

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

Charge and Benediction

Postlude “All Glory Be to God on High” Johann Pachelbel

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# *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 Psalm 148

*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

Pastor: Because injustice and despair threaten to overwhelm us, we pray for hope...

**People:** Because so many swords have not yet been remade into ploughshares, we pray for peace...

Pastor: God has come to us as a child, to dwell with us, and to walk with us.

**People:** May the light and the fire from our Advent candles burn away whatever would prevent the God of hope, peace, joy and love from being born among us this season.

Pastor: Friends, be not afraid, even now – even now – the light of Christ is illuminating the world, on earth as it is in heaven!

As you read in our silent meditation from the Psalm of the day – 148 – **Praise the Lord!**

\*Hymn 119 "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" MENDELSSOHN

## CONFESSION AND PARDON

\*Unison Prayer for the Christmas Season:

O Holy One, heavenly angels spoke to earthly shepherds and eternity entered time in the child of Bethlehem. Through the telling of the Christmas story, let our temporal lives be caught up in the eternal in that same child, that we might join shepherds and all the heavenly hosts in praising the coming of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

### Assurance of Christmas

How can we say thanks for all You have done for us? From our mother's womb You have known us, O God. You call us to follow You through all our days and seek us even when we wander. As we advance in years, clothe us with Your love that we may grow in grace and find favor in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, by the power of Your Spirit within us. To the Glory of Your fullness, as the Triune God who came to us as Emmanuel, and is Coming Again.

\*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** "Rise Up Shepherd and Follow" Arr. Gordon Thornett

**Scripture Reading** Luke 2:41-52 & our Hope in Luke 21:25-28

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

**Sermon** "Stand firm, your Redemption is drawing near"

The First Sunday of Christmas and the Last Sunday of 2024

\*Hymn 123 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" CAROL

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR Dec. 29, 2024-Jan. 5, 2024

**TODAY** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas  
Rev. Dr. James Barnum  
9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 AM Worship followed by Coffee Hour

**TUESDAY** New Year's Eve – Office Closed

**WEDNESDAY** New Year's Day – Office Closed

**THURSDAY**  
10:00 AM Men's Fellowship Group

**SUNDAY** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas - Communion  
Epiphany 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 December 29, 2024

\*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: 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

Tom & Linda Rogers

Flowers

*The chancel flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in honor of our congregation and visiting pastors here at Westhampton Presbyterian Church.*

Welcome Rev. Dr. James Barnum to the pulpit this morning!

### 50<sup>th</sup> 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 will be 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](mailto: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. 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>.  
Closed: Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> - Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>.

### 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.**

### Preparing for the New Year

We will be closing the books on 2024 and preparing for 2025 this week. If you have not yet done so, please make every effort to complete your 2024 financial commitment to Christ's church. Consider a second-mile offering to help as well. Pledges for 2024 are needed to enable us to meet obligations in the year to come. Questions? Please contact the church office.

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."

