

proclaim the holy birth, and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven. No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

### Pastoral Prayer

### DEDICATION AND RESPONSE

### Thanking God through the Offering

Doxology No. 606 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow  
OLD HUNDREDTH

### Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 136 Go, Tell It on the Mountain GO TELL IT

REFRAIN: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

#### REFRAIN

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! Above the earth rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.

#### REFRAIN

Down in a lowly manger the. Humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

#### REFRAIN

### \*Charge and Benediction

Benediction Response God Be With You Till We Meet Again

God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you; with a shepherd's care enfold you. God be with you till we meet again.

### Postlude

# Westhampton Presbyterian Church



*on Quogue*

*Founded 1742*



## Third Sunday of Advent

Join our LIVE streaming service on our website every Sunday morning at 10am.

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Faithfully Friendly For All – Always  
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**PREPARATION****Silent Meditation** *Isaiah 61:1-4*

*The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.*

**Prelude** *Wachet Auf, ruft uns die Stimme* BACH

**Greetings and Announcements****Introit****Call to Worship**

One: We gather in this holy place to bear witness to the Light.

**All: The love of God shines upon us and reveals the truth of God's mercy.**

One: We gather in this holy place to bear witness to the Truth.

**All: The truth of our gospel is good news for the oppressed and a balm for the brokenhearted.**

**Hymn 133** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELIS

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant; O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem! Come, and behold him, born the king of angels!*

REFRAIN: *O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*

*Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation; sing, all yet citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest!*

REFRAIN

*Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus to thee be all glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!*

REFRAIN

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath** Rich Schneider

**CONFESSION AND PARDON****Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Your love is good news for the oppressed, O Lord, and you bind up the brokenhearted. Forgive us, O God, when we think that your good news is only for us. Forgive us, O God, when we twist your gospel into something to fit comfortably in our lives. By your light, let us see beyond ourselves and into the world you love. By your grace, forgive us, and free us to try again.** (Time of Silence)

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Response of Praise No. 581** *Gloria Patri*

**A Virtual Exchange of Peace**

L: The peace of Christ be with you. P: And also with you.

**HEARING THE WORD OF GOD****Children's Sermon and the Lord's Prayer**

**Soloist** Jessica Howard

**Scripture Reading** John 1: 6-8, 19-28

L: This is the Word of the Lord. P: Thanks be to God!

**Sermon** *So that All May Believe* Rev. Vanessa Winters

**Hymn 121** *O Little Town of Bethlehem* ST. LOUIS

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

*For Christ is born of Mary and, gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love. O morning stars, together*

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR December 13-20, 2020

**SUNDAY**                    3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
10:00 AM                    Virtual Worship Service

**TUESDAY**  
7:00 PM                    Trustee Meeting

**SUNDAY**                    4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent  
10:00 AM                    Drive-In Worship Service  
4:00 PM                    Blue Christmas Service via Zoom  
*Link and dial-in info provided in Announcements*



The building remains closed at this time, but we are still here for you. Please call or email the church office during regular hours, Monday-Friday, 8:30am-3:30pm.

Church Treasurers Email: For all church financial inquiries, please email: [wpctreas@gmail.com](mailto:wpctreas@gmail.com)

Deacon's Medical closet: Please contact the church office.

**We Are Live!**

Visit the church website to attend our virtual worship services streaming live every Sunday at 10 am.

[www.westhamptonpresbyterian.org](http://www.westhamptonpresbyterian.org)

Click on "Live Church WebCam" in the right hand corner of the homepage.

**Christmas Joy Offering**

This Offering addresses the support needed by some of our leaders, including supporting leadership development for communities of color, and providing support for Presbyterian Church workers in their time of need. God has blessed the Church with incredible leadership in every time and place, but those leaders often need to be supported by their communities as well.

*We welcome you as we would welcome  
Christ Himself!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS for December 13, 2020

\*All scheduled in-person services have been suspended and changed to Virtual services, with no one attending in the sanctuary.

