

Children's Christmas Pageant 'Twas the Day of the Pageant
Charge and Benediction
Postlude "Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful" Hofland

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Rev. Vanessa Winters is looking for folks to sign up for the Advent Wreath Readings as well as volunteers to read scripture at the Christmas Eve services. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Any questions, please see Rev. Winters.

*Faithfully Friendly For All – Always
Welcome † Include † Involve*

*Westhampton Presbyterian Church
on Quioque*



Founded 1742



Second Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 10 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL FOLLOWING CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10th, 2023

**Please stand as able*

Please silence all cell phones

PREPARATION

Silent Meditation *Isaiah 40:1-11*

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will 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 like grass, and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field. The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the LORD blows on them. Surely the people are grass. The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever." You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

Prelude "In the Bleak Midwinter" Piano Solo

Greetings and Announcements

Ring of the Bell

Introit "What Can I Give Him" Arr. Mark Hayes

*Call to Worship

One: Into the dry and desolate places of our lives, God brings salvation.

All: The desert rejoices and blossoms, the wilderness teems with life.

One: Sorrow and singing will flee:

All: let us come into God's presence with singing!

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

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Ketner/Gillin Family

CONFESSION AND PARDON

*Unison Prayer of Confession:

Magnificent God, it is easy to rejoice at the wilderness bursting into bloom and the hungry being filled with good things. We may not want the powerful to be brought down or the rich to be sent away empty. We know that sometimes, we are the powerful. Sometimes, we are the rich. Sometimes we are the ones with privilege, ignoring and harming those you would lift up. Forgive us, humble us, and refocus us, that we may follow your way of life and truth. (Time of Silence)

Assurance of Pardon

*Response of Praise No. 581 "Gloria Patri"

Exchange of Christ's Peace

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

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn 145 "What Child Is This?" GREENSLEEVES

DEDICATION AND RESPONSE

Thanking God through the Offering

*Doxology 606 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"
OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR December 10-17, 2023

<u>TODAY</u>	2nd Sunday of Advent
9:15 AM	Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM	Worship followed by Children's Christmas Pageant
11:00 AM	Santa Brunch!
11:45 AM	Christmas Caroling to the home bound
<u>TUESDAY</u>	
2:00-3:30 PM	E.E.H. Adult Bereavement Group
5:00-7:00 PM	E.E.H. Children's Bereavement Group
6:00 PM	Session Meeting
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	
9:15 AM	Mission Committee Meeting
11:00 AM	Staff Meeting
12:00 PM	PW December Luncheon
<u>THURSDAY</u>	
8:00AM-5:00PM	Preschool – Parish Hall
<u>FRIDAY</u>	
7:30 PM	East End Women's Choir Concert
<u>SATURDAY</u>	
5:00-7:00 PM	Christmas Cocktail Party
<u>SUNDAY</u>	3rd Sunday of Advent
9:15 AM	Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM	Worship accompanied by the LI Brass
2:00 PM	Blue Christmas Service - Quogue Chapel

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS for December 10, 2023

***Please sign the guest book so that the church can stay connected with you.**

***Large print bulletins and hymns have been created as a full page for easy reading. Ask an usher for assistance.**

***Prayer Concerns**

Recent: Ruth Feitl, Karl Feitl's mother; Theresa Caponi & Family; Libby Hirsch, cancer, Tom Rogers' cousin; Raymond Hann; Trisha Knotoff (Hospice Care), Kathy Tureski's sister-in-law; Terry Heffernan(chemo), friend of Mimi & Stu Wood; Jane Busking; Vita Collery, cancer, Karen Derryberry's cousin; Ralph Neubauer; Amanda Walters, cancer, friend of Karen Derryberry; Helen Fitzsimons; Kevin Fitzgerald; Marjorie Ridgway, home;

Long Term: Phyllis Styrzo, Hamptons Center for Rehab; Kimberly Rogers Murawski; Ralph Downs, Florida; Dana Barrett, friend of Nancy Miller; Chelsey Carter Collins, Hamptons Center for Rehab; Ellen Pfaff; Dottie Evans

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Sound/Audio/Visual Operator

Bruce Qua, Bill McDaris

Ushers

Tom & Randi DeMayo

Flowers

*The flowers on the chancel are giving to the Glory of God
in memory of my father, George Payne and
in celebration of the Children's Christmas Pageant this morning.*

By Kathy Tureski

Santa Brunch

Join us in the Parish Hall after the Children's Christmas Pageant this morning for brunch! Parents, don't forget your cameras for pictures with Santa!

