

Celebration of Worship

Second Sunday in Advent

December 4, 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

Francis of Assisi

“While you are proclaiming peace with your lips,
be careful to have it even more fully in your heart.”

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Mission

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Pads in the chair racks.)

Ringling of the Bell

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

Call to Worship

Leader: A shoot soon comes from Jesse's stump, and a branch shall
spring from roots.

**People: Rejoice! Rejoice! All God's children. Let all the people
give God praise.**

Leader: A leader soon comes who will lift the poor with righteousness
around his waist.

**People: Rejoice! Rejoice! All God's children. Let all the people
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Leader: A child soon comes from an innocent place. With wisdom
and might He'll lead the way.

**People: Rejoice! Rejoice! All God's children. Let all the people
give God praise.**

Invocation

Leader: God of we who wait and wander in the wilderness, we enter
this moment of worship expecting that when we leave this
hour of prayer, we will be full of the courage needed to stand
as a signal. We come to the mountain to feel closer to Your
presence, O God. May the mountains yield prosperity for
Your people. May righteousness flourish and peace abound.
You, alone, are the God who does wondrous things. May
Your glory fill this place as we worship You in spirit and in
truth. Amen.

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Dean & Angelina Echevarria

Reader 1: Hear God's promise of peace from *Isaiah 11:1-10*: A shoot
shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch
shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest
on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit
of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear
of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He
shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what
his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the
poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth. He
shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with
the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and
faithfulness the belt around his loins.

Reader 2: The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down
with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear
shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the
lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play
over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its
hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on
all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the
knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On
that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the
peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling
shall be glorious.

Reader 1: We light this candle in hope.

Reader 2: We light this candle for peace.

**All: Faithful God, you are at work to restore all of creation
in its intended harmony. Give us your shalom that we
may be reconciled to all enemies in the peace that
passes all understanding through Christ Jesus our
Lord. Amen.**

Hymn

Sanctuary

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 share
love.

Moment of Silence

All: God, we admit that we do not always stand as a signal for Your righteousness. In the hustle and bustle of our lives, we have left little room to witness – to be Your hands and feet in a world that needs us now more than ever. In the warm belly of comfort, many of us have relaxed in the layers of our privilege, not attending to the needs of the least of these. Forgive us, O God. Give us the courage to stand tall, to follow in the footsteps of the One who came to secure justice for the poor, bring equity to the meek, and condemn the wicked with His lips. And on that day we shall stand as a signal to the people.

Words of Grace

Leader: Beloved, know that God's grace and mercy abound, and in God and Christ, we are forgiven. Let us live into this gift. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Children's Time

Passing of the Peace

Hymn *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* # 48

Scripture Readings *Isaiah 11:1-10*
Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19
Matthew 3:1-12

Anthem *Advent Alleluia* arr. Keith Christopher
Chancel Choir

Salvation is created. O Lord, God, Lord God almighty.
We offer praise to Thee above; O Lord, holy Lord, God.
Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.
Alleluia. We offer praise to Thee above, O Lord.
Salvation is created. Alleluia.

Scripture Reading *Romans 15:4-13*

Sermon *"Advent Peace"* 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

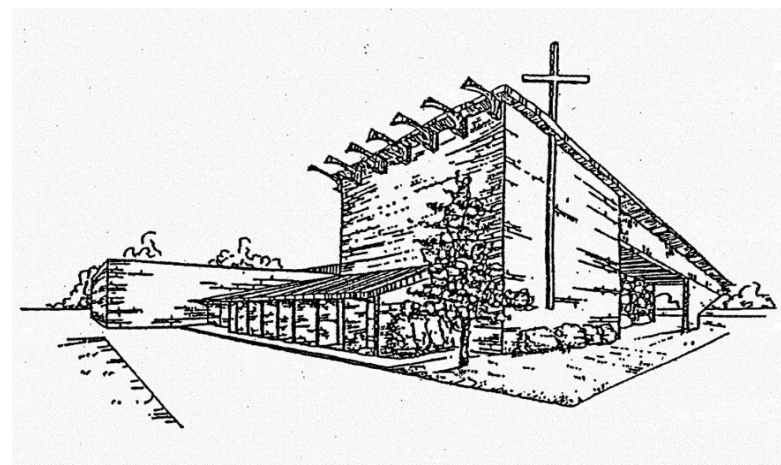
Doxology and Blessing of the Offering

Hymn *Lift Up Your Heads* # 8

Benediction

Postlude

WEBSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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living and sharing the love of God
through faith and action,
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.

Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

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.

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

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Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung.
Of Jesse's lineage coming, by faithful prophets sung.
It came a floweret bright amid the cold of winter
When half spent was the night.
Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind.
With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright she bore for us a Savior
When half spent was the night.

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.

Lift Up Your Heads

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Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates, behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near. The Savior of the world is here!
Fling wide the portals of your heart. Make it a temple, set apart
From earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.
Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to Thee here, Lord, abide.
Let me Thy inner presence feel; Thy grace and love in me reveal.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, December 4

9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
9:45 A.M. Shine Program for Children in Preschool through 5th Grade.
10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. Andy Stanley Video - Room 9/10 & Live-streamed
12:00 P.M. Youth to Geva Production of "A Christmas Carol"

Monday, December 5

6:30 P.M. Session in Room 9/10 and on Zoom
Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social & Memorial Rooms

Tuesday, December 6

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 Troop 90 in the Social Room
7:00 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 454 in the Memorial Room

Wednesday, December 7

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

Thursday, December 8

7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
9:00 A.M. Glory Bells to Atria Living Facility
10:00 A.M. King Circle Luncheon Meeting Barb Coleman's Home
1:45 P.M. Adult Ed. Committee at Carol Saylor's Home
6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
Girl Scout 732 in the Social Room
6:30 P.M. Youth Committee in the Youth Room
7:00 P.M. PNC in Room 9/10

Friday, December 9

10:30 A.M. Book Club on Zoom

Saturday, December 10

9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8020641367?pwd=VnlXcDITWjZIS2d0NE96dmVFeVB4dz09>
10:00 A.M. Advent Theater Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

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 5th 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

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 acknowledgment 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 FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are in memory of John Fischer, given by wife Ruth and daughter Karen. There will be celebration of his life in the Sanctuary this afternoon at 2:00. All are welcome to come.
3. ADULT ED today at 10:45 in Room 9/10 - Join us to view a video sermon by Andy Stanley to explore the question, "Is Jesus my King?"
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 rear of the Sanctuary for you to take home.
6. THE POINSETTIA ORDER DEADLINE IS TODAY. Plants will be used to decorate the Sanctuary, then can either be brought home after the Christmas Eve service or donated to our Friends at Home. All Poinsettias are red and cost \$15 each. Orders will be taken today in the Narthex, or you can contact Sue Wroblewski (545-4807, sue.wroblewski@icloud.com). When ordering, you may indicate a dedication in honor or memory of a loved one.
7. THE ANGEL TREE to benefit the Williamson Come-Unity Center is located in the Narthex. Those who wish can take a tag from the tree or go to the wish list set up on Amazon. Amazon gifts can be sent to "Laura Oliver's Gift Registry Address". Gifts shipped to your home or purchased elsewhere need to be delivered UNWRAPPED to the church by next Sunday, December 11th, or you can call Amy Vallone (766-0417) to pick them up. The Amazon wish list site is:
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/A24YBQ17OOOX?ref=wl_share

8. \$10 GIFT CARDS for Christmas for the men at Grace House will be collected until Sunday, December 18th. 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.)
9. 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.
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).

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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

LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, December 4th</u>	<u>Next Sunday, December 11th</u>
Old Testament	<i>Isaiah 11:1-10</i>	<i>Isaiah 35:1-10</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19</i>	<i>Psalms 146:5-10</i>
New Testament	<i>Romans 15:4-13</i>	<i>James 5:7-10</i>
Gospel	<i>Matthew 3:1-12</i>	<i>Matthew 11:2-11</i>

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