

**WEST BEND METHODIST CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP
FOR DECEMBER 17, 2023 AT 10 AM**

OPENING PRAYER Pastor Gordon Fulton
OPENING SONG “O Come, All Ye Faithful” Bells

***HYMN OF PRAISE** “The First Noel” #245

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please see announcements in your bulletin.) 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” #881

OFFERTORY PRAYER

MORNING TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Chuck Welch
DOXOLOGY “Praise God from Whom All Flow” #95

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Debra & Reagan Hill

SPECIAL MUSIC “Good King Wenceslas” Bells

MESSAGE Pastor Gordon Fulton
“**Building in LOVE**”

SCRIPTURES

Jude Ch 1

20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,

21 keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Please see insert.

***HYMN OF DEDICATION** #229
“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

***THE BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

***THE RECESSIONAL** “Joy to the World” Bells

*Please stand as you are able

Special thanks to Chuck Welch and the Handbell Choir for sharing their musical gifts with us.



Please join us on Christmas Eve for two special services.

10 AM Worship

4 PM Worship

Invite your friends and family members!

Prayer Requests

Our Church Family

Carolyn Dotson
Harold Hill
Dave McGowan

Our Family & Friends

Frankie Brewer (Carol's niece's husband)
Karen Davis (Doris Davidson's daughter)
Cindy Ingold's friend

Our Church & Country

Ida Starr (Reagan Hill's grandma)
Those on their way to our church
Laila Tew (Debra Hill's niece)
Angie Toomes (Dare & Layne Campbell's daughter)
Unsaved
Unspoken Requests

Assisted & Skilled Living Residents

*=Church Member

Alpine: *Juanita Porche
Cross Roads: Marie Caldwell
Universal Ramseur: *Lena McMasters

Our Military

Logan Morris, Veterans

Christian Sympathy to the family of

Ida Moyer

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

**TOG served 100 & received \$600
in offerings last week.**

*TOG will be closed 12/26/23 & 1/2/24
so our volunteers can spend time with
their families.*

**Hospice Snacks are due 12/31/23.
Thanks for helping us with this
community project.**

Church Calendar

Sunday, December 17
9:30 AM Choir Practice
10 AM Worship

Tuesday, December 19
11 AM Bulletins Deadline
12 PM TOG

Tithes & Offerings Update for Last Sunday

Received \$1,620

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

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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.**

Attendance: 40

Staff

Ministers	Every Member
Interim Pastor	Pastor Gordon Fulton
Office Manager	Mrs. Debra Y. Rogers
Lay Leader	Mrs. Carol Petty
Janitor	Mr. Tim Burrow

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#1 Building Through Abundance

1st Thessalonians Ch. 3

9 For what thanks can we render to God for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice for your sake before our God, 10 night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face and perfect what is lacking in your faith?

11 Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way to you.

12 And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you, 13 so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

#2 Building With Quality

1st John Ch. 4

7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9 In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. 19 We love Him because He first loved us.

#3 Building With Quantity

1st Corinthians Ch. 13

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.

2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body [a]to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

4 Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; 5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; 6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

#4 Building Love- With A Multiplying Factor: Compassion

Matthew Ch. 9

35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease [among the people].

36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. 37 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. 38 Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

#5 Building A Solution: For The Ultimate Need

John Ch. 3

16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.