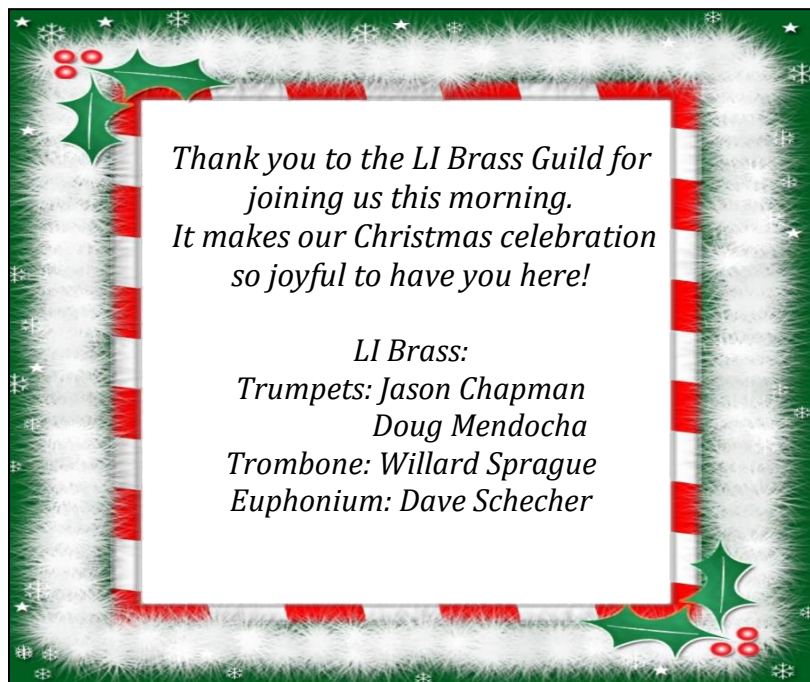


*Hymn 136 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" GO TELL IT

Charge and Benediction

Postlude Long Island Brass Guild



Join us Sunday, December 24, at our normal Sunday morning time of 10:00 AM and for special Christmas Eve liturgies of lessons, carols, and candle lighting in our Sanctuary at 5:00 PM, and at the Quogue Chapel at 9:00PM.

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Westhampton Presbyterian Church
on Quogue



Founded 1742



3rd Sunday of Advent

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

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17th, 2023

**Please stand as able*

Please silence all cell phones

PREPARATION

Silent Meditation *Isaiah 6:1-4, 8-11*

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" He said, "Go and tell this people: "'Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving.' Make the heart of this people calloused; make their ears dull and close their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed." Then I said, "For how long, Lord?" And he answered: "Until the cities lie ruined and without inhabitant, until the houses are left deserted and the fields ruined and ravaged.

Prelude Long Island Brass Guild

Greetings and Announcements

Ringling of the Bell

Introit Fanfare for Christmas Martin Shaw

*Call to Worship

One: We stand on the cusp:
All: the promise is almost fulfilled.
One: We wait with bated breath:
All: the child is almost there.
One: We trust the well-loved story:
All: God is truly with us.

*Hymn 119 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" MENDELSSOHN

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

CONFESSION AND PARDON

*Unison Prayer of Confession:

Shepherd of our souls, we anticipate your coming but do not feel ready. We have done too much, and not done enough. We have focused too much on ourselves, and not enough on others. Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we might be saved.
(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.**

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Sermon

Anthem "Gloria" (from the "Christmas Cantata")
Daniel Pinkham

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

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

Sermon "A Man Sent from God" Rev. Vanessa Winters

*Hymn 132 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"
IN DULCI JUBILO

Pastoral Prayer

Anthem "E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come" Paul Manz

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 17-24, 2023

<u>TODAY</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
<u>MONDAY</u>	
5:00 PM	Maureen's Haven
<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
<u>SUNDAY</u>	4th Sunday of Advent-Christmas Eve
9:15 AM	Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM	Worship with carols
5:00 PM	Candlelit Christmas Eve Service
9:00 PM	Chapel: Candlelit Christmas Eve Service

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Pastoral Care

Rev. Vanessa Winters

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-A.A. Meetings: Sat. 10am (parking area or choir room); Wed. & Sun. 6:30pm Parish Hall; Sun. 12pm classroom

-Bulletin announcements must be received to the office by Wednesday each week to be included in the Sunday bulletin.

-Tidings Articles are due by the 20th each month to be included in the monthly newsletter. All are welcome to participate!

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS for December 17, 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; 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 & Jane Otis

Dedications

Please see the insert of your bulletin for the beautiful Poinsettia plant and LI Brass dedications given by our congregation.

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 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!

Russ to the Rescue

After the Santa Brunch, an enthusiastic group of 8 got ready to leave the church to go caroling and the van wouldn't start. Russ Babis came to the rescue with his car and jumper cables and got the van started! We had 7 successful stops to shut ins while leaving the bus running so we weren't stranded anywhere! Thanks to all who participated!

Kathy & Bob Tureski

Christine Haddad

Janet Hann

Justin and his dog Gracie

Pete & Gale Seidler

Russ Babis

Thank you!

A big thank you to all who helped in preparing the food, set up/clean up, and to all who were able to attend!

Stewardship

Pledge cards are still trickling in. Please be sure to hand in your 2024 pledge card via mail or the offering plate.

Please help us establish a budget by sending in your pledge now. We can't make a budget until all of the pledges are in.

-For those who don't remember what they pledged last year or don't know what they still owe for this year, consider using our online source, called Servant Keeper. Type in <https://servantkeeper.com/member-portal/westhampton-presbyterian-church>. If you haven't used it before you will have to join with an email and a password. Open it up and you will see in blue "Overview" and then "pledging" and you will be amazed at all the financial information on your giving.

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.