#### **DEDICATION AND RESPONSE**

Thanking God through the Offering

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

Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Concluding Prayer (In Unison):

We have been fed, Holy One, by your presence.

We have been led, Eternal One, by your light.

May we bask in this glow now and forevermore. Amen.

\*Hymn 618 "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"
DEO GRACIAS

Charge and Benediction

Postlude "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Wilbur Held

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Faithfully Friendly For All – Always Welcome . Include . Involve

# Westhampton Presbyterian Church on Quiogue



Founded 1742



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

# First Sunday in Advent

December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

#### **PREPARATION**

Silent Meditation Isaiah 64:1-9

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved? All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away. No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and have given us over to our sins. Yet you, LORD, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be angry beyond measure, LORD; do not remember our sins forever. Oh, look on us, we pray, for we are all your people.

Prelude "As With Gladness Men of Old" Wilbur Held

# **Greetings and Announcements**

Ringing of the Bell

Introit "Prepare the Way of the Lord" Michael Larkin

\*Call to Worship

One: God's vision of peace is a realm where all live together in harmony,

All: enemies become friends; fear gives way to understanding.

One: God calls us to be this community;

All: let us gather together for worship.

\*Hymn 127 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

#### **CONFESSION AND PARDON**

\*Unison Prayer of Confession:

God of all creation, your vision of peace is beyond our knowing. We have been hurt and we have seen destruction, so we turn around and hurt others, destroying what you have called good. Forgive us, and fill us with your knowledge, so we may help bring forth your peaceful kingdom. (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

Anthem "Visit Us Emmanuel" Pepper Choplin

Scripture Reading Mark 13:24-37

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

Sermon "Keeping Watch" Rev. Vanessa Winters

\*Hymn 129 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" ES IST EIN' ROS

# Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

# Pastoral Prayer

THIS WEEK'S CAL	ENDAR December 3-10, 2023
<b>TODAY</b>	1st Sunday of Advent
9:15 AM	Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM	Worship followed by Coffee Hour
10:00 AM	Children's Advent Festival
11:15 AM	Choir Rehearsal
2:30 PM	"Tree of Lights" service at the Gazebo
<b>TUESDAY</b>	
2:00-3:30 PM	E.E.H. Adult Bereavement Group
5:00-7:00 PM	E.E.H. Children's Bereavement Group
7:00 PM	Deacons Meeting
THURSDAY	
10:00 PM	Men's Fellowship Group
SUNDAY	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 home bound



# 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 3, 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: 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



## Sound/Audio/Visual Operator

Bruce Qua, Bill McDaris

## <u>Ushers</u>

Sharon Conway - Pam Chance Herzing Janet Otis - Louise Smith

## Fruits of the Harvest

The flowers on the chancel are giving to the Glory of God in celebration of Lisa's birthday.

Love, the Jornitz Family

#### 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 12<sup>th</sup> to be dedicated in the bulletin on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Men's Fellowship Group

We will meet in the conference room on Thursday. December 7<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Good conversation and goodies always served.

#### 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.

#### Maureen's Haven

Thank you all for the support that you continue to give for this mission. Volunteers are needed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!

# Santa Brunch



Come join us for our Santa Brunch, Sunday, December 10th after our Children's Christmas pageant. Tickets on sale during coffee hour and in the church office. \$20 adults, \$15 children and \$50 for families. Brunch is provided. Donations of baked goods are welcomed. - Also, join us for Christmas Caroling to the home bound after the Santa Brunch!

#### "Tree Of Lights" Service

East End Hospice invites you to join their annual "Tree of Lights" Service in memory of friends and loved ones. Join them at the Gazebo on the Village Green on Main Street, Sunday, December 3 at 2:30pm. Our very own Rev. Winters will be participating.

# 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.