\*Drive-in services will remain as scheduled in December.

\*No Drive-in services are scheduled for January 2021 due to colder climates.

**\*Prayer Concerns**

**Recent:** Maureen Nelsen; Bob Wetter (Nancy & Wes Winters brother-in-law), pancreatic cancer; Robyn DeLorenzo, Ruth Duvall's granddaughter; Brendan Clavin, Nancy Hamma's son; Patrick J Knight, PLI Treasurer; John Lowe & Roberta Williams, friends of Vern Hackworth; Susan Sullivan, friend of Mary & John Hull; Kimberly Rogers Murawski; Dana Barrett, friend of Nancy Miller; Jay Sears

**Long Term:** Chelsey Carter Collins, Southampton Care Center; Russell Deihl; Brad Carbone; Gene Hubbard; John Comba; Dorothy Evans; Paul & Ellen Pfaff; Rev. John Kloepfer, home



### *Suspended In Person Services*

Please note that scheduled In Person Services have been changed to Virtual services with no one attending in the sanctuary. A reminder email was sent to those who had made prior reservations.

### *Christian Sympathy*

We give our deepest Christian sympathy to Kathy and Bob Tureski and their entire extended family on the passing of her beloved father, George Payne. Condolences may be sent to:

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Tureski  
PO Box 268  
East Quogue, NY 11942

### *Christian Sympathy*

We give our deepest Christian sympathy to Rev. Jeanne Baum and her entire extended family on the passing of her beloved husband, dear member and friend Robert Baum on December 6, 2020.

There are no services at this time.

Condolences may be sent to:

Rev. Jeanne Baum  
210 Martha Avenue  
East Patchogue, NY 11772

### *Pledging for 2021*

There are still 29 people who pledged donations to the church last year who have not pledged yet this year. Every pledge is vital, so please respond now if you are able. Mail to the church the pledge card or a note with your plan per week, month or year. You may also contact the church office with your pledge amount. We make our budget based on what is promised.

### *Christmas Face Masks*

Gini Wagner will be making Christmas Face masks for those who are interested. Please email her at [ginigw@optonline.net](mailto:ginigw@optonline.net).

### *Grocery Cards*

If you would like to purchase a grocery card, please see Lynne Jones at Lynne's Cards & Gifts on Main Street; Monday-Friday, 12pm-5pm.

### *Per Capita*

Your 2021 Per Capita apportionment is \$43.08 *per church member*. Look to your December Tidings for the article on Per Capita on page 4. All financial inquiries please contact Janet Hann, church treasurer at [wpctreas@gmail.com](mailto:wpctreas@gmail.com).

### *Worship Service schedule for December*

December 13<sup>th</sup>, 10 am Virtual service  
December 20<sup>th</sup>, 10 am outdoor service  
December 20<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm Blue Christmas via Zoom  
December 24<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm Christmas Eve outdoor service; everyone is to remain in their vehicles to accommodate more people attending.  
December 24<sup>th</sup>, 11 pm Christmas Eve *pre-recorded Chapel service will be viewable on our website or through YouTube.*  
December 27<sup>th</sup>, Virtual service provided by the Presbytery of Long Island

### *December 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm Blue Christmas Zoom Invitation*

Join this Zoom Meeting on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85648201959>

Meeting ID: 856 4820 1959

Or Dial by Phone

+19292056099, 85648201959# US (New York)

### *A Note from Presbyterian Women: Thank Offering*

Presbyterian Women have usually dedicated their Thank Offering boxes during a church service. Since this cannot happen this year, we ask that you please mail your check to the church: **Please make your check payable to "Presbyterian Women" and on the memo line -**

### *Thank Offering.*

Westhampton Presbyterian Church

Attn: Gale Seidler

90 Meeting House Rd.

Westhampton Beach, NY 11978

### *Online Sunday School Lessons*

New Sunday School Lessons available each Sunday at 8:00 am.

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