Thanking God through the Offering

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

Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 113 "Angels We Have Heard on High" GLORIA

Charge and Benediction

Postlude In Dulci Jubilo J.S. Bach

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Westhampton Presbyterian Church on Quiogue



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Christmas Eve 10am Service

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

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 10:00 a.m. December 24, 2023

Please silence all cell phones.

*Please stand as able.

PREPARATION

Silent Meditation 2 Samuel 1:1-11

After the death of Saul, David returned from striking down the Amalekites and stayed in Ziklag two days. On the third day a man arrived from Saul's camp with his clothes torn and dust on his head. When he came to David, he fell to the ground to pay him honor. "Where have you come from?" David asked him. He answered, "I have escaped from the Israelite camp." "What happened?" David asked. "Tell me." "The men fled from the battle," he replied. "Many of them fell and died. And Saul and his son Jonathan are dead." Then David said to the young man who brought him the report, "How do you know that Saul and his son Jonathan are dead?" "I happened to be on Mount Gilboa," the young man said, "and there was Saul, leaning on his spear, with the chariots and their drivers in hot pursuit. When he turned around and saw me, he called out to me, and I said, 'What can I do?'" He asked me, 'Who are you?'"An Amalekite,' I answered. "Then he said to me, 'Stand here by me and kill me! I'm in the throes of death, but I'm still alive." So I stood beside him and killed him, because I knew that after he had fallen he could not survive. And I took the crown that was on his head and the band on his arm and have brought them here to my lord." Then David and all the men with him took hold of their clothes and tore them.

Prelude

Adeste Fideles

Jeanne Demessieu

Greetings and Announcements

Ringing of the Bell

Introit "Angels From the Realms of Glory" Arr. Jack Schrader

*Call to Worship

One: O sing to the Lord a new song,

All: for the true light has come into the world!

One: Break forth into singing,

All: for in Christ is life!

One: The Word has become flesh and lives among us,

All: and we have seen God's glory, full of grace and truth!

*Hymn 88 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

VENI EMMANUEL

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Stevens Family

CONFESSION AND PARDON

*Unison Prayer of Confession:

O Christ, reflection of God's glory, let this be a day that changes us. Let this be a day that challenges us to live as those you have blessed. Let this be a day that we find not only forgiveness, but a new way forward. Renew your call to us. Save us, forgive us, and inspire us to allow our lives to be imbued with your presence. (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 "While Shepherds Watched Their Sheep By Night"

Arr. Hugo Jungst

Scripture Reading Luke 1:26-38

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

Sermon "Magnificat" Rev. Vanessa Winters

*Hymn 147 "The First Nowell" THE FIRST NOWELL

Pastoral Prayer

DEDICATION AND RESPONSE

THIS WEEK'S CAI	LENDAR December 24-31, 2023
TODAY	4 th 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
<u>MONDAY</u>	Christmas Day – office closed
MONDAY TUESDAY	Christmas Day – office closed Office Closed
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TUESDAY	Office Closed
TUESDAY SUNDAY	Office Closed 1st Sunday of Christmas



Pastoral Care

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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 24, 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: Family & Friends of Fran Graham; 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



Sound/Audio/Visual Operator

Bruce Qua, Bill McDaris

<u>Ushers</u>

Sharon Conway and Jean Seyfert

Poinsettias

The Poinsettia flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration of our members and friends.



In loving memory of Anjele Kalfayan – Beloved friend. By Bob & Kathleen Johnson

Maureen's Haven

Thank you all for the support that you continue to give for this mission. Volunteers are needed on the $3^{\rm rd}$ 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.

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, but 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

Santa Brunch 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!

Adopt A Family Thanks

Many thanks to All who contributed to this year's Adopt A Family Mission. Due to your participation and spirit of giving, as well as a very generous donation, all 49 people were "adopted"! Your gifts surely helped to brighten someone's Christmas.

2024 Offering Envelopes-New Envelope numbers

2024 offering boxes will be available in the rear of the sanctuary on Sunday, December 31st. **Please take notice:** you will have a new envelope number assigned to you, be sure to check the name on the box before picking up.

If you do not have an assigned envelope number and would like to receive an offering box, please contact the church office.

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.