

West Bend U.M. Church
Order of Worship
First Sunday in Advent, November 28, 2021

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP We Three Kings Handbells

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP (UMH 211, verse 1)
O Come, O Come Emmanuel

OPENING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

***HYMNS OF PRAISE**

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (UMH 196)
There's a Song In The Air (UMH 249)

***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, for me and for the world.

(accessed from: <http://www.prayer-and-prayers.info/christmas-prayers/a-christmas-creed.htm>)

***THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

*** HYMN OF RESPONSE** Who Is He In Yonder Stall (UMH 190 verse 1)

ANTHEM Christmas Melody Handbells

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 1:18-25 ¹⁸ *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 fulfil 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.**

Luke 19:10 "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

SERMON Sought and Saved Rev. Kari L. Howard
Series: Why He Came

***HYMN OF DEDICATION** (UMH 242)
Love Came Down At Christmas

***THE BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

***RECESSIONAL** Joy To The World Handbells
**Please stand as you are able.*

Please place your offerings/tithes in the offerings and tithes box on your way out. Thank you for your gifts.

Message Notes:

THE NATIVITY SCENE

Today let's thank Cedelle Troxler for sharing the beautiful Nativity Scene on display at the altar area. This unique and rare Nativity belonged to her late parents who enjoyed sharing it during the season to help others prepare their hearts for the coming of Jesus and to enjoy the Christmas Season.

The history of how Jerry and Patricia Troxler came to own the Nativity Scene begins in the late 1960's in San Antonio. There the Christmas season was marked by a small but cherished tradition among downtown shoppers who stopped by the sidewalk showcases of two stores and gazed in awe at the marvelous Christmas Nativity exhibits produced by Mrs. Fern Deutsch and her aunt, Mrs. Besse McGee. These Nativity scenes were staged with hand-crafted dolls made from leather. They were so life-like that some folk were convinced they detected real movements in the figures. Using wire, plaster, plastic, padding, chamois, dabs of paint, hanks of hair, and bits of fabric and trinkets, the women created settings as pleasing to the eye as they were teasing to the imagination.

Mrs. Deutsch, the daughter of a successful window display designer, provided the inspiration for the arrangement of the individual figures, did the basic construction, and finished each figure with intricate details. Mrs. McGee's ingenuity is evident in the meticulous costuming and ornamentation of the dolls.

Together they produced more than a dozen adoration groups, usually consisting of some 20 separate pieces. A typical setting included the Holy Family, the Magi, shepherds and their flock, and angels and animals. Most exquisite among the figures were the Wise Men and their camels, each draped heavily with jewels, gold trim, silks, satins, and shiny leather. The faces and hands were of a secret composition, usually covered with kidskin and hand painted in oil.

Not only was the craft of Mrs. Deutsch and Mrs. McGee an unusual one in the days of manufactured dolls, but their works were highly prized because each was an original. The women employed no understudies to continue their style.

Now back to Cedelle's parents, Jerry and Patricia Troxler. Patricia had been a doll collector all her life and had joined a Federated Doll Club with Jerry's support and encouragement. Shortly after joining the Doll Club, Patricia became friends with a lady who had the most beautiful and unique Nativity scene she had ever seen. Patricia and Jerry attended the friend's open house every Christmas and admired the Nativity. It was made by a National Doll artist from San Antonio, Texas, Fern Deutsch and her aunt, Besse McGee.

Patricia learned that Fern had made only five of these particular Nativity scenes—one for her church in San Antonio, another by special order of Patricia's friend, another was made for a gentleman in New York who owned a museum, the fourth was for Fern's son and they do not know about the fifth one.

One day Jerry and Patricia received a call from another friend who was a National Doll dealer who told them that the museum owner in New York was closing his museum. He had no family to pass his set to, so the Troxler's placed a bid and fortunately were able to purchase it. After their purchase, they had the great pleasure of meeting Fern Deutsch and Besse McGee in San Antonio.

