

Celebration of Worship

Nativity of Jesus Christ - Christmas Day

December 25, 2022

10:30 A.M.

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Ringin of the Bell

Song *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.

Call to Worship

Leader: Sing a new song to the Holy One! Emmanuel reigns!

People: Mighty God, we gather to consider Your marvelous works.

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People: Wonderful Counselor, we gather to delight in Your revelation.

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People: Prince of Peace, we gather to become messengers of Your good news.

Invocation

Leader: God with us, we open our hearts and souls to the beauty of Your kingdom. We seek to hear the precious news once again that we might be continually renewed, transformed, and awed by Your abundant love, everlasting peace, miraculous hope, and quenchless joy. May our praise and prayers be pleasing to you. May our lives reflect the beauty you have birthed in us. Amen.

Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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Prayer for Transformation and New Life

All: Eternal God, You have made all things beautiful, yet all too often our attention is arrested by the ugliness of the world. The cruelty of humanity toward one another and creation overwhelms us in its depth and persistence. So often we revel in acrimony and discord and reject the beloved community You invite us to join and co-create with You. We pursue power and popularity over Your presence. But You enter into our lives with good news, redeeming hope, and contagious joy. Help us to choose Your way every day as we do this day. May the beauty of Christmas be the good news that carries us and empowers us toward new life in You.

Words of Grace

Leader: Jesus entered and enters creation in the midst of particular circumstances. God does not avoid the realities of our lives, but abides with us and invites us to a journey toward our redemption and that of the world. The beauty of the Holy One's grace radiates, and the ugliness cannot overcome it. The good news is that rather than judgment, Christ offers a companion on the journey whose love endures forever.

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

Passing of the Peace

Hymns Selected by the Congregation

Special Music

Birthday of a King
Kathy Barbehenn

arr. Douglas

Scripture Readings

John 1:1-14
Hebrews 1:1-12

Sermon

"It's Plain Now"

Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.

A Christmas Affirmation

People: We believe that God has come to us as a little child, making our weakness His strength, filling our hearts with joy to be shared with one another.

We believe that God has birthed righteousness and justice into the world, giving us a law that will be written upon our hearts, making the cause of the oppressed the highest priority, declaring an everlasting reign of peace, defeating the power of pain and suffering.

We believe that God calls us to participate in this reality of love, transforming us as disciples to go out into the world, to announce His kingdom of peace, challenging us to see everyone as nothing less than beloved children. This we believe. This we preach. This we seek to embody in word and deed. Amen.

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

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

Hymn

Joy to the World

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Benediction

The Work of Christmas

by 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 flock,
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 others,
To make music in the heart.

Postlude

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O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!

Come, and behold Him, born the King of angels!

Refrain: O come let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,

Jesus, to Thee be all glory given.

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! Refrain:

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

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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,

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LECTIONARY PASSAGES

| | <u>Today, December 25th</u> | <u>Next Sunday, January 1st, 2023</u> |
|---------------|--|--|
| Old Testament | <i>Isaiah 52:7-10</i> | <i>Isaiah 63:7-9</i> |
| Psalms | <i>Psalms 98</i> | <i>Psalms 148</i> |
| New Testament | <i>Hebrews 1:1-12</i> | <i>Hebrews 2:10-18</i> |
| Gospel | <i>John 1:1-14</i> | <i>Matthew 2:13 - 23</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

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today, December 25

10:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed

Tuesday, December 27

5:30 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10

Wednesday, December 28

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

Thursday, December 29

7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom

Sunday, January 1, 2023

10:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed

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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. 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. THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING collections conclude today. 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.
3. ANNUAL REPORTS from Committee Chairpersons and Treasurers are due in the church office by Monday, January 9th. You can submit your information by email as a Word or Excel file, or bring a paper copy to the church office.
4. OFFERING ENVELOPES are located on the table in the hallway outside the Sanctuary for those who have indicated they would like them. If you would like envelopes and do not see a set for you, please speak with Georgia in the church office and they will be provided.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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).