

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
DECEMBER 15, 2019
11:00 A.M.**

Our Mission: *Follow Jesus, Make Disciples, Transform the World*

PRELUDE

THE LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP The First Noel Handbells

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Lay Leader
{Please take a moment to register your attendance on the pew pads. Your faithfulness helps us keep up with those in worship. Guests please also fill out the pew card you will find in the racks on the pews and drop them in the offering plate so that we can get to know you! Thank you for your attendance today!}

TIME OF GREETING
{Please extend a word of welcome and a hand of hospitality to each other.}

MORNING PRAYER
{Prayer cards are available in the pews. If you have or know of a prayer concern that needs to be brought to the pastor's and/or congregation's attention, please fill out the prayer card and place it in the offering plate. Prayers will be lifted up.}

PRELUDE TO PRAYER Majesty, Worship His Majesty

THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

***HYMN OF PRAISE #249** There's a Song In The Air

***A Christmas Creed** (In Unison)
I believe in Jesus Christ and in the beauty of the gospel begun in Bethlehem. I believe in the one whose spirit glorified a little town; and whose spirit still brings music to persons all over the world, in towns both large and small. I believe in the one for whom the crowded inn could find no room, and I confess that my heart still sometimes wants to exclude Christ from my life today. I believe in the one who the rulers of the earth ignored and the proud could never understand; whose life was among common people, whose welcome came from persons of hungry heart. I believe in the one who proclaimed the love of God to be invincible: I believe in the one whose cradle was a mother's arms, whose modest home in Nazareth had love for its only wealth, who looked at persons and made them see what God's love saw in them, who by

love brought sinners back to purity, and lifted human weakness up to meet the strength of God. I confess my ever-lasting need of God: The need of forgiveness for our selfishness and greed, the need of new life for empty souls, the need of love for hearts grown cold. I believe in God who gives us the best of himself. I believe in Jesus, the son of the living God, born in Bethlehem this night, for me and for the world.
(accessed from: <http://www.prayer-and-prayers.info/christmas-prayers/a-christmas-creed.htm>)

STEWARDSHIP AND OFFERTORY Lay Leader
Luke 1:68 "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them."

OFFERTORY Carol of the Bells Handbells

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)
Heavenly Father, we praise you for you are good. You have shown us mercy in the middle of our needs. You have given us grace that we do not deserve. You have come to us in Jesus to redeem us for our many sins and shortcomings. All we truly need is provided by your hands. At this time, we praise you God for the gift of our lives and the gift of this church. We thank you for providing for the ministry of this church. May we live our lives to serve you and in giving of our financial resources may this church always be about doing your will. Send your Holy Spirit to fill us with the joy and the strength to serve this community in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

ANTHEM My Master, See the Time Has Come Choir

SCRIPTURE READING (In Unison)
Matthew 1:18-25 *This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). ²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.*

SERMON Rev. Kari L. Howard
Interruption Intended
Series: Christmas Presence

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #254** We Three Kings (vs 1-4)

***THE BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

***RECESSIONAL #254** We Three Kings (vs 5)

***POSTLUDE**

**Please stand as you are able.*

MESSAGE NOTES:

Mainline: Your _____ might be God's kingdom _____.

Where have my plans for myself been interrupted?

Where has God used those interruptions to bring about something good?

How might God be doing an intervention in your life now?

What can you do to live more intentionally open to God's plan for our lives?

Church Calendar

Sunday, December 15

9:30 AM Young Adult Sunday School
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 10:30 AM Choir Warm Up
 10:55 AM Prayer at Altar
 11:00 AM Worship
 6:00 PM Cantata & Refreshments after

Tuesday, December 17

10:00 AM Bulletin Deadline
 for 12/22 & 12/29
 12:00 PM-1:00 PM Table of Grace

Sunday, December 22

9:30 AM Young Adult Sunday School
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 10:30 AM Choir Warm Up
 10:55 AM Prayer at the Altar
 11:00 AM Worship

Tuesday, December 24

Church Office & Table of Grace Closed
 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday, December 25

Merry Christmas!
 Church Office Closed

Thursday, December 26

Church Office Closed



Let's Pray

"And he said to them, It is written,
 'My house shall be called a house of
 prayer...'" Isaiah 56:7, Matthew 21:13

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with
 all kinds of prayers and requests. With this
 in mind, be alert and always keep on praying
 for all the Lord's people." Ephesians 6:18

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in
 every situation, by prayer and petition, with
 thanksgiving, present your requests to
 God." Philippians 4:6

Please pray for:

- This church and the presence of the Holy Spirit to come
- Anointing, preaching/teaching and leading of the pastor
- Welcoming and encouragement of the congregation
- Salvation of the lost in our community
- For unity of the body here at West Bend
- For spiritual growth of the congregation
- For the financial needs of this church
- Hedge of protection around this church and the members and families
- Our growing children's ministry
- Our growing feeding ministry with Table of Grace
- Those on our prayer list in the bulletin
- Personal burdens of your own heart

Table of Grace Calendar Correction:
 We will be open on Dec. 31.

