

WEST BEND CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025, 11 AM

PRELUDE	“O Holy Night”	April Brown
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		
*CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO WORSHIP	“Joy to the World”	#246
	“Away in a Manger”	
PASTOR’S WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER		
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	“What’s Love Got To Do With It”	
*HYMN OF PRAISE	“We Three Kings”	#254
MORNING TITHES AND OFFERINGS		
OFFERTORY		Choir
“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”		
“He is Born”		
“Away in a Manger”		
DOXOLOGY	“Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow”	#95
OFFERTORY PRAYER		
THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE		
MESSAGE	“God’s Gift of Love”	Rev. Richard Routh
16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <i>John 3:16-18 (ESV)</i>		

4 “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. *Deuteronomy 6:4-6 (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. *1 John 4:7-17 (ESV)*

12 “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. *John 15:12-13 (ESV)*

CONSIDER THIS: Examples of Divine Love in the Bible

God is love - *1 John 4:8, 16*
Love is from God - *1 John 4:7*
God’s Supreme Act of Love – *John 3:16*
Our Commandment to Love God - *Deuteronomy 6:5, Luke 10:27*
Our Commandment to Love Others – *John 15:12, Mat 22:39, Mark 12:31*

*HYMN OF DEDICATION “Silent Night, Holy Night” #239
*THE BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH
*RECESSIONAL “Angels from the Realms of Glory” #220 Refrain Only
 Come and Worship, Come and Worship,
 Worship Christ, the newborn King.

**Please stand as you are able.*

There are hearing devices available to use during worship. Please see an usher for assistance.
Table of Grace will be closed December 23 & 30, January 6. TOG will reopen January 13.

