

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
DECEMBER 8, 2019
11:00 A.M.**

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

PRELUDE

THE LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP Away In A Manger 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 He is Lord

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 #229** Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

***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 1:49 *for the Mighty One has done great things for me— holy is his name.*

OFFERTORY We Three Kings Handbells

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)

Heavenly Father, you have done great things for us all. Thank you for the wonderful gift of life you have given us. Just as Mary rejoiced in you, help us to remember what you have done for us so that we might rejoice also. You alone have been mindful of our lives. You have seen us and known us. And you love us and fill us with good things. You have been merciful to us. You have fulfilled your promises. With these gifts we honor you Lord. Bless this church and the people of this church to proclaim your Name and your goodness far and wide. Send the Holy Spirit to move in us and through us for your glory. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

ANTHEM Who Is He in Yonder Stall Choir

SCRIPTURE READING (In Unison)

Luke 1:26-38 *In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, 27 to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." 29 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. 31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." 34 "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" 35 The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God... 38 "I am the Lord's servant" Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.*

SERMON Rev. Kari L. Howard

Grace For the Willing Servant
Series: Christmas Presence

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #219** What Child Is This (vs 1-2)

***THE BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

***RECESSIONAL #219** What Child Is This (vs 3)

***POSTLUDE**

**Please stand as you are able.*

MESSAGE NOTES:

Mainline: The birth of Jesus _____ to us that when God is with us anything is _____, even the _____.

How could you make being a servant of the Lord more of a priority?

Where have you seen God doing the impossible in your life and around you?

What do you need to do now so that God can fulfill his word and plans in your life?

Church Calendar

Sunday, Dec. 8

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

Tuesday, Dec. 10

10:00 AM Bulletin Deadline
 12:00 PM-1:00 PM Table of Grace

Wednesday, Dec. 11

6:00 PM Christmas Cantata Practice



Poinsettias In Loving Memory Of:

Stacy & Alma Brown by Mike, April, Travis,
 Kristy, Carter, Tracy & Grace

Dan & Ruby Camp by David & Susann Camp

Clyde & Beulah Cheek by Hal Johnson

Mr. & Mrs. Causey Davidson &
 Mr. & Mrs. S.A. Lowe, Jr. by Sue Lowe

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

C.S. & Revella Hendrick
 by David & Susann Camp

Betty Hewitte by Jim, Ellen, Lily & Thomas

Nancy Hayes by Jim, Ellen, Lily & Thomas

Cornell Hunt by Laurie Hunt

Richard Hurley by Gail Hurley

My daughter, Angie Isenhour, & my husband, Joe Petty,
 by Carol Petty

Lucy Clyde Johnson by Hal Johnson

Lynette Lanier by Richard & Rita

David, Marie & Dave Lewallen by Mike, April, Travis,
 Kristy, Carter, Tracy & Grace

Helen Lewallen by Horace Lewallen

Edna Lineberry by Wanda Fritz

Bill Nance & Bill & Norva Paisley
 by Billie Nance

Walter Sykes, Jr. by Betty Sykes

Steve & Mama by Brenda Welch

Steve Welch
 by Chuck, Toni, Chas, Cameron & Caden

Poinsettias In Loving Honor Of:

Jane Cox by Jim & Ellen Vaughn

Saylor Laine Criscoe by Grandma & Pa paw

Wesley, Austin, Abby & Ashton Delk
 by Mark & Holly Delk

Gloria, Ginny & Colby by Hal Johnson

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

Our children by Kathy & Dave McGowan

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Carol Petty
 by Mike, Cindy, grandchildren & greatgrandchildren

Carol Petty by Jim & Ellen Vaughn

Brenda Welch by Chuck, Toni, Chas, Cameron & Caden

Chas, Cameron & Caden by Mom & Dad

Chuck, Toni & grandchildren by Brenda Welch

PRAYER REQUESTS

Our Church Family

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

Our Family & Friends

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

Christian Sympathy is extended to the family & friends of:

Horace Luther (Jane Cox & Betty Slack's
 brother)

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 8, 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.

Special Thanks To Our Worship Associates

Lector and Lay Leader: Laurie Hunt
 Musician: April Brown
 Ushers: Clay Hill, Derrick Hill,
 Reagan Hill, Denny Reinhardt
 Communion Stewards:
 Linda Burrow, Holly Delk, Kathy McGowan
 Opening, Closing & Trash Detail: Mike Brown
 Media Team: Lora Hill/Justin Luck
 CUOC Deliveries: Cindy Ingold

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

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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 110 Years and Counting!

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Christmas Presents Presence



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 situa-
 tion, 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

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.

Budget Weekly Stewardship Update

Budget Received Last Week: \$2,863
 Budget Offering Needed Each Week: \$2,510
 Thank you for your gifts!

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.