

Charge and Benediction

Postlude "All Glory Be to God on High"  
Johann Pachelbel



*Westhampton Presbyterian Church*



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

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

*\*Please stand as able*

*Please silence all cell phones*

## PREPARATION

Silent Meditation Revelation 21:1-4

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them and be their God;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

Prelude “Savior of the Nations, Come”

Johann Heinrich Buttstedt

Greetings and Announcements

Ringling of the Bell

Introit “O Little One”

**\*Call to Worship**

One: Glory to you, Almighty God, for you sent our only begotten Son, that we might have new life.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus, for you became flesh and dwelt among us that we might become your people.

One: Glory to you, Holy Spirit, for you direct and rule our lives.

All: Glory to you, Almighty God, and to your Son Jesus Christ and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

**\*Hymn 119** “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” MENDELSSOHN

## CONFESSION AND PARDON

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession:**

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of the world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you I the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

One: Grace upon grace; mercy upon mercy; hope upon hope; these are the gifts God pours out on us in this moment and in all the moments of our lives to come.

**All: Thanks be to God. We are filled to overflowing with God’s love and peace. We are forgiven. Amen.**

**\*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 “Rise Up Shepherd and Follow” Arr. Gordon Thornett

Scripture Reading Luke 2:22-40

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

Sermon “A New Day” Rev. Nancy Steeger-Jennings

**\*Hymn 123** “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” CAROL

Pastoral Prayer

## DEDICATION AND RESPONSE

Thanking God through the Offering

**\*Doxology 606** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication

**\*Hymn 134** “Joy to the World”

ANTIOCH

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR Dec. 31, 2023-January 7, 2024

**TODAY**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas  
Rev. Nancy Steeger-Jennings

9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 AM Worship followed by Coffee hour

**MONDAY**

Happy New Year! Church office closed

**TUESDAY**

2:00-3:30 PM E.E.H. Adult Bereavement Group  
7:00 PM Deacons Meeting

**THURSDAY**

10:00 AM Men's Fellowship Group

**SUNDAY**

Baptism of the Lord - Communion  
9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 AM Worship followed by Coffee hour

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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 31, 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

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**Sound/Audio/Visual Operator**

Bruce Qua, Bill McDaris

**Ushers**

Tom Rogers & Linda Perritt

**Flowers**

The flowers this morning are given in celebration of the New Year.

By Christine Haddad

### *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.

### *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!

### *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 are in the rear of the sanctuary. **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](mailto:admin@westhamptonpresbyterian.org) no later than January 5, 2024 in preparation of the Annual meeting.

### *Sunday Afternoon Concert Series*

The church will be hosting four concerts on Sunday afternoons at 3PM in the sanctuary. Performances will feature Ruth Bennett, Harpist on January 28th, Emma Ozman, Soprano on May 19th, the Red Door Chamber Players String Quartet on July 28th, and a Woodwind Trio on October 20th.

All of the performances will be approximately an hour in length and will feature a mix of traditional classical music and some lighter numbers.

Tickets for the concerts can be purchased individually, or for the entire series. Prices are \$30 for adults (\$80 for the series), \$15 for seniors and students ages 12-18 (\$50 for the series), and \$10 for children ages 5-11 (\$30 for the series). Tickets will be available during coffee hour, in the church office, and at Lynne's Cards and Gifts. You may also purchase tickets at the door. Make checks payable to "Westhampton Presbyterian Church".

If you are interested in sponsoring one or more of the performances, please speak to Betsy Doyle during coffee hour, or you can call her at 631-495-5179.