

**WEST BEND CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR  
SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Carol Petty  
**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** #328

“Surely the Presence of the Lord”

**OPENING PRAYER** Hal Johnson

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** “Victory in Jesus” #370

**\*THE AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH** Hal Johnson

“The Apostles’ Creed” #881(In Unison)

*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)*

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**THE MORNING PRAYER** Hal Johnson

**MORNING TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY** “Cleans Me” C&W #3, vs. 1, 3, 4) Choir

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

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** Hal Johnson

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 12: 16-34

And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’ “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’ “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more

valuable you are than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?”

“Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

**MESSAGE** “The Good Life” Rev. Jon Hunter

Sermon Outline:

- \* Money = Happiness ??
  - \* Life >> Material Things
  - \* ?? Resources vs Kingdom Values
  - \* Worry = Interest paid on tomorrow's troubles
  - \* Treasure in Heaven = True Security
  - \* Reasons not to worry!
  - \* When to worry!
- Material things > Spiritual things  
-- Self > Others  
-- Tomorrow > Today  
-- Life plans do not include God's involvement

**THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (In Unison)

**Lord, you are our Shepherd, our Guide, and our Strength in all things. Forgive us when we fail to acknowledge you and follow your will for our lives. We confess that we do not give you all praise and glory for our successes and blessings in our life. We are quicker to complain when things go wrong than to praise you when everything is going well for us. We are more concerned with feeding our bodies enough food while neglecting to feed our souls. Power and wealth have assumed greater importance to us than serving you, Lord. We have been more**

worried about providing for ourselves than loving and helping our neighbors.

**Open our eyes to the power of love, shown to us in the unselfish sacrifice of your son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who died on the cross for our sins. Keep us from repeating our mistakes of the past. Forgive our sins, compassionate Redeemer and give us the opportunity to start over again. Help us to forgive those who have sinned against us. Lead us into new life through your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

**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 the evil one. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**THE GIVING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

**COMMUNION CLOSING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION** #77

“How Great Thou Art”

**\*THE BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**

**\*RECESSIONAL** “Blest Be the Tie that Binds” #557, vs. 1

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love,  
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

*Special thanks to Jon Hunter for preaching today.*

*Message Notes:*

## Prayer List

### Our Church Family

Cecil Branson  
Harry Cooper  
Carolyn Dotson  
Harold Hill

### Our Family & Friends

Karen Davis (Doris Davidson's daughter)  
Billy Hunt (Laurie Hunt's brother-in-law)  
Cindy Ingold's friend  
Israel  
Our Church & Country  
Angela Frye (Donna Robbins' cousin)  
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  
Universal Ramseur: \*Lena McMasters  
Westbrook Archdale: Daryl Hamilton (TOG attendee)

### Christian Sympathy

John Darren Wing (Lee & Evelyn Ellis' grandson, Teresa Shaw's son)

### Our Military

Logan Morris, Veterans

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

### Table of Grace News

Table of Grace received \$360 in offerings last week.  
Thank you for your support.

All are invited to the Tuesday meals from 12pm-1pm.

### Church Calendar

#### Sunday, April 7

9:30 am Choir  
Practice  
10 am Worship

#### Tuesday, April 9

12 pm –1 pm  
Table of Grace

#### Wednesday, April 10

11 am Bulletin  
Deadline

### Ministry Staff

Ministers	Every Member
Office Manager	Mrs. Debra Y. Rogers
Lay Leader	Mrs. Carol S. Petty
Janitor	Mr. Tim Burrow

### Ways to Reach Church Staff

Mrs. Debra Y. Rogers  
Church: 336-625-5025  
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### Worship Associates

Musicians: April Brown, Choir  
Sound System: Richard Lanier  
Ushers: Mike Brown, Bill Burrow  
Attendance Takers:  
Linda Burrow, Kathy McGowan  
Communion Preparer:  
Debra Hill

Thank you for your service!



The purpose  
of tithing is  
to teach you  
always to put  
God first in  
your lives.  
Deut 14:23<sup>na</sup>

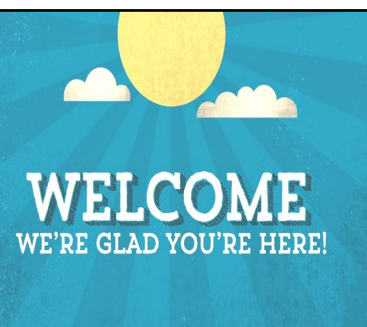
Tithes & Offerings &  
Attendance Update  
for Last Sunday

Budget Offering Received:  
\$1,298.00

Attendance: 46

You can give in person or by mail  
to P.O. Box 1845,  
Asheboro, NC 27204.  
Thank you for your tithes &  
offerings to the Budget.  
Budget gifts help keep the church  
in operation so we can reach  
others for Christ.

Just a reminder:  
Please make checks out to  
West Bend Church.  
Thank you.



*If you are a visitor, please fill out a connection card located in the pews. We would like to get to know you better. If you have a prayer request, please fill out the other side of the card. Completed cards may be placed in the offering plate.*

## West Bend Church A Global Methodist Congregation

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“The Good  
Life”