

**WEST BEND METHODIST CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP  
FOR DECEMBER 31, 2023, AT 10 AM**

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**OPENING PRAYER** Pastor Gordon Fulton

**OPENING SONG** “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” #240

1 Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King:  
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
with th'angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain:

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King"

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb:  
veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,  
pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel.  
[Refrain]

3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right-  
eousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in  
his wings.

Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.  
[Refrain]

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** “O Come, All Ye Faithful” #234

1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O  
come ye to Bethlehem! Come, and behold Him, born the King  
of angels!

Refrain:

O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore Him;  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

2 God of God, Light of Light, lo, He abhors not the virgin's  
womb; very God, begotten not created; [Refrain]

3 Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation; sing, all ye citizens  
of heav'n above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest!  
[Refrain]

4 Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning; Jesus,  
to Thee be all glory giv'n!

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! [Refrain]

**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

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, suf-  
fered 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** “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” #196

1. Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people  
free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in  
thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth  
thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing  
heart.

2. Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

**DOXOLOGY** “Praise God from Whom All Flow” #95

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Carol Petty

**MESSAGE**

Pastor Gordon Fulton

“Seven Open Doors”

**SCRIPTURES**

Please See Insert

**An Example Of God-Like Friendship and Care**

Isaiah Ch. 58

10 If you extend your soul to the hungry  
And satisfy the afflicted soul,  
Then your light shall dawn in the darkness,  
And your darkness shall be as the noonday.  
11 The Lord will guide you continually,  
And satisfy your soul in drought,  
And strengthen your bones;  
You shall be like a watered garden,  
And like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.

**Joy vs. Happiness**

**HAPPINESS is when something good happens**

**TO you....**

**(This has a limited “lifespan.”)**

**JOY is when something good happens**

**THROUGH you!**

**(This has long-term affect in life.)**

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION** “We Three Kings” #254

1 We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse  
afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following  
yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty  
bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to  
thy perfect light.

2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to  
crown him again, King forever, ceasing never,  
over us all to reign. [Refrain]

3 Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a Deity  
nigh; prayer and praising, voices raising,  
worshipping God on high. [Refrain]

4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume  
breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. [Refrain]

5 Glorious now behold him arise;  
King and God and sacrifice:  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
sounds through the earth and skies. [Refrain]

**\*THE BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

**\*THE RECESSIONAL** #220  
“Angels from the Realms of Glory” (Refrain Only)  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn King.

\*Please stand as you are able

Special thank you to Carol Petty for sharing her  
musical gifts with us today.

Sermon Notes:

**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

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

**Tithes & Offerings Update  
for Last Sunday**

Received \$2,154

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

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.

Christmas Eve Attendance:

10AM Service: 34  
4 PM Service: 55

**Just a reminder for January 1, 2024**

Our legal name has changed to West  
Bend Church. Please make future  
checks out to West Bend Church.

Thank you for your support.

**Church Calendar**

**Sunday, December 31**  
9:30 AM Choir Practice  
10 AM Worship

**Monday, January 1**  
Happy New Year!  
Office Closed

**Tuesday, January 2**  
TOG Closed

**Wednesday, January 3**  
11 AM Bulletin Deadline

Today is the 5th Sunday. An  
extra offering will be taken  
up for Table of Grace.

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

**Staff**

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

**Ways to Reach Church Staff**

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Thank you for your contribution of  
desserts for our annual Hospice  
BBQ.  
Your continued support means so  
much.  
Hospice of Randolph

**West Bend Methodist Church**

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**Seven Open Doors**