

**WEST BEND CHURCH**  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024, 11 AM**

**PRELUDE** “O Come, All Ye Faithful” Handbell Choir  
**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Carol Petty  
*(If you have a prayer request, please fill out a card located in the pews. If you are a visitor please fill out the other side of the card with your information. Completed cards may be placed in the offering plate.)*

**\*CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP** “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” #229  
**OPENING PRAYER**  
**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** “The First Noel” #245  
**\*THE AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH** “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)

**PRAISE AND PRAYER**  
**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 evil.*  
*For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

**MORNING TITHES AND OFFERINGS**  
**OFFERTORY** “Good King Wencelas” Handbell Choir  
**DOXOLOGY** “Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow” #95  
**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**SCRIPTURE INTRODUCTION/CHILDREN’S TIME** – Joy verses Happiness

**THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE** Hal Johnson

**MESSAGE** Pastor Richard Routh  
“A Season of Joy”

**SCRIPTURE** 1 Peter 1:3-9 (ESV)  
3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, 9 obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**SERMON NOTES**  
Finding and Sustaining Joy:

1 Salvation brings joy (Isaiah 12:3)  
2 Studying God’s Word (Nehemiah 8:1-18)  
3 Sharing your faith (Psalm 126:5-6)  
4 Unity among others (1 Corinthians 1:10-17)  
5 Trusting God (1 Peter 1:8)  
6 Knowing to Whom you belong (Romans 15:13)

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” #196  
**\*THE BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**  
**\*RECESSIONAL** “Joy to the World” Handbell Choir

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

*There are hearing devices available to use during worship. Please see an usher for assistance.*

*Special thank you to the Handbell Choir for sharing their musical gifts with us and to Hal Johnson for his wonderful assistance during worship.*

**Prayer List**

**Our Church Family**

Paul Foust  
Gail Hurley  
Tom Morgan  
Brenda Welch

**Our Family & Friends**

Karen Davis (Doris Davison’s daughter)  
Hurricane Victims  
Jene Inman (Cindy Ingold’s friend)  
Israel  
Charles Lewis  
Our Church & Country  
Angela Frye (Donna Robbins’ cousin)  
Andrea Sykes (Carol Petty’s sister-in-law)  
Angie Toomes (Dare & Layne’s daughter)

**Assisted & Skilled Living Residents**

\*=Church Member

Alpine, Asheboro: Sylvia Kearns  
Asheboro Health & Rehab:  
\*Harold Hill

Cross Roads, Asheboro: Marie Caldwell  
Universal, Ramseur: \*Lena McMasters

**Our Military**

Logan Morris, Veterans

**Christian Sympathy**

Konda Shaw

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

**Worship Associates**

**Musicians:** April Brown, Choir  
**Sound System:** Richard Lanier  
**Ushers:** Mike Brown, Bill Burrow  
**Attendance Takers:** Linda Burrow, Kathy McGowan  
**Power Point:** Mary Anne Routh  
**Communion Preparer:** Debra Hill  
**Thank you for your service!**

**Church Calendar**

**Sunday, December 15**

**11 am Worship**

**Tuesday, December 17**

**11 am Bulletin Deadline for  
12/22, 12/24, & 12/29 Bulletins  
12 pm Table of Grace**

**Bible Study has been postponed until January 8 at 1 pm.**

**Table of Grace is closed 12/24 & 12/31.  
Fed 100 & received \$30 last week.**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



*Bring your friends and family and join us  
for our special Christmas Eve Service  
December 24, 2024 at 4 pm*

**Budget Tithes & Offerings & Attendance**

**Update for last Sunday**

**Offering: \$1,871.16 Attendance: 38**

**Ministry Staff**

<b>Ministers</b>	Every Member
<b>Pastor</b>	Mr. Richard Routh
<b>Office Manager</b>	Mrs. Debra Y. Rogers
<b>Lay Leader</b>	Mrs. Carol S. Petty
<b>Janitor</b>	Mr. Tim Burrow

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