Onward & Upward Pledges Update

We received 19 pledge cards with total pledges equal to \$62,160. \$132,046 is the needed budget for 2020. Thank you to those who have pledged for next year. If you would like to pledge for 2020; it is not too late. Please pick up a pledge card in the back of the sanctuary from the bookcase and place your pledge card in the offering plate.

Christmas Gift to Jesus

Give the matching amount of the most expensive gift you are giving to someone to the church or give an honorarium.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Our Church Family

Frank Ervin Ed Hinkel
 Kasey Ingold Liz Johnson
 Dave McGowan Juanita Porche

Our Family & Friends

Ray Andrews
 Boyd Delk (Cyndi Reinhardt's brother's father-in-law)
 Vicki Freeman (Horace Lewallen's daughter)
 Gilbert Coltrane (Thurman's brother)

Assisted & Skilled Living Residents

Carillon, Asheboro, Ramona Shephard
 Clapp's, Asheboro, Daffie Branson, Ruby Howard
 Cross Roads, Asheboro, Rene Overton,
 Joe Thomas
 Spring Arbor Senior Living, Cary, Clarence Davis
 North Pointe, Archdale, Lib Howell
 Somerset, Mocksville, Bernice Dwiggin
 Woodland Hills, Asheboro, Kim Shaw

Our Military

BJ Andrews Kasey Ingold
 Logan Morris

Others

Our Church Our Country
 Revival Unchurched

Prayer requests will be left for 2 weeks unless notified otherwise. Thanks.

News:

- WinGs has a Giving Tree for you to place your donations of gloves, socks, scarves and/or hats on.
- Extra Advent Giving Calendars are available from the clear display case hanging near the carport door.
- Our wonderful Handbell Choir will play during our worship services on December 15 & December 22 & December 24.
- The Christmas Cantata will be held December 15 at 6 PM with refreshments in the fellowship hall provided by the Young Adult Class after the Cantata.
- The Christmas Eve Service will be held on Tuesday, December 24, at 5 PM.
- Christmas Day, Jesus' Birthday, is on Wednesday, December 25.
- Lessons and Carols Service at 11 AM on Sunday, December 29.

If you need assistance hearing during our worship service, please see the sound tech in the back of the church before worship.

We have ear buds
 you can use during worship!

Welcome Guests!

We would like to extend a warm West Bend welcome to our visitors today. We hope you will plan to worship with us again and consider joining our church family.

The Nursery and restrooms are located through the double doors up the steps behind the sanctuary and the handicap restroom is through the double doors in the chapel.

Please feel free to join in any of our ministries. If you have any questions about the church, the pastor's e-mail address and phone number are located in the staff section.

We are a community in which questions are welcome, the dress code is whatever you have on, and the grace of God revealed in Jesus matters above all else.

Ministry Staff

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| Ministers | Every Member |
| Pastor | Rev. Kari L. Howard |
| Office Manager | Mrs. Debra Y. Rogers |
| Lay Leader | Mrs. Laurie Hunt |
| Janitor | Mr. Tim Burrow |

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 No. 11443112

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Budget Weekly Stewardship Update

Budget Received Last Week: \$3,433
 Budget Offering Needed Each Week: \$2,510

Thank you for your gifts!



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Shining Christ's Light for
 110 Years and Counting!

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Christmas Presents Presence





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Travis, Kristy, Carter, Tracy & Grace

Dan & Ruby Camp by David & Susann Camp

Clyde & Beulah Cheek by Hal Johnson

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Darrell Davidson, Terry Davidson, & Mr. & Mrs. Garland Ferree
by Doris Davison

Margaret Paisley Davis by Clarence Davis

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Edna Lineberry by Wanda Fritz

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Saylor Laine Criscoe by Grandma & Pa paw

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Gloria, Ginny & Colby by Hal Johnson

**My grandchildren, Alex, Zack, Matt, Jacob & Amirah,
by Vivian Morgan**

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Carol Petty by Mike, Cindy, grandchildren & greatgrandchildren

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