

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 Unison Prayer

Giving God, as kings offered their gifts to the boy Jesus,
you have offered yourself to the world through the body and
blood of Christ. Thank you for this foretaste of the heavenly
banquet. Let our lives embody your justice and righteousness to
all people. With thankful hearts we pray. Amen.

*Hymn 744 "Arise, Your Light Is Come!" (verses 1, 2, and 4)
FESTAL SONG

Charge and Benediction

Postlude Prelude in A minor J.S. Bach

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*Today's communion liturgy is based on the writing of
Rev. Thom Schuman.*

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

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

2nd Sunday of Christmas

January 5th, 2025

Epiphany of the Lord

**Please stand as able*

Please silence all cell phones

PREPARATION

Silent Meditation Isaiah 60:1-3

Arise, shine, for your light has come; and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light; and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Prelude “Berceuse” Louis Vierne

Greetings and Announcements

Ringing of the Bell

Introit “You Shall Have a Song” Harriet Ilse Ziegenhals

***Call to Worship**

The glory of God has now appeared
through Christ our light, in flesh.

The reign of God has now arrived
through Christ our king, our eternal ruler.

The mystery of God has been revealed
through Christ our peace, ever reconciling.

With the stars to lead us and the magi to teach us,
we come, bringing our gifts to worship God. Amen.

***Hymn 151** “We Three Kings of Orient Are” (verses 1,2 and 5)

CONFESSION AND PARDON

***Unison Prayer of Confession:**

Eternal God, wondrous star, light no darkness can overcome,
drive out the sin in our hearts. Forgive us for turning from
your way, for denying your truth, for resisting the life you
would have us live. Refresh us and restore us. Focus us on the

brilliant light of Jesus Christ that we may see him more clearly
and follow him more nearly, this day and every day.

Assurance of Pardon

Grace, mercy, and love—

these are the gifts God has given us in Jesus Christ.

This is good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***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 and the Lord’s Prayer

(Children will stay and attend church with family)

Anthem “River in Judea” John Leavitt

Scripture Reading Matthew 2:1-12

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

Sermon Rev. Candace Whitman

***Hymn 157** “I Danced in the Morning”

LORD OF THE DANCE

***Affirmation of Faith, Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.18**

God expressed love for all humankind through Israel, whom
God chose to be a covenant people to serve him in love and
faithfulness. When Israel was unfaithful, God disciplined the
nation with judgment and maintained the covenant
through prophets, priests, teachers, and true believers.

These witnesses called all Israelites to a destiny in which they
would serve God faithfully and become a light to the nations.

Pastoral Prayer

DEDICATION AND RESPONSE

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR January 5-14, 2025

TODAY 2nd Sunday of Christmas - Communion
Epiphany of the Lord

Rev. Candace Whitman

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

TUESDAY

7:00 PM Deacons Meeting

WEDNESDAY

9:15 AM Mission Committee Meeting
10:30 AM Staff Meeting

SUNDAY

Baptism of the Lord
Rev. Candace Whitman

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

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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 January 5, 2025

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

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

*Large Print Hymnals are available in the rear of the sanctuary, please ask an usher for assistance.

*Prayer Concerns

Recent: Lenny Rempe, hospital (longtime member of WPC); Susan Sullivan, friend of John and Mary Hull; Ella Carolan, leukemia (family friend to the Steven's family); Glenn Steinmo, cancer (Mimi Wood's nephew); Pete Seidler; Leslie Johnson, cancer (Stephanie Miller's mother); Pat Bebon; Libby Hirsch, cancer (Tom Rogers' cousin); Raymond Hann; Ralph Neubauer; Helen Fitzsimons; Marjorie Ridgway, home
Long Term: Chelsey Carter Collins, Hamptons Center for Rehab; Phyllis Styrzo, Hamptons Center for Rehab; Kimberly Rogers Murawski; Ralph Downs, Florida; Dana Barrett, friend of Nancy Miller

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Sound/Audio/Visual Operator

Richard Childs, Will McDaris, Bruce Qua, Leigh Wanamaker

Music Director

Kamilla Ozman

Ushers

Sharon Conway, Louise Smith

Flowers

The chancel flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of my mother, Ellenor Hann and my aunt, Edith Bishop.

Given by Janet Hann

Welcome Rev. Candace Whitman to the pulpit this morning!

50th Anniversary of the William Gill Memorial Organ

Thank you to all who were able to contribute to the maintenance of our music! A complete list of dedications is honored in the January Tidings newsletter.

Men's Fellowship Group

Whether a member or friend, join us on the first Thursday of each month in the conference room at 10am. Discussion and open conversation on current events and other topics. Coffee and goodies are always served.

Annual Reports! Board Members, Committees and Staff

It's that time of year to start preparing your 2024 reports for the Annual Meeting.

Please email your reports to:

admin@westhamptonpresbyterian.org no later than Monday, January 6th. Reports will need to be received promptly. Thank you for your attention.

Direct Deposit

An option for your monthly pledge is Direct Deposit. On the 10th of the month your pledge amount will be automatically transferred from your individual bank account into the church's account. It is convenient and easy. If interested, contact our treasurer, Janet Hann for the necessary form.

Extended Pulpit

The session has made an agreement with Rev. Candace Whitman, beginning January 1, 2025 she will be with us as our extended pulpit supply.

Next week Office schedule:

The office will be open Monday, Dec. 23rd and Friday, Dec. 27th.
Closed: Dec. 24th - Dec. 26th.

Preparing for the New Year

Contributions that are postmarked by Dec. 31, 2024 will reflect in your 2024 Giving statement. Anything received after the New Year that is not postmarked by Dec. 31, 2024 will reflect in your 2025 Giving statement as "Post Paid."

2025 Offering Envelopes

For those who have an envelope number, your 2025 offering boxes are available in the rear of the sanctuary. If you do not have an assigned envelope number and would like to receive an offering box, please contact the church office and one will be assigned to you. **Per Capita for 2025 is: \$47.09 per member.**