

Pastoral Prayer

DEDICATION AND RESPONSE

Thanking God through the Offering

Doxology No. 606 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

A Blessing of Gifts of the Church for the Coming Year

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION in ADVENT

Who is invited to the Lord's Table?

Why do we give thanks at this table?

Why do we eat and drink at this table?

Why do we remember at this table?

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Closing Prayer:

Jesus, you truly are Immanuel "God with us". In this season of hope, may the meal we've shared together nourish us to be your body in the world, your kingdom come, your will done on earth as it is in heaven. With the angels in heaven we join in singing your praises, Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

Hymn 611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY
Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays; stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, fall us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began. Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife. Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

***Charge and Benediction** *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 *The Shepherd's Carol* LI BRASS GUILD

Westhampton Presbyterian Church



on Quioque
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Advent

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PREPARATION

Silent Meditation *Isaiah 40:1-11*

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. "A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength; O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Prelude *The Gate of the Year*

Greetings and Announcements

Introit *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Call to Worship

One: A voice cries out in the wilderness,

All: "Prepare the way of the Lord!"

One: Let us line the road with beauty

All: and pave it with acts of justice.

One: For the Holy One is coming our way,

All: the giver of life and the source of living water.

Hymn 119 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* MENDELSSOHN

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king. Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations rise; join the triumph of the skies; with angelic host proclaim: "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord, late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity, pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!" Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, born that no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Howard Family

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Unison Prayer of Confession

"Prepare the way of the Lord," your prophet says to us. Forgive us when we have failed to prepare your way. Forgive us when we have stood in your way, when we walk around a neighbor in need, rather than encounter a chance for compassion. Forgive us, O Lord, and grant us assurance that the glory of your coming does not depend upon the righteousness of your followers. (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

Solo

O Holy Night

Joanna Howard

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:1-8

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

Sermon

The Promise of Baptism

Rev. Vanessa Winters

Hymn 83

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king, born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR December 6-13, 2020

SUNDAY **2nd Sunday of Advent**
10:00 AM Drive-In Worship service with Communion
12:00-3:00PM Rain date for Drive-Thru Wreath Sale
2:30 PM East End Hospice: Virtual "Tree of Lights"
Service

TUESDAY
5:15 PM Music & Worship
6:00 PM Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY
10:30 AM Staff Meeting

SUNDAY **3rd Sunday of Advent**
10:00 AM In-Person Worship service
Please register on our website-Limited seating



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

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

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS for December 6, 2020

For in-person worship:

*Please remember to be at church by 9:45 am for a timely check-in.

*You must register for service by the Wednesday before.

*Please remember to bring your health questionnaire with you. If you do not have a printer, you will need to fill one out on Sunday.

*The windows in the sanctuary will be open for proper air ventilation, please dress accordingly.

*There will be one bathroom open by the sanctuary for use during in person worship; one occupant at a time.

***Prayer Concerns**

Recent: George Payne (Kathy Tureski's father), Hospice at home; Bob Wetter (Nancy & Wes Winters brother-in-law), pancreatic cancer; Bob Baum, Brookhaven Healthcare Facility; Robyn DeLorenzo, Ruth Duvall's granddaughter; Brendan Clavin, Nancy Hama'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



Blessing of the 2021 Stewardship

During today's service, Rev. Vanessa Winters will be blessing the 2021 Stewardship that has come in thus far. If you have not sent your pledge cards in for the coming year, now is the time to do so.

Rain date today! Drive-Thru Christmas Wreath Sale

Rain date Dec. 6: Today, from 12 noon to 3 pm. Wreaths are \$40 each. Please make checks payable to "**Presbyterian Women.**"

Christmas Face Masks

Donna Williams and Gini Wagner will be in the parking lot with Christmas face masks after church each Sunday, with donations going to the Presbyterian Women.

Thanksgiving Baskets

Thank you to all who contributed to this year's Thanksgiving Baskets! Many families were able to enjoy a beautiful meal together.

Worship Service schedule for December

December 6th, 10 am outdoor service with communion

December 13th, 10 am in-person service * (30 person max)

December 20th, 10 am outdoor service

December 20th, 4 pm Blue Christmas in-person service* (30 person max)

December 24th, 5 pm Christmas Eve outdoor service; please bring your own flashlight/candle/light source.

December 24th, 11 pm Christmas Eve pre-recorded Chapel service will be viewable on our website or through YouTube.

December 27th, 10 am in-person service* (30 person max)

*You must register on our website for all indoor services, due to Covid-19 capacity limitations. www.westhamptonpresbyterian.org

Grocery Cards

If you would like to purchase one for yourself or the Thanksgiving Baskets, 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.

Adopt-A-Family

Thank you to everyone who is participating in this year's Adopt-A-Family program! Please wrap and clearly label your gifts with the recipients' name and family number. All gifts are to be delivered to the Immaculate Conception Church Parish Center DOWNSTAIRS CLASSROOMS, December 4th–14th: Mon.-Wed. 9am and 5pm; Thurs.-Fri. 9am-2pm; Sat.–Sun. 10am-12pm. Please contact Deborah Busking if you would still like to participate or if you have any questions, 631-786-9636.

Please do not drop off packages to Westhampton Presbyterian Church as the building is closed.

BLUE CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 20th at 4pm in the sanctuary

It is for everyone, but in particular those who have lost a loved one or for whom this time of year is sad, lonely, or both. Please register on our website if you plan to attend. Seating is limited.

Poinsettias

Red poinsettia plants may be ordered to adorn the sanctuary on December 20th and 27th at a cost of \$18 per plant. The deadline for orders is December 15th. Please make your checks payable to Westhampton Presbyterian Church (memo: Poinsettias.)

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:

Westhampton Presbyterian Church

Attn: Gale Seidler

90 Meeting House Rd.

Westhampton Beach, NY 11978

Please make your check payable to "Presbyterian Women" and on the memo line - Thank Offering.

Online Sunday School Lessons

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

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