

Lighting of the Christ Candle

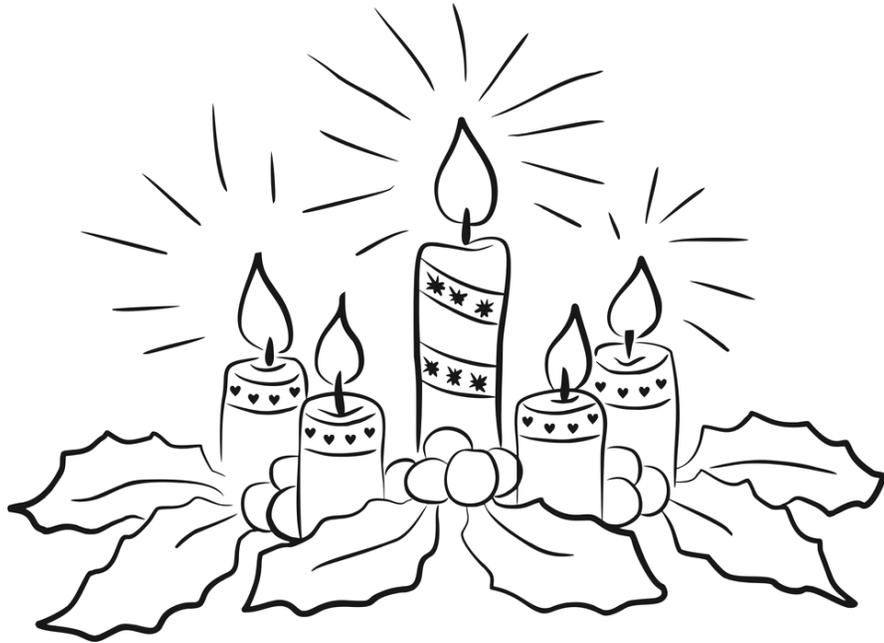
Concluding Prayer

Closing Music

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*All are most welcome at this "Blue Christmas" service which recognizes that the joys of this time of year are often lost on those whose burdens are heavy.*

*The flowers are dedicated to the glory of God by Cheryl Van Tuyle in memory of all lost loved ones represented in the worshipers this afternoon. You are invited to take a rose as a reminder of this service.*



*Those having no church home are welcome at all services of the Westhampton Presbyterian Church. Friday, December 24, there will be special Christmas Eve liturgies of lessons, carols, and candle lighting in our Sanctuary at 5:00 PM, and in the Quogue Chapel at 10:00 PM.*

*We will worship at our normal Sunday morning time of 10:00 AM next Sunday, December 26.*

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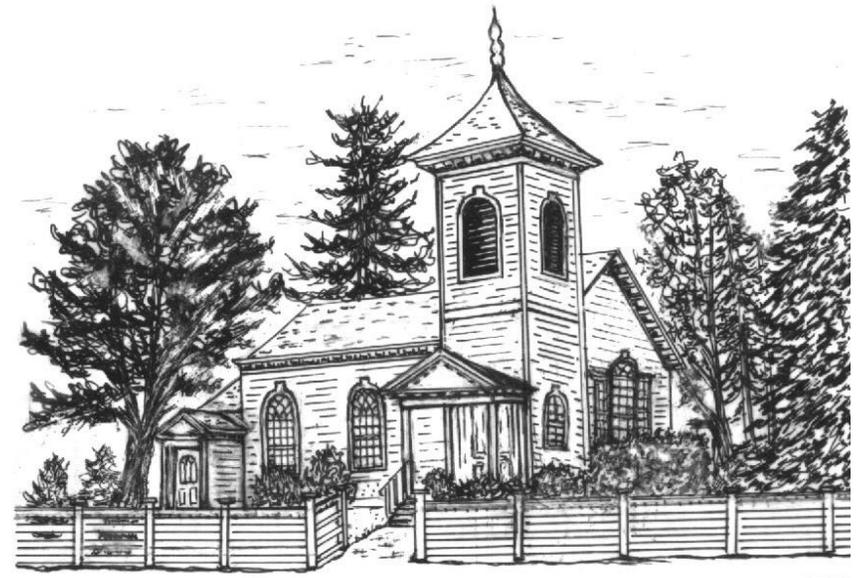
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SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 10:00 A.M.

CHURCH SCHOOL FOLLOWING CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



**Silent Meditation**    *Isaiah 40: 1, 25-31*

*Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,*

*“My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God”? Have you not known? Have you not heard?*

*The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.*

**Words of Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

ONE: In the midst of this season when we celebrate the hope of Christ’s coming, we come together to share our grief.

**ALL: The Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth.**

ONE: In the midst of this season when we celebrate the peace that Christ brings, we come together to acknowledge our pain.

**ALL: All who receive Christ are given the power to become children of God.**

ONE: In the midst of this season when we celebrate the joy of Christ’s coming, we come together to name our fears.

**ALL: What has come into being through Christ is life, and that life is the light of all people.**

ONE: In the midst of this season when we celebrate the love that Christ brings, we come together to be upheld in our struggles.

**ALL: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness will not overcome it.**

ONE: Let us worship Emmanuel, God with us, in the midst of all the celebration and sorrow of this season.

**Hymn 88**    *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*    VENI EMMANUEL

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**Prayers for Those who are Hurting**

**Hymn 108**    *Of the Father’s Love Begotten*

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

**Responsive Psalm: Psalm 121**

One: I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

**All: My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

One: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

**All: He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

One: The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

**All: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

One: The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

**All: The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

**Scripture**    John 1:1-17

**Reflection**

**Hymn 144**    *In the Bleak Midwinter*    CRANHAM

**Lighting of Candles**~ You are invited to come forward and light a candle as a prayerful act of lament, petition, reconciliation, or thanking.