

Celebration of Worship

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2025

5:00 P.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

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Reflection

Frederick Buechner

"The birth of Jesus made possible
not just a new way of understanding life, but a new way of living it."

Ringling of the Bell

Introit

"Praise Ye, the Lord of Hosts"

Saint-Saëns

Chancel Choir

Call to Worship

Family: "Good news of great joy," the angel said, "for to you a savior
is born."

People: "Peace on earth," the choir sang, "for God reigns in the
highest."

Family: "Follow me," the star beckoned, "For Hope was born in
Bethlehem."

People: Emmanuel has come and is coming,

Family: As we light the Christ candle,

People: We watch for the Christmas story around us.

Family: We have watched; we have waited in hope; for peace; in joy
with love. Now our redemption draws near!

Sung Response

Screen

Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us pray

All: Living God, on this holy night we gather – to stand with
shepherds, amazed at our glory; to sing with angels,
rejoicing in your work; to wait with Joseph, trusting in
your promise; to sit with Mary, cradling your love. May
the good news of this night inspire us to tell the world of
our great joy; for to us is born a Savior, the Messiah, the
Lord. Glory and praise to you forever! Amen.

Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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Call to Confession

Leader: God came into a broken world, and we know all too well the
ways it is still broken and hurting. Let us confess the ways
we have done harm, that we may be part of the healing.

Prayer of Confession

All: Emmanuel, you have given us a gift that we can never
deserve. You do not ask us to be worthy. You do not ask us
to earn your love. Yet the ways we have fallen short threaten
to overtake us. But we know we can come to you, even on
this holiest of nights, to seek the forgiveness you offer so
freely, grateful for your mercy.

Moment of Silent Reflection and Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to us all!
With Christ's birth comes forgiveness and redemption.
Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace
among those whom God favors!

Sung Response

Gloria Patri

Screen

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Leader: Loving God, by the gift of your Spirit, teach us, like Mary, to
treasure your words and ponder them in our hearts, through
Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

Anthem

"Night of All Nights"

by Stephen Jones

Chancel Choir

2nd Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-20

Anthem

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

arr. Judy Phillips

Alleluia Bell Choir

Children's Time

Stu's Corner

Praying with the Nativity

Sermon

"God's Gift of Jesus"

Rev. Susan Frost

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given..." Isaiah 9:6

RESPONDING IN LOVE

Affirmation of Faith

Taken from the Confession of 1967, 9.27

All: The one sufficient revelation of God is Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate, to whom the Holy Spirit hears unique and authoritative witness through the Holy Scriptures, which are received and obeyed as the word of God written.

Hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High" # 23

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

MOVING IN GOD'S WAY

Hymn "Silent Night, Holy Night" # 60

Blessing and Benediction

Leader: From this house to yours, may you share in the gifts of the season. May Love, the promise of generations, attend you; Joy, the gift of life together, fill you; Peace, the desire of neighbor and nations, find you; Hope, the horizon of faith, sustain you. And may a very Merry Christmas be yours.

All: Amen.

Sung Response *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* # 29 – verse 3

Postlude

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. CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERING collections to provide emergency aid to retired pastors and scholarship aid to needy students of color continue through January 4th. Envelopes for your donation are in the chair racks or you can send a check to church.
3. ANNUAL REPORTS from Committee Chairpersons and Treasurers are due in the church office by Sunday, January 4th. You can submit your information by email to ghubbard@websterpres.org as a Word or Excel file, or bring a printed copy to the church office.



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