

**WEST BEND METHODIST CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP
FOR DECEMBER 3, 2023 AT 10 AM**

OPENING PRAYER Pastor Gordon Fulton
OPENING SONG Choir & Congregation
“O Come, All Ye Faithful” (vs. 1 & 3)

***HYMN OF PRAISE** “Angels from the Realms of Glory” UMH 220

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(If you have a prayer request and/or praise report, please fill out a prayer request card even if you announce it so we can get the correct information. Visitors, please fill out a connection card. Cards may be placed in the offering plate.)

***THE AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH** (In Unison)

“The Apostles’ Creed” UMH 881

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by
the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the
dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick
and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of
the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. (**universal)*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

MORNING TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “He Is Born” April, Piano Solo
DOXOLOGY Choir & Congregation

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Carol Petty

MESSAGE Pastor Gordon Fulton
“Maintain Hope”

SCRIPTURES Please See Insert

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION
THE LORD’S PRAYER (In Unison)
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD
THE GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

***HYMN OF DEDICATION** Choir & Congregation
“O, Little Town of Bethlehem”


***THE BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**
***THE RECESSIONAL** UMH 220 (Refrain Only)

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”
*Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the Newborn King.*

*Please stand as you are able

Special thanks to April Brown for sharing her musical gifts with us on Sundays!

A Special thank you is extended to all of you that helped decorate our sanctuary. It is beautiful!



**Invite your friends and family members to join you at church in
December. Tell them you will sit with them.**

We will have a lot of special preaching and music!

December 10: 2nd Sunday in Advent, 10 AM Worship

December 17: 3rd Sunday in Advent, 10 AM Worship

Handbells will play!

December 24: 4th Sunday in Advent & Christmas Eve,

10 AM Worship and

4 PM Afternoon Worship

Prayer Requests

Our Church Family

Harold Hill

Our Family & Friends

Karen Davis (Doris Davidson's daughter)

Israel

Our Church & Country

Ida Starr (Clay & Reagan Hill's grandma)

Those on their way to our church

Angie Toomes (Dare & Layne Campbell's

daughter)

Unsaved

Unspoken Requests

Assisted & Skilled Living Residents

*=Church Member

Alpine: *Juanita Porche

Cross Roads: Marie Caldwell (Carol's sister)

Universal Ramseur: Lena McMasters

Our Military

Kasey Ingold, Logan Morris, Veterans

Christian Sympathy is extended to

Earl Trotter's family (Carol's friend)

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

****New Request for this week**

TOG received \$150 in offerings and served 150 last week.

Hospice Snacks are due 12/31/23.

Church Calendar

Sunday, December 3

9:30 AM Choir Practice

10 AM Worship

After Worship SPRC

Tuesday, December 5

12 PM TOG

5 PM WinGs Christmas

Wednesday, December 6

11 AM Bulletin Deadline

Tithes & Offerings Update for Last Sunday

Received \$825

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Thank you for your tithes and offerings to the Budget.

Budget gifts help keep the church in operation so we can reach others for Christ.

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“Maintain Hope”

From “It’s A Wonderful Life” 1947

Joseph: “A man on earth needs our help”

Guardian Angel: Clarence: “Is he sick?”

Joseph: “No...it’s worse. He’s discouraged.”

***#1 We Maintain Hope:
Through Understanding***

Romans Ch. 5

1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; 4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope.

5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

***#2 We Maintain Hope:
With Confidence***

Hebrews Ch.10 (Our Coming Rewards)

35 Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. 36 For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:

*37 “For yet a little while,
And He who is coming will come and will not tarry.*

*38 Now the just shall live by faith;
But if anyone draws back,
My soul has no pleasure in him.”*

***#3 We Maintain Hope:
With Promise***

Jeremiah Ch. 29 11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. 12 Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. 13 And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

***# 4 We Maintain Hope:
While Trusting***

Matthew Ch.6 30 Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

31 “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’

32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

***#5 We Maintain Hope:
By Reconciliation***

2nd Corinthians Ch. 5

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.