

Celebration of Worship

First Sunday in Advent

November 30, 2025

9:30 A.M.

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

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Words of Welcome

Announcements

Reflection

Germany Kent

"The only way you're going to reach places you've never gone is if you trust God's direction to do things you've never done."

Ringin' of the Bell

Call to Worship

Family: The world says, "All is lost."

People: God says, "All is loved."

Family: The darkness says, "The light is dying."

People: The light says, "The fire is catching."

Family: Fear says, "Cover your eyes and your ears."

People: Hope says, "Wait, watch, and listen."

Family: We light this candle in hope.

Sung Response:

He came down that we may have hope;
He came down that we may have hope;
He came down that we may have hope;
Hallelujah forevermore.

Let us pray:

All: Lord Jesus, as we begin our Advent season and light the candle of HOPE, give us the energy and courage to stay awake and respond to your slightest nudge. Protect us from insensitivity. Grace us with the desire to walk in the light of your love. Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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Call to Confession

Leader: This is the time for us to wake from sleep; salvation is near to us. Let us then lay aside the tatters of sin and put on the armor of righteousness, asking our Savior for forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession

All: O God, we are steeped in a world of violence. War is one of the first things we learn, and we let it work its way into our lives. Your promises of peace sound like impossible dreams, and we become accustomed to cruelty.

Forgive us. Wrest our weapons from our hands and show us how beautiful life can be when you forge them into instruments of peace.

Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Know this: The God of Presence, the God of Transformation, the God of Peace hears our prayers and gives us power to love.

All: Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

Sung Response

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.

Passing of the Peace

One: With thanksgiving, we rejoice in the reconciliation found in the forgiveness and love of Jesus Christ. Let us therefore be reconciled with our neighbors and share signs of Christ's peace. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Leader: Holy God, our hope and strength, by the power of your Spirit, prepare the way in our hearts for the coming of your Word so that we may see the glorious signs of your promise fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

1st Scripture Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

Children's Time

Stu's Corner

"A Little Dove of Peace: A Children's Tale of Hope, Love and Unity"
by Shahzaib Anwar

Anthem

"A Time for Advent"

Chancel Choir

2nd Scripture Reading

Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon

"Keep Awake...Be Ready"

Rev. Susan Frost

*"Keep awake...and be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."
Matthew 24:42,44*

RESPONDING IN LOVE

Affirmation of Faith

from the Confession of 1967, 9.19

All: Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.

Hymn

There Is a Mighty Question Carolyn Gillette
(to the tune "O Jesus, I Have Promised") Screen

Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (Debts/debtors)

Invitation to the Offering

Leader: Come with gratitude and joy to the table of the Lord. Bring the works of your hands and the gifts of your lives as an offering of praise.

Please place your offering in the plates at the exit doors, mail your gifts to the church, or click the WPC website "Give" button. Thank you!

Sung Response

In the Bleak Midwinter # 36 – verse 4

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

Prayer of Dedication

All: We give you thanks and praise, O God, that you have built us up in faith and bound us together in love. By your grace, may all that we do show the glory of your name and serve the good of your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MOVING IN GOD'S WAY

Hymn

O God of Every Nation # 289

Charge

Leader: About that day and hour, no one knows. Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Be ready, for the Lord will come at an unexpected hour.

Sung Response *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* # 538 – verse 1

Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace.

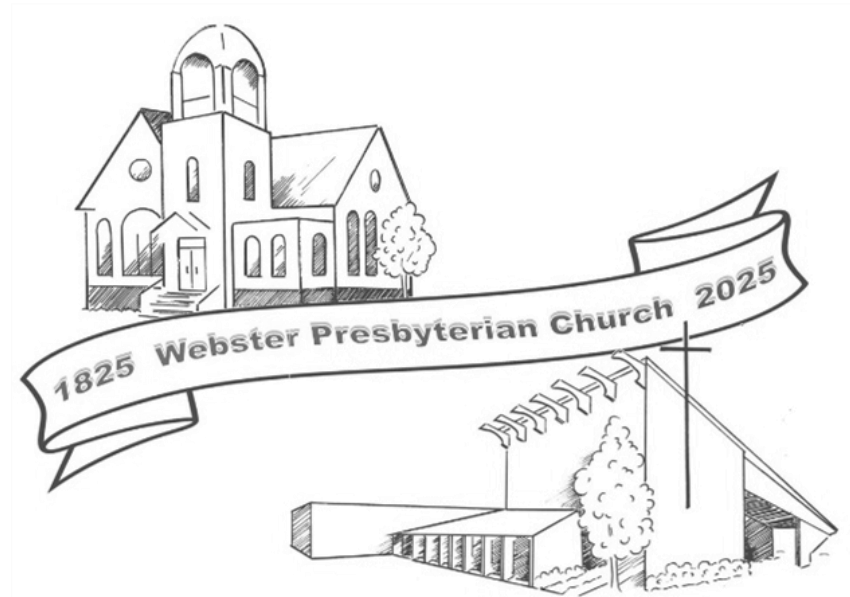
Let us each, Thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.