Presbyterian Women: December Luncheon

The Presbyterian Women would like to invite the men to join our holiday luncheon of lasagna on Wednesday, December 13th at 12 noon. Betsy Doyle will be leading us in singing holiday music after lunch. Please sign up on the bulletin board so we can plan numbers.

LI Brass and Poinsettias Dedications

On December 17th, the Long Island Brass Guild will be playing once again during worship. Contributions may be dedicated in memory or in honor of a loved one to help offset the cost. In addition, dedications with red poinsettia plants may be ordered to adorn the sanctuary for the Christmas season at a cost of \$18 per plant. Make checks payable to: "Westhampton Presbyterian Church". Please fill out and return your form(s) by December 12th to be dedicated in the bulletin on December 17th.

Blue Christmas Service

For those whose hearts are heavy during the holidays, please join Westhampton Presbyterian Church for our Blue Christmas service, on Sunday December 17th at our Quogue Chapel at 2 pm. This is a quiet contemplative service for everyone, but especially those who have lost a loved one or are feeling sad, lonely or both.

Maureen's Haven

Thank you all for the support that you continue to give for this mission. Volunteers are needed on the 3rd Monday each month through the winter. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board with available dates. See Rev. Vanessa if you have any questions.

Christmas Cocktail Party

Come join us for drinks, hors d'oeuvres and Christmas cheer! Saturday, December 16, 5:00pm–7:00pm at the home of Elizabeth Shane & Lou Pizzarello, 136 South Country Road in Remsenburg. Tickets available during coffee hour or in the church office. \$50 each or \$80 per couple, (suggested donation)

Adopt a Family

Once again, our church will be participating in the Adopt a Family program. Please stop by the Adopt a Family table during coffee hour today and consider "adopting" someone for Christmas. For further detail see Tracy Speed Zollweg or Sharon Conway.

Christmas Ornaments

Don't forget to pick up your ornament of our beloved church, on sale now for \$20 each during coffee hour or in the church office. Give as gifts or adorn your own tree!

Youth Group Happenings

Heifer collection will happen every third Sunday of the month during our "Children's Message." Bring your quarters and help support us in reaching our goal to purchase an Ark!

Candlelit Christmas Concert

You are invited, Friday, December 15, 2023 at 7:30 PM the East End Women's Choir, will be presenting a Candlelit Christmas at Westhampton Presbyterian Church, under the direction of Kamilla Ozman. This program is roughly based on the Anglican Advent service of Nine Lessons and Carols and is centered on both seasonal and non-seasonal classical sacred music with interspersed poetry readings. Candlelit Christmas has become a traditional seasonal favorite for East End Women's Choir audiences and the East End alike. The concert features selections by organist Tom Zatorski, soprano Emma Ozman, a brass choir as well as a bell choir. We invite you to join us in the singing of the Carols.

Annual Reports

Boards and Committees, please start to think about your Annual Reports for 2023. Reports should be emailed to admin@westhamptonpresbyterian.org no later than January 5, 2024 in preparation of the Annual meeting.

Christmas Bazaar Gratitude

We thank you for all the effort that was given by all who were able to lend a hand crafting, baking, clean up/set up before, during and after the Christmas Tea & Bazaar. Always a favorite each year and always a pleasure to work together.

And laying in that cradle he started the call,
To follow and lead creatures big and small.

Remember I am always here in your need,
Whether big or small; please all do good deeds.

But most of all at this time of the year,
“Happy Birthday, Merry Christmas, I am near!”

CAST & CREW MEMBERS:

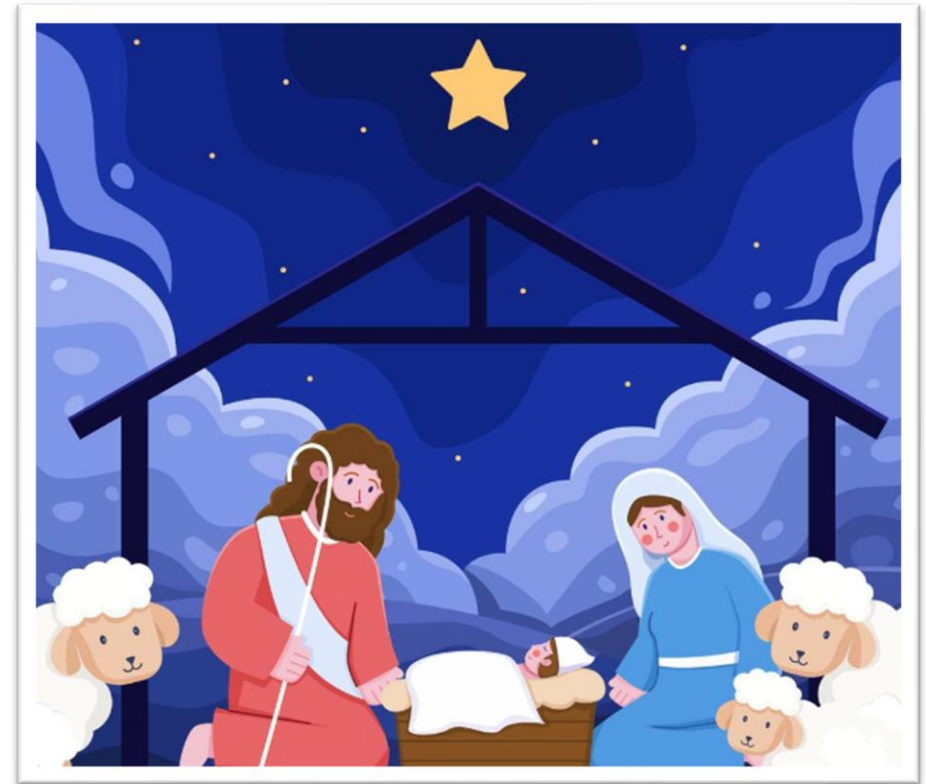
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Luke Hewitt

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Cameron Hipp
Abbygail Lappin
Evelyn Lappin
Christopher Lynch
Manny Winters
Wesley Winters



“T WAS THE DAY OF THE PAGEANT”

based on the classic poem by Clement C. Moore
Rewritten & Directed by Kimet Speed



“Twas the Night Before Christmas”- also known as “A Visit” was written in 1822 by a man in Troy, New York. It was anonymously published for years until nearly two decades later in 1844, Clement C. Moore admitted writing it.

“T WAS THE DAY OF THE PAGEANT”

'Twas the day of the pageant, when all through the sanctuary,
All the children were stirring to tell the story of Mary.

The garlands were hung on the windows with care,
To help spread some cheer to all who were there.

The children were nestled all snug in their seats,
While visions of the Santa Brunch made all want to eat.

And Vanessa in her robe and Ginger in her harness,
Had just settled down to hear the story upon us.

When out by the door there grew quite a crowd,
Of children with Pete, ringing the bell really loud.

Back from the doorway, they flew like a flash,
Ready to finish the story, which will be a smash.

The bible tells of the star shining bright,
That guided Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem one night.

When what to Mary's wondering eyes did appear,
But an inn with no room and a manger with deer.

With her husband, Joseph, quite tired and proud,
The savior would come safely, of this they had vowed.

With words of angels, ringing in their ears,
He found the best place for the baby so dear.

Now shepherds now kings,
Now children and men
On women and babies
Oxen and hen
Come gather and see
The miracle of all
Now gaze upon the savior

For one and for all.

As skeptics and doubters will all shake their head
When faced with news like wildfire has spread.
So disbelief and fear across the land flew,
But so did the story we believe to be true.

The baby king Jesus, our God's special son
Had come to spread peace for all and for one.

All 'round his head a halo shown bright
And spread God's love all through the night.

He was dressed in a cloth that Mary had found
He smiled in her arms and made not a sound.

A bundle of joy he was laid on his back,
And he looked like an angel with nothing to lack.

His eyes—how they twinkled! His dimples, how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry.

The sweet little mouth was peaceful and calm
And the shepherd chorus recited a psalm.

All praised our loving father for sharing this gift,
The gift of a baby, made all spirits lift.

He brought the promise of peace, of love, of joy,
All of these things in a sweet baby boy.

He came to Mary, a miracle foretold,
Gabriel, the angel, said there were tidings to Behold.

A cold winter's night and a tiny baby's head,
Soon gave us to know we have nothing to dread.

He will spread forgiveness, and peace through his work
He'll remind us that his father's love is a perk.