Patricia and Jerry enjoyed the Nativity Scene at home and by taking it on the road to share for special worship services and churches during the Advent and Christmas season. Today we are blessed that Cedelle has chosen West Bend to carry on the tradition of sharing this beautiful and rare reminder of the precious gift of Jesus Christ we have been given. Thank you Cedelle for sharing with us and all glory to God for Jesus is the reason to celebrate this season.

Prayer List

Our Church Family

Bruce Burrow
Thurman Coltrane
Harry Cooper
Jane Cox
Peggy Foust
Paul Foust
Harold Hill
Liz Johnson
Dave McGowan
Lovier Stephens
Betty Sykes

Our Family & Friends

Lynn Cash (Pastor Kari's friend)
Karen Davis (Doris Davidson's daughter)
Elaine Freeman (Donna Robbins' mother)
Vicki Freeman (Horace Lewallen's daughter)
Sig McCain (Kerri Beth's grandmother)
Roger Sykes (Betty Sykes' son)
Angie Toomes (Dare Campbell's daughter)

Assisted & Skilled Living Residents

*=Church Member

Alpine

*Juanita Porche,
Clapp's
Coline Blake (Debbie Kinney's mother)
*Daffie Branson
Cross Roads
Marie Caldwell (Carol Petty's sister)
North Pointe, Archdale, NC
*Lib Howell

Our Military

Kasey Ingold Logan Morris

Other

Revival
Students
Those with Covid and other sickness

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

Special Thanks to the Handbells for sharing their musical gifts with us today!

Thank You Notes

Dear West Bend Church Family,

Thank you for the memorial gift in memory of Bill.

During a time like this we realize how much our friends mean to us.

Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the family of Bill Lassiter

Dear West Bend Church TOG,

Thank you so much for the meals provided to The Future Truckers of America on Tuesdays. They were greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Kevin Stewart

TABLE OF GRACE



West Bend Church
Delivering Grace on Wheels
& Delicious Meals

Table of Grace Ministry
Delivering Grace on Wheels and Delicious Meals

Thank you to all of our cooks, cleaners, buyers and delivery persons.

TOG Deliveries are on Tuesdays at 11 AM. If you need a meal or know of someone that does, please contact Carol Petty, Delivery Coordinator, by 11 AM on Mondays.

TOG sent out 136 meals last week.



The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives.
Deut 14:23^{na}

Tithes and Offerings Update

Offering Needed Each Week:

\$2,529.20

Received 11/21:

\$1,425.73

You can give in person or by mail to P.O. Box 1845, Asheboro, NC 27204 or by PayPal Link:

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=GEAUNSMH5HM9L&source=url

The ministry of the church is ongoing.

Thank you for your generosity.

Other Offerings Received 11/21:

Uwharrie Kids: \$45.00

TOG: \$150.00

Church Calendar

Sunday, November 28

10 AM Worship
TBD Handbell Practice

Tuesday, November 30

11 AM TOG Deliveries
11 AM Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, December 1

10 AM Word for Wednesday
Phone Call
4:30 PM WinGs meet at Texas Roadhouse in High Point & see The Chosen Movie afterwards

Thursday, December 2

6 PM Choir Practice

Worship Associates

Live Streaming:

Laurie Hunt, Rita Lanier

Ushers:

Mike Brown, Bill Burrow, Richard Lanier

Musicians: April Brown,

Kerri Beth Frazier, Choir

Counting/Attendance/Sound:

Richard Lanier

Opening/Closing/Trash Detail:

Bill Burrow

Please remember to get someone to take your place if you can't be here.

Come Celebrate the Advent Season with West Bend Church

Starting November 28 join us on Sunday mornings at 10 AM to explore "Why He Came."

Our handbells will be playing and blessing us during our services.

Additional Services:

Christmas Cantata, Sunday, December 19, at 6 PM.

Christmas Eve Service, Friday, December 24, at 5 PM.

