

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)	
<i>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.</i>		
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		
<p>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</p>		

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 Philippians: (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.*

