

WEST BEND CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025, 11 AM

PRELUDE “Joy to the World”, “We Three Kings” Handbells

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP #217

“Away in a Manger”
PASTOR’S WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER Rev. Richard Routh

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.

SCRIPTURE VERSE/CHILDREN’S TIME “Happy, Joyful, or Both”

*HYMN OF PRAISE “The First Noel” #245

MORNING TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “The First Noel”, “O, Come All Ye Faithful” Handbells

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

MESSAGE Rev. Richard Routh
“The Gift of Joy to last a Lifetime”

SCRIPTURE READING

25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, 26 and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened. 27 When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” 29 And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. 30 Then he brought them out and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” 31 And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” 32 And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33 And he took them the same hour of the night

and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. 34 Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God. Acts 16:25-34 (ESV)

12 I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, 13 so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. 14 And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. 15 Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. 16 The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. 17 The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. 18 What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice. Philippians 1:12-18 (ESV)

CONSIDER THIS: Examples of Joy In the Bible

The Gospel of Luke: (11)

Paul’s letter to the Philippines: (5)

Philippians 1:4 Praying with Joy

Philippians 1:25 Joy in our Faith

Philippians 2:2 Joy in Unity with other Believers

Philippians 2:29 Receive Others in Christ with Joy and Honor

*HYMN OF DEDICATION “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” #240

*THE BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH

*RECESSIONAL “Good King Wenceslas” Handbells

**Please stand as you are able.*

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

Thank you to our wonderful Handbell Choir for playing today.

Table of Grace will be closed December 24 & 30, January 6. TOG will reopen January 13. Table of Grace fed 80 last week.

Calendar Addition: Amanda Hill Jones birthday December 11.

Prayer List

Our Church Family

Paul Foust	Harold Hill
Gail Hurley	Rita Lanier
Dave McGowan	Vivian Morgan
Billie Nance	Mary Anne Routh
Judy Stultz	

Our Family & Friends

Carolyn & Luther Brown (Ashley & John Bernhard's friend's mother)
Karen Davis (Doris Davidson's daughter)
Evelyn & Lee Ellis
Angela Frye (Donna Robbins' cousin)
Milton Redding (Horace's brother-in-law)
Andrea Sykes (Carol Petty's sister-in-law)
Angie Toomes (Campbell's daughter)
Channing Welch (Chuck & Toni's granddaughter)

Assisted & Skilled Living Residents

*=Church Member
Cross Roads, Asheboro: Marie Caldwell
Ramseur Rehab: *Carolyn Dotson
*Lena Mae McMasters

Our Military

Logan Morris, Veterans

Our Church

Unsaved Persons

Names will be left for 2 weeks unless notified otherwise.

We are so happy you are here and would like to welcome you!

We hope you find our worship encouraging and will attend again. If you are a first time visitor, please fill out a connection card located in the pews. If you have a prayer request, even if you announce it, please take time to fill out a prayer request card so we can notate them properly.

Completed cards may be placed in the offering plate. Thank you.

Worship Associates

Musicians: April Brown, Choir
Sound System: Richard Lanier
Ushers: Mike Brown, Bill Burrow
Attendance Takers: Linda Burrow, Richard Lanier, Kathy McGowan
Power Point: Mary Anne Routh
Communion Preparer: Debra Hill
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

Church Calendar

Sunday, December 14

11 am Worship

Tuesday, December 16

11 am Bulletin Deadline

12 pm Table of Grace

Wednesday, December 17

1 pm Bible Study



Christmas Eve
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24 at 4 pm

Bring your family & friends and Invite everyone you know to attend this beautiful service.

Ministry Staff

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

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*The gift of God we'll cherish well,
That ever joy our hearts shall fill.*
—HOW GREAT OUR JOY

I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY. LUKE 2:10