

# Celebration of Worship

January 18, 2026

9:30 A.M.

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

## Prelude

## Words of Welcome and Announcements

## Ringin' of the Bell

## Gathering Song

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.  
I can feel God's 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: O Lord, open our lips,

**People: And our mouths shall declare your praise.**

Leader: O Lord, open our eyes,

**People: So that we may behold your presence.**

Leader: O Lord, open our ears,

**People: So that we may hear your call to follow.**

Leader: O Lord, open our hearts,

**People: So that we may offer you worship in love and joy.**

## Hymn

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

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## Prayer of Adoration

Leader: God, our Creator and Redeemer, your faithfulness endures forever. You offer us new life in Christ Jesus and call us to follow him. You challenge us to bring life and hope to the world you love. In you, we find strength and courage to face every challenge. And so we offer our praise and gratitude to you, O God, with Christ and the Spirit, one God, now and always.

## Prayer of Confession

Leader: Assured of your loving-kindness, we confess to you our sins:

**People: Faithful God, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost, yet it's hard to recognize we have lost our way. We seek the next new thing instead of your gift of new life. We follow the trends of our culture rather than Jesus' example. Wash over us with your cleansing Spirit, and renew our commitment to follow your purposes revealed in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

## Moment of Silent Reflection

## Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Let us rejoice, for God has put a new song in our mouths! Trust in God's enduring love and mercy, washing over us every day. Know that forgiveness is yours through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## 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

## Children's Message

## Prayer for Understanding

**All: Holy One, you have blessed your people with wisdom over the ages. We seek your wisdom today. Send your Holy Spirit now, to give us understanding through your Word read and proclaimed this day.**

## 1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading

*I Corinthians 1:1-9*

## Anthem

*"Earth and All Stars"*

David N. Johnson  
Matthew Compton

Alleluia Bells

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading

*John 1:29-42*

## Sermon

Reverend Russ Roth

## Hymn

*Amazing Grace*

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## 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: God has given us a new song in our hearts, a song of thankfulness and praise. So we bring our gifts with thanksgiving and hearts cheered by God's goodness.

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!

## 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.

### Prayer of Dedication

**All:** Gracious God, we offer you our gifts with humble hearts. Each gift seems small on its own, so bless each one and those of your people throughout the Church. Through the work of your Holy Spirit, surprise us with all that our gifts can accomplish, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

**Leader:** God of purpose and promise, we open our hearts to you in prayer, trusting in your mercy to bear the burdens we carry. We thank you for the work and witness of your Church, bringing your Good News into many lives and situations throughout the earth. Today we pray for the unity of the church, and that where we are divided you will unite us; where our witness has grown weak, you will straighten us; where we are in error, you will correct us. We pray for congregations that are in ecumenical shared ministries and feeling the renewal of your Spirit.

**People:** Guide them with your grace.

**Leader:** We thank you for the healing that comes from your hand, O God, in times of reconciliation when your forgiving love is at work, and in times when pain is eased and grief is comforted. Today we pray for those whose emotions are raw, for those whose bodies are weakened and for any whose minds are troubled in any way.

**People:** Give them hope for new life with you.

**Leader:** We lift to you people around the world who work for justice and unity to prevail in the midst of division: in nations where conflict has broken out or repression rules, in places facing poverty, famine or destruction from disaster, and anywhere racial and ethnic disparities weaken common life.

**People:** Send your justice to bring relief and your peace to help understanding prevail.

**Leader:** As the followers of Jesus, give us the courage to unite not only in prayer, but also in action for the needs of this world. Strengthen us to work together, despite our differences, so others may see what it means to follow you in Christ's name.

