

WEST BEND CHURCH  
ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024, 11 AM

**PRELUDE** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” 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** “Away in a Manger” #217  
**OPENING PRAYER**  
**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** “Joy to the World” #246  
**\*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** “Carol of the Bells” Handbell Choir  
**DOXOLOGY** “Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow” #95  
**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**SCRIPTURE INTRODUCTION/CHILDREN’S TIME** – The Circle of Love

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

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

**SCRIPTURE** I John 4: 7-19 (ESV)  
7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we have 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. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.  
13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16 So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. 17 By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. 19 We love because he first loved us.

**SERMON NOTES**

**Attributes of Love:**

- 1 The Ultimate Spiritual Gift (1 Corinthians 13:1-13)
- 2 Salvation is based on God’s love (Hosea 11:8-9)
- 3 Prepares us for service (John 21:15-17)
- 4 Love for others reflects our true heart’s condition (1 John 2:6-11)
- 5 The greatest love of our lives is God (Deuteronomy 6:4-5)

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION** “Silent Night, Holy Night” #239  
**\*THE BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH**  
*\*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 lighting the Advent candle.*

*Merry Christmas Everyone!*

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.*

*A Memorial Gift has been given in loving  
memory of their mother, Margaret Davis,  
and father, Clarence Davis,  
by Doug & Colleen Davis  
with this message:  
West Bend has blessed our family mightily  
over the years and we thank God for you.*

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 22

11 am Worship

Tuesday, December 24

4 pm Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday, December 25

Merry Christmas!

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

Table of Grace is closed 12/24 & 12/31.  
Received \$100 last week & fed 100.

The church office is closed December 24-27.



**Budget Tithes & Offerings & Attendance**

**Update for last Sunday**

**Offering: \$2,380 Attendance: 37**

Ministry Staff

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

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