

Celebration of Worship

January 1, 2023

10:30 A.M.

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

Prelude

Reflection Rev. Amanda Poppei of the Unitarian Universalist Church

“Before we move forward, armed with resolutions that will shortly be forgotten in the day-to-day of living, let us notice what it is that remains every year, every day. What exists beyond schedules and months, beyond time. It welcomes us to life, not just at the start of the year, but every day. And let us answer...Amen.”

Welcome and Announcements

Ringling 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

One: Let all of creation praise the name of the Holy One!

**Many: The rhythms of life praise the Everlasting God through
the markings of time.**

One: Let all of creation praise the name of the Holy One!

**Many: The flowers, land and trees praise the Divine Gardener
through rest and renewal.**

One: Let all of creation praise the name of the Holy One!

**Many: Living creatures praise the Spirit of God through our
breathing, living and being. Praise God!**

Invocation

Leader: God of sacred Love, You make us a community. You gather us as Your offspring and knit us together with grace and mercy. In Your presence, there is fullness of love, joy, hope and peace. Thank you for being among us this day and with us in every moment of our being. Receive our praise, dwell in our midst, and create in us a heart that yearns for You and Your kingdom. In the name of Emmanuel, we pray. Amen.

Hymn

We Three Kings of Orient Are

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Prayer for Transformation and New Life

All: Eternal God, the dawn of a new year prompts us to reflect on our past and hope for our future. Help us live every day seeking Your way and moving on Your path. Help us commit to love and resolve to extend the grace and mercy we need from You and our neighbor. Make us new. Amen.

Words of Grace

Leader: The God who counts our days knows us intimately, loves us abundantly, and abides with us relentlessly. Receive the brand new mercies of this day. Hold the love of God closely, firmly, and freely. Transformation, grace, and new life is assured this day.

Gloria Patri

Children's Time

Passing of the Peace

Scripture Readings

Psalm 148
Hebrews 2:10-18
Matthew 2:13-23

Hymn

Jesus Entered Egypt

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 63:7-9

Sermon

“Celebrate God's Grace”
Minister Jarmani Dozier

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

God of Our Life

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Benediction

Postlude

We Three Kings of Orient Are

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

Refrain: (sung 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.

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.

Jesus Entered Egypt

Jesus entered Egypt fleeing Herod's hand,
Living as an alien in a foreign land.
Far from home and country with his family,
Was there room and welcome for this refugee?

Jesus was a migrant living as a guest
With the friends and strangers who could offer rest.
Do we hold wealth lightly so that we can share
Shelter with the homeless, and abundant care?

Jesus crosses borders with the wandering poor,
Searching for a refuge, for an open door.
Do our words and actions answer Jesus' plea:
"Give the lowly welcome, and you welcome me"?

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.

God of Our Life

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God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in Thee.
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, Thy hand we see.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
We own Thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.

God of the past, our times are in Thy hand; with us abide.
Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land; be Thou our guide.
With Thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,
And faith's fair vision changes into sight.

God of the coming years, through paths unknown we follow Thee.
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone, our refuge be.
Be Thou for us in life our daily bread,
Our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

LECTIONARY PASSAGES

| | <u>Today, January 1st, 2023</u> | <u>Next Sunday, January 8th</u> |
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| Old Testament | <i>Isaiah 63:7-9</i> | <i>Isaiah 42:1-9</i> |
| Psalm | <i>Psalm 148</i> | <i>Psalm 29</i> |
| New Testament | <i>Hebrews 2:10-18</i> | <i>Acts 10:34-43</i> |
| Gospel | <i>Matthew 2:13-23</i> | <i>Matthew 3:13-17</i> |

MEMORY VERSE

*Commit to the Lord whatever you do
and He will establish your plans.
Proverbs 16:3*

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today, January 1, 2023

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

Tuesday, January 3

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, January 4

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

6:30 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

Thursday, January 5

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

Friday, January 6

10:00 A.M. Flying Club in the Social Room

10:30 A.M. Book Club on Zoom

Saturday, January 7

9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom

10:00 A.M. "Undecorate" the Church

Sunday, January 8 - Communion

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

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

10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. LGBTQ & Discussion in Room 9/10

4:00 P.M. Youth Fellowship in the Youth Room

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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. THANK YOU for your continuing donations to the Food Barrel. Especially needed are: juice, soup, tuna and other canned meat, condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo), canned vegetables and fruits, peanut butter, cereals, crackers, coffee and tea..
6. 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).