

# *Westhampton Presbyterian Church*



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

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

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

*\*Please stand as able*

*Please silence all cell phones*

## PREPARATION

**Prelude** “As With Gladness Men of Old” Arr. Wilbur Held

**Greetings and Announcements**

**Ringling of the Bell**

**Introit** “Visit Us Emmanuel” Pepper Choplin

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath** Gillin & Ketner Family  
(See insert)

**\*Call to Worship**

Wake up; wake up! The day of God is near.

**We do not know the hour, so we will live like the time is here and now. God is here, now!**

Let us go to the house of our Living God.

**We journey with all peoples of all creeds.**

To enter the house of God, we must wake up to the nightmare of hate and violence; all oppression must cease.

**We will beat our weapons into tools for love. We will take the walls we raise against the stranger and build a house where all can live in peace.**

Come, let us worship God!

**\*Hymn 663** “Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun”

## CONFESSION AND PARDON

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

O God, we are steeped in a world of violence. War is one of the first things we learn, and we let it work its way into our lives. Your promises of peace sound like impossible dreams, and we become accustomed to cruelty. Forgive us. Wrest our weapons from our hands, and show us how beautiful life can be when you

forged them into instruments of peace. For it is in Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Beloved, know this: the God of Presence, the God of Transformation, the God of Peace, hears our prayers and gives us power to love.

**Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

**\*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** Congregation sings “Jesus Loves me”

*(Today, Sunday School will be a group class with Ms. Betsy Doyle)*

**Anthem** “Prepare the Way of the Lord” Michael Larkin

**Scripture Readings** Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 24:36-44

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

**Sermon** “Prepare!” Rev. Michael Hafele

**\*Hymn 102** “Savior of the Nations, Come”

**Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer**

## DEDICATION AND RESPONSE

**Thanking God through the Offering**

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

**Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn 106** “Prepare the Way, O Zion”

**Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude** “O Come, Emmanuel” Wilbur Held

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR Nov. 30-December 7, 2025

**TODAY** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  
Rev. Michael Hafele  
10:00 AM Worship Service followed by Coffee Hour  
11:15 AM Choir Rehearsal

**TUESDAY**  
6:00 PM Wreath Making Pizza Party!

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

**FRIDAY**  
10:00 AM Pick up Wreath Orders

**SATURDAY**  
11:00AM-2:30PM Annual Christmas Fair

**SUNDAY** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
Rev. Michael Hafele  
10:00 AM Worship Service followed by Coffee Hour  
11:15 AM Choir Rehearsal  
2:30 PM "Tree of Life" Service - Village Green  
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**After hours:** If you are in need of pastoral care, you may contact Rev. Michael Hafele: 929-777-1497

The office will be open 9am-12pm between Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>-Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>.

-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 Tuesday 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!**

*If you are visiting this morning, you do not come as a visitor but as a family member in Christ. You are welcome here as you are.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS for November 30, 2025

-Please sign the guest book located in your pew so that the church can stay connected with you. Please pass to your neighbor so all are able to sign.

-**LARGE PRINT** bulletins and hymnals are available in the rear of the sanctuary for easy reading. Please ask an usher for assistance.

-Nursery Care is available during worship in the West Wing.

Prayer Concerns:

**Recent:** Gale & Pete Seidler, healing prayers; Kimberly Rogers Murawski, healing prayers; Rob Hubbs, recovery at NY Presbyterian from open heart surgery (son in law to Ellen Brenner); Maura Anziano, throat cancer (friend of Karen Derryberry); Angel Knoedler, breast cancer going through chemo (friend of Vern Hackworth), Jan Vinokour, recovering from a serious fall (friend of Mary & John Hull); Dick Anderson, healing prayers; Linda Rogers, lymphoma; Carolyn Manker Smith, breast cancer (Hanne & Bill Manker's daughter); Mariko Pichardo, healing prayers; Lenny Rempe, (longtime member of WPC); Susan Sullivan, friend of John and Mary Hull; Leslie Johnson, cancer (Stephanie Miller's mother); Pat Bebon; Libby Hirsch, cancer (Tom Rogers' cousin)

**Long Term:** Ralph Neubauer; Chelsey Carter Collins, Hamptons Center for Rehab; Dana Barrett, friend of Nancy Miller

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Sound/Audio/Visual Operator

Richard Childs, Bruce Qua, Leigh Wanamaker

Ushers

Sharon Conway and Louise Smith

Flowers

*The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of my mother, Lorraine Cheeseman.*

By Kara Bak

### Men's Fellowship Group: Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

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.

### Presbyterian Women: December Luncheon

Our next meeting will be Wednesday December 10th. Men are invited. The ladies are going to have a brief meeting at noon and the men are invited to come for lunch at 12:30 when we will all be eating. Please bring a covered dish to share.

### Christmas Party: Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

Come join us and eat, drink and be merry!  
Friday, December 12, 5:30pm at the home of Jane & Tom Otis!  
Tickets available during coffee hour or in the church office.  
\$50 each or \$80 for 2. (suggested donation)

### Food Pantry Needs

LI food banks are desperately low. Please donate nonperishable food items. Thank you for supporting our community. Your donations have been a blessing to our community pantry.

### Grocery Cards for the holidays

Grocery Gift Cards are on sale during the first part of coffee hour (please see Lynne before choir practice). It's just like using a credit card at the store, only the church gets 5%. We have Stop & Shop and Shop Rite cards, which you can purchase with cash or a check made out to Westhampton Presbyterian. Buy them for you or for someone else. Every little bit helps!

### SIGN UP! Children's Christmas Pageant: Sunday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>

Sign up today for the Christmas Pageant so we know how many participants will need a script. We will also need 3 older youth to do the Advent reading & lighting of the candles that morning.

### Bible On-Line Study with Pastor Michael

We will not meet during Advent & Christmas but will return on January 5, 2026.

### Annual Christmas Fair: Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>



Come on down and spend the afternoon with us!  
Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 11am-2:30pm! Walk our cookie walk, shop our handmade crafts, gifts, and much more! Enjoy light refreshments and sandwiches as you delight in the most wonderful time of the year. **\*Wanted: nice gift items for Twice Nice. We are looking for things that would make good gift items, maybe something that you received as a gift but aren't crazy about. Unfortunately, dishes and crystal glassware don't sell. Please bring items to the church by Dec 3rd. Also, if you want to bake, see Eloise Carter. Volunteers are always welcomed to help set up, sell, and take down., especially men after the event on Saturday. Please see Chris Haddad**

### 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.

### PW: Christmas Wreath Pickup

Please fill out the form provided in your bulletin and place in the offering plate or bring to the church office. Orders are due by Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>! Pick up is on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Please make checks payable to "Presbyterian Women".

### Board Members, Committees and Staff

It's that time of year to start preparing your reports for the Annual Meeting. Please email your reports to: [admin@westhamptonpresbyterian.org](mailto:admin@westhamptonpresbyterian.org) no later than Tuesday, January 6th. Reports will need to be received promptly. Thank you for your attention.