O refresh us; O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Blessing

Leader: May the grace of Christ, the love of God, and the Spirit's joy surround you as you walk in the light of the Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrating 200 Years



200 Years  Still Building

Matthew 16:18b – *on this rock I will build my church*

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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. You can live-stream at 9:30 or later at your leisure using:
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Websterpres/> or
YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UczM5thYxua2HQSPF6P71wA>
2. PREPARING FOR ADVENT by Richard Rohr will be the topic of today's Adult Ed. offering in Room 9/10 following the worship service.
3. ADVENT DEVOTIONALS to download were sent to you digitally yesterday. Entitled "Draw Near: Lighting the Advent Path with Hope, Peace, Joy and Love," and written by Teri McDowell Ott, editor and publisher at Presbyterian Outlook, it includes daily reflections, Scripture, prayers and children's artwork. If you need a hard copy, please email or call the office (265-9700) to make your request.
4. WPC WILL AGAIN PARTICIPATE in the Webster Parade of Lights! Join us this Saturday at 6:30 pm and walk (or ride) with us. Warm blankets, hot chocolate, caroling, and transportation will be provided. Please reach out to Heather Hewlett or Elissa Burke if you have any questions.
5. THE ANGEL TREE to benefit Williamson Come-Unity Center is up in the Narthex. Gifts are due back, unwrapped, by next Sunday and can be placed in the designated bins in the Narthex. To purchase gifts online, see the directions and a QR code to scan on the Angel Tree table in the Narthex. Gifts should ship no later than tomorrow so that they get here on time. Speak with Doreen Clark or Laura Oliver if you need help. There was an error with the QR code, so if you are planning to use it, please stop by the Angel Tree to pick up a new flyer or email Laura at loliver421@gmail.com to get the new code.
6. \$10 GIFT CARDS FOR MEN AT GRACE HOUSE are being collected from today until December 14 in the box in the Narthex on Sunday mornings and at the office at other times. The men appreciate cards for places that are easily accessible in the city, such as Walmart, Target, McDonald's, Wendy's, Burger King, and Chick-fil-A.
7. POINSETTIAS to be displayed in the Sanctuary may be ordered in the Narthex through December 14th. Red, white, pink or red-white plants are \$15 each with cash or checks made out to PWC, payable when you place your order.

Memory Verse

"When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger."

Luke 2:15-16

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, November 30

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-Streamed
- 9:45 A.M. SHINE Program for Children in PreK – 5th Grade in Room 3
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. "Preparing for Advent" study in Room 9/10
- 2:00 P.M. Cub Den in the Social Room

Monday, December 1

- 6:30 P.M. Girl Scout Troop 752 in the Memorial Room
ROC Ringers' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 6:45 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social Room
- 7:00 P.M. Session Meeting in Room 9/10

Tuesday, December 2

- 9:00 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:00 P.M. TOPS in Room 9/10

Wednesday, December 3

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
- 5:30 P.M. Nar-Anon in Room 9/10
- 6:45 P.M. Boy Scout Patrol Leaders in the Memorial Room
- 7:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

Thursday, December 4

- 7:30 A.M. Bible Study on Zoom
- 9:00 A.M. Glory Bells to Holy Trinity
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Friday, December 5

- 8:00 A.M. Heritage Christian Services Event in the Social Room
- 10:30 A.M. Books, Friends & Faith Meeting on Zoom

Saturday, December 6

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom
ROC Ringers' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 3:00 P.M. Cambridge Court Party in the Social Room
- 6:30 P.M. Webster Parade of Lights in the Village

Sunday, December 7

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-Streamed
- 9:45 A.M. SHINE Program for Children in PreK – 5th Grade in Room 3
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. "Preparing for Advent" study in Room 9/10

Lectionary Passages

	<u>November 30th</u>	<u>December 7th</u>
Old Testament	<i>Isaiah 2:1-5</i>	<i>Isaiah 11:1-10</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalms 12</i>	<i>Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19</i>
New Testament	<i>Romans 13:11-14</i>	<i>Romans 15:4-13</i>
Gospel	<i>Matthew 24:36-44</i>	<i>Matthew 3:1-12</i>