**Hymn**

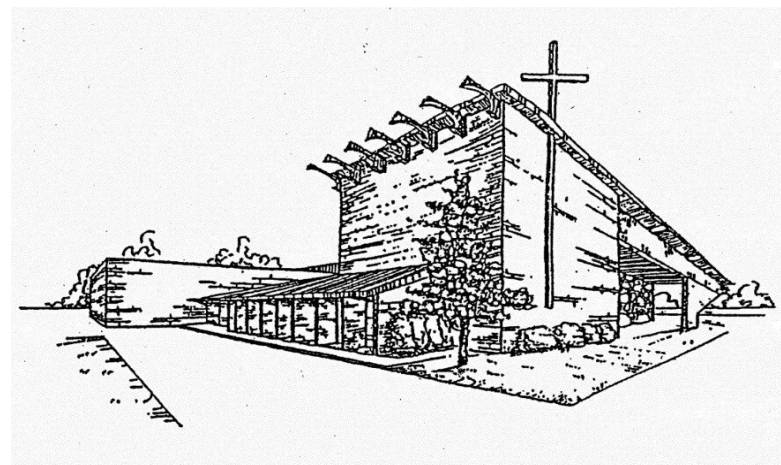
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**Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

## WEBSTER PRESBYTERIAN 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. THE BLANKET SUNDAY SPECIAL OFFERING will be collected through Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. Our donations enable Church World Service to provide warm blankets to those in need globally and across the USA. To give, use the special envelopes in the chair racks or send a check to the church office with "Blankets" in the memo line. Please give as generously as possible!
3. ADULT ED: Join the Mission Committee today in Room 9/10 after worship. We're welcoming Donna Gipner from Trinity Emmanuel, who will speak about their Saturday Morning Community Breakfast and Personal Care ministries. We hope to see you there!
4. SESSION HAS CALLED FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING of the congregation and corporation to be held on January 25<sup>th</sup> in the Social Room immediately following the worship service for the purpose of (1) Receiving and approving the annual reports of the governing bodies and organizations of the church; (2) Receiving the 2025 church budget; (3) Electing at-large members for the 2025 All-Church Nominating Committee; (4) Bringing forward any other appropriate items.
5. ANNUAL REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE for pick up in the Narthex. One copy per family, please.
6. THE FEBRUARY PATHWAY DEADLINE is this Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Please bring articles to the church office or email them to both [jchippero@websterpres.org](mailto:jchippero@websterpres.org) and [g Hubbard@websterpres.org](mailto:g Hubbard@websterpres.org) to ensure your submissions are received.

### Lectionary Passages

	January 18 <sup>th</sup>	January 25 <sup>th</sup>
Old Testament	<i>Isaiah 49:1-7</i>	<i>Isaiah 9:1-4</i>
Psalms	<i>Psalms 40:1-11</i>	<i>Psalms 27:1, 4-9</i>
New Testament	<i>I Corinthians 1:1-9</i>	<i>I Corinthians 1:10-18</i>
Gospel	<i>John 1:29-42</i>	<i>Matthew 4:12-23</i>

### Memory Verse

*I am about to do a new thing:  
now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.*  
*Isaiah 43:19*

## This Week's Calendar

### Sunday, January 18

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-Streamed
- 9:45 A.M. SHINE Program for Children in PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade in Room 3
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. – Mission Committee presentation in Room 9/10
- 12:00 P.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel

### Monday, January 19

- 4:00 P.M. Spiritual Nurture Meeting on Zoom
- 6:30 P.M. Mission Committee Meeting in Room 9/10

### Tuesday, January 20 – *Pathway Deadline*

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

### Wednesday, January 21

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast/Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
- 5:30 P.M. Nar-Anon in Room 9/10
- 6:00 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social and Basement Rooms
- 7:00 P.M. ONE in Christ Meeting on Zoom

### Thursday, January 22

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

### Friday, January 23

- 9:00 A.M. Flying Club in the Social Room
- 10:00 A.M. Heart and Hand in Room 4
- 10:30 A.M. Books, Friends & Faith Meeting on Zoom

### Saturday, January 24

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom  
ROC Ringers' Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 10:45 A.M. Girl Scout Troop 220 in the Memorial Room

### Sunday, January 25

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-Streamed
- 9:45 A.M. SHINE Program for Children in PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade in Room 3  
Youth Program for Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> in the Youth Room
- 10:45 A.M. Annual Meeting of the Congregation in the Social Room