

Celebration of Worship

First Sunday in Advent

November 27, 2022

9:30 A.M.

*We are followers of Jesus Christ, living and sharing
the love of God through faith and action, welcoming all.*

Prelude *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* arr. Lamb
Bell Tree - Austin Hall

Reflection

“Many things are possible for the person who has hope. Even more is possible for the person who has faith. And still more is possible for the person who knows how to love. But everything is possible for the person who practices all three virtues.”

Welcome and Announcements

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Pads in the chair racks.)

Ring of the Bell

Song *Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place*

Call to Worship Inspired by *Psalms 122 and Isaiah 2:15*

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Giver of hope!”

People: We come today with eager expectation. Our feet are standing within God’s gates.

Leader: Come, let us go up to the mountain, that the Giver may teach us the way of peace.

People: We come today with holy expectation. Our hands are lifted with grateful praise.

Leader: We gather at the edge of the throne of justice.

People: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Invocation

Leader: God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, God of the faith that the past has taught us, God of the hope that the present has brought us – We call on You in this hour of worship. We know that You need no invocation, for You are already and always with us – Emmanuel, even before the child was born. We open our hearts to receive Your gifts, for You are the Giver of hope, the Giver of peace, the Giver of joy, the Giver of love. Make Your presence known as we make ourselves available to You. Amen.

Lighting of the First Advent Candle Dominico Sorentino
Hope Bob & Jackie Anderson

Leader: In a world where so many despair, God lights a candle of hope in our hearts. We wait together for a Savior, who will be Immanuel, Christ the Lord. Hear the word of the Lord:

People: By awesome deeds You answer us with deliverance, God of our salvation. You are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

Hymn *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* # 356

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Leader: We gather together in this season of Advent anticipating hope, praying for peace, attempting to cultivate joy, and sharing love amidst commotion, grief, despair and uncertainty.

Moment of Silence

People: In a world full of hopelessness, we have sometimes forgotten that You are our hope, dear God. Consumed by the chaos of the world, we lean into helplessness instead of Your loving embrace. We cling to the stony roads and the bitter roads, felt in days when unborn hope has died. We’ve forgotten that You promised us hope for a future. So stimulate our memory, dear God. Remind us of that hope you assured us of. Be with us as we cling to it in the midnight hours of waiting.

Words of Grace

Leader: Let us know that God gives us unmerited hope for a future, peace like a river, joy everlasting, and love. No misstep can separate us from the gifts of God. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Children’s Time

Passing of the Peace

Anthem *An Invitation for Advent* Ruth Schram
Chancel Choir

Come to us, Emmanuel. Come to us, Lord Jesus.
Come to us, Emmanuel. Come and set us free.
We lift our longing hearts to You. Come and bring us peace.
Come to us, Emmanuel. O come, Lord Jesus, come.
O come, O come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
Come to us Emmanuel . Come to us, Lord Jesus.
Come to us, Emmanuel, come and bring us Your light.
From darkness we have called to You, praying in the night.
Come to us, Emmanuel. O come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come to us, Emmanuel. O come, Emmanuel.

Scripture Readings

Galatians 4:4-8 Psalm 80:1-7 Jeremiah 33:14-16

Hymn

I Am Thine, O Lord

Scripture Reading

Luke 10:29-37

Sermon

"Do You Have What It Takes?" Rev. Betsy Crumity

Prayers of the People and Lighting of Prayer Candles

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (Debts/debtors)

Offering Please place your offering in the plates at the exit doors,
mail your gifts to the church, or click the WPC website 'Give' button

Doxology and Blessing of the Offering

Service of Holy Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you,

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to You, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in Your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away and our love failed, Your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life.

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Invitation to the Table

Pastor: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at the table in the kingdom of God. Our Savior invites those that trust him to sit at the table in the kingdom of God.

Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and the Wine

The Words of the Institution

Pastor: Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord.

People: Amen, Amen and Amen.

