning. If you are willing to provide transportation to someone on a Sunday morning, please call the church office or Nikki George (671-1103).

**HOLIDAY SERVICE TIMES**

***Christmas Eve***  
4:00 p.m.

***Christmas Day***  
10:30 a.m.

***New Year's Day***  
10:30 a.m.

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### LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, December 11<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Next Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup></u>
Old Testament	<i>Isaiah 35:1-10</i>	<i>Isaiah 7:10-16</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalms 146:5-10</i>	<i>Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19</i>
New Testament	<i>James 5:7-10</i>	<i>Romans 1:1-7</i>
Gospel	<i>Matthew 11:2-11</i>	<i>Matthew 1:18-25</i>

### MEMORY VERSE

*For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*  
*Isaiah 9:6*