

Celebration of Worship

December 29, 2024

9:30 A.M.

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

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Betsy Crumity

Announcements

Ringling of the Bell

Gathering Song *Angels from the Realms of Glory* Verse 4

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!

Call to Worship

One: Praise God from the heights! The Holy One is transcendent,
radiant, and glorious.

**Many: Salvation, redemption, and liberation come from above
and dwell among us.**

One: Praise God from the earth! Emmanuel is humble, gracious
and near.

**Many: Past, present, and future rests in the work of our
hands in God's hands.**

One: Praise the name of God! I AM hears our cry, responds to
our need, and still speaks to our spirits.

**Many: Blessing, honor, and power belong to our God. Praise
God!**

Carol Sing

Invocation

Leader: Wise and Eternal God, you are sovereign over all the earth.
Your works declare your greatness. Make your wisdom
known to us as we gather in your holy name. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

**All: Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have
sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have
not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength.
We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen
within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the
good we have left undone.**

Moment of Silent Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: "Since then, we have a great high priest who has passed
through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold
fast to our confession. Let us therefore approach the
thrones of grace with boldness, so that we may receive
mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

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.

Passing of the Peace

Children's Time

Hymn *Go Tell It on the Mountain* # 29

Scripture Reading *Psalms 96:1-13*

Anthem *Joy to the World* arr. Margaret Cowen
Jackie Anderson – Bell Tree; Corina Phillips – Flute

Scripture Reading *Philippians 2:5-11*

Sermon *Trusting in God's Power*
Rev. Betsy Crumity

Sharing Joys and Concerns and Lighting of Prayer Candles

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the 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. Thank you!

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.

Blessing of the Offering I Chronicles 29:14

**All: "But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be
able to offer so willingly after this sort? For all things come
from thee, and of thy own have we given thee."**

Hymn *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* # 31

Benediction

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. WELCOME to Webster Presbyterian Church! We are pleased that you are worshipping with us, whether in person or by live-streaming. You can live-stream at 9:30 or later at your leisure using:
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Websterpres/> or
YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzM5thYxua2HQSPF6P71wA>
2. CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING - Collections continue through next week for this annual denominational PCUSA offering to aid current church workers and college students of color. Envelopes are in the chair racks for this worthy cause.
3. ANNUAL REPORTS from Committee Chairpersons and Treasurers are due in the church office by next Sunday. You can submit your information by email to ghubbard@websterpres.org as a Word or Excel file, or bring a paper copy to the church office.
4. OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2025 are located on the table in the hallway outside the Sanctuary for those who have indicated they would like them. If you would like envelopes and do not see a set for you, please speak with Georgia in the church office and they will be provided.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, December 29

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
9:45 A.M. SHINE Program for Children in PreK – 5th Grade in Room 3

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 - HAPPY NEW YEAR !!

Thursday, January 2

- 7:30 A.M. Men's Bible Study on Zoom

Friday, January 3

- 9:00 A.M. Flying Club in the Social Room

Saturday, January 4

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

Sunday, January 5 - Annual Reports Due

- 9:30 A.M. Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Live-streamed
9:45 A.M. SHINE Program for Children in PreK – 5th Grade in Room 3

Lectionary Passages

	<u>December 29th</u>	<u>January 5th</u>
Old Testament	<i>I Samuel 2:18-20, 26</i>	<i>Jeremiah 31:7-14</i>
Psalm	<i>Psalms 148</i>	<i>Psalms 147:12-20</i>
New Testament	<i>Colossians 3:12-17</i>	<i>Ephesians 1:3-14</i>
Gospel	<i>Luke 2:41-52</i>	<i>John 1:1-18</i>

Memory Verse

*And the Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory, the glory of a father's only son,
full of grace and truth.*

John 1:14