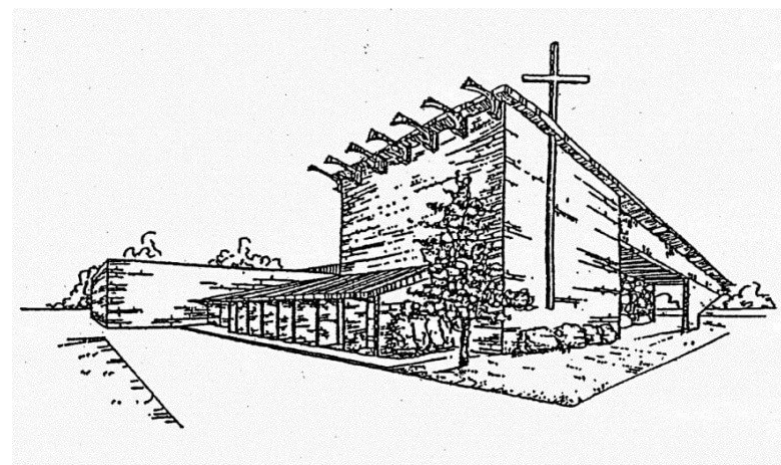
Hymn

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

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Benediction and Postlude

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Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings; I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the Mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come,
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God,
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

I Am Thine, O Lord

I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice and it told Thy love to me,
But I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to Thee.

Refrain: (sung after each verse)

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord to the cross where Thou hast died;
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord to Thy precious, bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine.
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope and my will be lost in Thine.

O, the pure delight of a single hour that before Thy throne I spend,
When I kneel in prayer and with Thee, my God, I commune as friend with
friend.

There are depths of love that I cannot know till I cross the narrow sea;
There are heights of joy that I may not reach till I rest in peace with Thee.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

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O Lord, how shall I meet You, how welcome You aright?
Your people long to greet You, my hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy, a lamp within my breast
To do in spirit lowly all that may please You best.

Love caused Your incarnation; love brought You down to me.
Your thirst for my salvation procured my liberty.
O love beyond all telling, that led You to embrace
In love all loves excelling our lost and fallen race.

A glorious crown You give me; a treasure safe on high
That will not fail nor leave me as earthly riches fly.
My heart shall bloom forever for You with praises new,
And from Your name shall never withhold the honor due.

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MEMORY VERSE

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and
petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.
And the peace of God which transcends all understanding
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:6-7*