We hope to see you as we celebrate the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

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

Ways to Reach Church Staff

Pastor Kari L. Howard
Church: 336-625-5025 Cell: 336-707-8319
E-Mail: khoward@wncumc.net

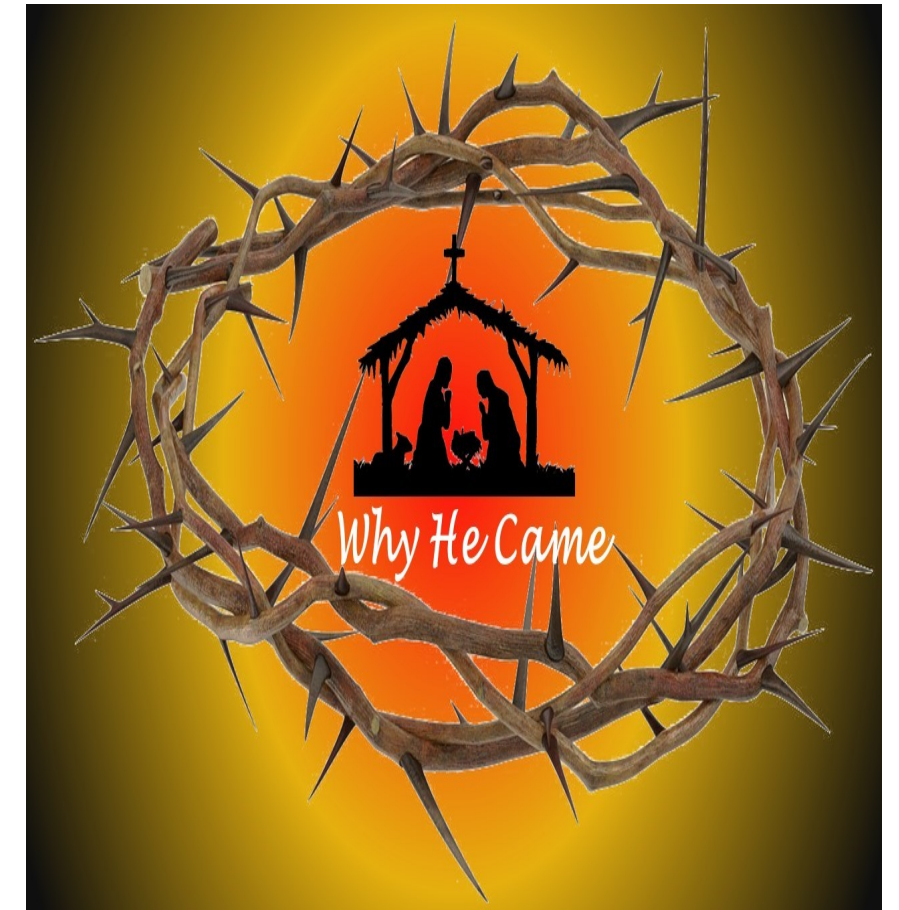
Mrs. Debra Y. Rogers
Church: 336-625-5025
E-Mail: westbendunitedmethodist@gmail.com
Church Office Hours:
Mon. - Thurs. (10 AM - 2 PM)
Church's Website: westbendumc.org

Mrs. Laurie Hunt
Cell: 910-890-2631
E-Mail: lhunt@rtmc.net

West Bend United Methodist Church

Shining Christ's Light for 111 Years and Counting!
1080 Albemarle Rd., P.O. Box 1845, Asheboro, NC 27204
Website: www.westbendumc.org
Email: westbendunitedmethodist@gmail.com 336-625-5025

Sunday, November 28, 2021



We want to welcome you to our worship service today!

If you are a visitor, please fill out one of the Connection Cards which the ushers will hand you. Completed cards may be placed in the tithes and offerings box.

If you have a prayer request, please fill out a prayer request card which is on the other side of the Connection Cards and place in the tithes and offerings box. Extra cards are beside the box.