LECTIONARY PASSAGES

	<u>Today, November 27th</u>	<u>Next Sunday, December 4th</u>
Old Testament	<i>Isaiah 2:1-5</i>	<i>Isaiah 11:1-10</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalm 122</i>	<i>Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19</i>
New Testament	<i>Romans 13:11-14</i>	<i>Romans 15:4-13</i>
Gospel	<i>Matthew 24:36-44</i>	<i>Matthew 3:1-12</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. WELCOME to Webster Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you are worshipping with us, whether in person or by live-streaming. Sunday services continue to be live-streamed. You can watch them live at 9:30 or later at your leisure using:
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Websterpres/> or
YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzM5thYxua2HQSPF6P71wA>
THIS SERVICE IS LIVESTREAMED on YouTube and Facebook. Participation in and/or observation of the service implies acknowledgement that your image may be seen on the stream at the time of the service and in the future, as the services are saved for future viewing. MASKS ARE AVAILABLE in the Narthex for those who would like to wear one while in the building.
2. ADULT ED today at 10:45 in Room 9/10 - Join us to view a video sermon by Andy Stanley to discover the purpose Christmas has in our lives here and now.
3. ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS are in the Narthex for you to use during the Advent season. There are 3 to choose from, so you are welcome to take the one which most fits your needs.
4. RING IN THE CHRISTMAS SEASON this Thursday at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary with a concert from the Glory Bells. Bring a friend and kick of the Holiday Season with some festive bell music.
5. THE WEBSTER PARADE OF LIGHTS is happening this Saturday from 5 – 7 pm. We will be participating for the third year and hope to have a bigger float on a flatbed trailer. We would like to have 25 WPC members handing out candy canes and welcoming all to join us! If you have any lights or nativity decorations, or would like to join us as a walker, please contact Kathy Barbehenn or Alissa Mayer.
6. POINSETTIA orders are being taken by the Deacons. Plants will be used to decorate the Sanctuary, then can either be brought home after the Christmas Eve service or donated to our Friends at Home. All Poinsettias are red and cost \$15 each. Orders will be taken today through the deadline, next Sunday, in the Narthex, or you can contact Sue Wroblewski (545-4807, sue.wroblewski@icloud.com) or the church office. When ordering, you may indicate a dedication in honor or memory of a loved one.
7. THE ANGEL TREE to benefit the Williamson Come-Unity Center is located in the Narthex. Those who wish can take a tag from the tree or go to the wish list set up on Amazon. Amazon gifts can be sent to "Laura Oliver's Gift Registry Address". Gifts shipped to your home or purchased elsewhere need to be delivered UNWRAPPED to the church by Sunday, December 11th, or you can call Amy Vallone (766-0417) to pick them up. The Amazon wish list site is:
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/A24YBQ17OOQX?ref=wl_share
8. \$10 GIFT CARDS for Christmas for the men at Grace House will be collected until Sunday, December 18th. Please buy only \$10 cards for basic items like fast food, groceries, and for stores like Walmart and Target (places that can be accessed by bus in Rochester). You may put your contributions in the offering plates, drop them off in the church office, or mail them to the office. Please do not leave them in the Narthex.
9. HEART AND HAND is asking for your help to complete winter hats and scarves for Christmas bags for needy kids at State Road School. These wonderful, warm, happy items are a part of a New Beginnings outreach into our "neighborhood" school. Instructions are easy to follow and the finished items are snazzy. Please help.
10. FOOD ITEMS needed for Hope House include canned vegetables, flour and sugar, coffee, tea and cocoa, pasta, spaghetti sauce, cooking oil, hearty stews and soups, body lotion and wash, deodorant, shampoo & conditioner, toothbrushes, shaving products, laundry detergent, and gently used kids' boots, gloves (especially for men), hats and socks. Items can be placed in the Hope Ministries box or the food barrel, both located in the upper Narthex.
11. DRIVERS are occasionally needed to pick up non-driving members who would like to worship in person on Sunday morning. If you are willing to provide transportation to someone on a Sunday morning, please call the church office or Nikki George (671-1103).

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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, November 27 - First Sunday in Advent - Communion

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. Andy Stanley Video - Room 9/10 & Live-streamed

Monday, November 28

- 6:30 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 262 in the Social & Memorial Rooms

Tuesday, November 29

- 9:30 A.M. Women's Bible Study in Room 9/10
- 5:30 P.M. TOPS Meeting in Room 9/10
- 7:00 P.M. Stewardship & Finance Committee in Room 9/10

Wednesday, November 30

- 6:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study at Golden Boys Restaurant
- 6:30 P.M. Scout Troop 425 in the Social Room

Thursday, December 1

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom
- 9:00 A.M. Glory Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 10:00 A.M. Christmas Bell Concert in the Sanctuary
- 1:00 P.M. Small Group on Zoom
- 6:00 P.M. Alleluia Bells Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Friday, December 2

- 10:00 A.M. FNO Rehearsal in the Social Room
- 10:30 A.M. Book Club on Zoom

Saturday, December 3

- 9:00 A.M. Prayer Time on Zoom

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ROC Ringers in the Sanctuary

Sunday, December 4

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
- 10:30 A.M. Church of God by Faith in the Chapel
- 10:45 A.M. Adult Ed. Andy Stanley Video - Room 9/10 & Live-streamed
- 12:00 P.M. Youth to Geva Production of "A Christmas Carol"