

December 15, 2019
Third Sunday in Advent
North Warren Presbyterian Church
Reverend Burfoot S. Ward, III, Pastor
Cathy Peterson, Pianist

*"We trust God's Spirit to work in us,
through our words and deeds,
wherever we are."*

Prelude

Passing the Friendship Register

Please sign the friendship register, your name only if you attend regularly, completely if you are new or visiting.

Announcements

Call to Worship	Matthew 11:2-11	p. 1512
Advent Wreath Candle Lighting	"JOY"	Ivy Wilton
*Hymn	"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"	No. 271

***Invocation**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Offertory Response	"Doxology"	No. 815
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***Offertory Prayer**

Junior Sermon		Rev. Ward
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*Hymn	"O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful"	No. 282
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Scripture Lesson	Isaiah 35:1-10	p. 1111
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Sermon	Songs of Joy	Rev. Ward
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Joys and Concerns

*Hymn	"Joy to the World"	No. 270
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***Benediction**

Postlude

**Those Who Are Able, Please Stand*

*We welcome all who have come to worship us.
We pray that this hour will be a blessing to you.*

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Lay Leader today is Gloria Lindell.

Ushers today are Carol and Darrell Pusateri.

Sound Booth operator is Hayden Turner.

Nursery worker is Sandy Ransom.

Greeting the congregation at the close of the worship service today Anne and Buddy Ward are at the Church Street door and Gloria Lindell and Mark Ash are at the State Street door.

After Church Coffee Hosts today are Dave Snyder and Susan Stout. Take a few minutes to enjoy some conversation and goodies downstairs after worship.

Sunday School Christmas Pageant, Sunday December 22 during the 11:00 am worship hour. Join your friends and neighbors as both children and adults act out a celebration of the birth of Jesus. This Christmas pageant will feature a costumed cast, live narration, and congregational hymns. Following the pageant everyone is invited to join the cast for a time of refreshment in fellowship hall.

We serve at Sharing Place on December 19.

Servers: Chris McClellan, Denny McClellan, Sally Clark, Celia Gross, and Lynn Olsen

Bakers: Nancy Bullock, Sandy Ransom, Susan Stout, Bill Gross, and Celia Gross.

Regular Office Hours are NOW Tuesday mornings, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm, and Thursday & Friday mornings, 8:00 am to 10:00 pm.

Annual Church & Community Children's Christmas Party Saturday, December 21 from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. All children from the Church, Sunday School, Day Care, and Summer Day Camp are invited! It will be a great time of fun as we celebrate our "Christmas Wish List" together! And as usual we will be having two special visitors from way up north.

Thank You from Church World Service for being a sponsoring CWS Blanket congregation! We couldn't do our Blankets ministry without congregations like yours. We are so grateful for your generosity.

Manse Christmas Open House Once again the whole Ward family will be together and open their home for a gathering of our neighbors and church community. Come by any time between 4:30 - 7:30 pm on Sunday, December 22nd for a time of fun, food, and fellowship! The manse is located next to the church at 202 South State Street in North Warren.

Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion Service Tuesday, December 24th at 7:00 pm. Make it a family tradition to join your friends and neighbors for a celebration of Jesus' birth as we worship together with carols, special music, and the telling of the timeless story of how God's love was sent to earth to save this world. As part of the evening's worship we will join together in sharing the Lord's Supper and a candlelight rendition of Silent Night.

Queen Esther Sight & Sound Trip May 11-12, 2020
Cost is Single-\$325, Double-\$250, Triple-\$222, Quad-\$210. All Rooms are King or 2 Queen Suites with Queen Hide a bed. Price includes all expenses: Bus, Hotel, Dinner, Breakfast, Show, Buffet Lunch, taxes and tips. \$50 per person non-refundable deposit due with reservation. There is a \$10.00 discount per person if paid in full by 2/1/2020. Please make checks payable to NWPC/Esther. See Gary Olson or the church office for registration forms or more details.

Sermon Outline for Sunday Morning, December 15, 2019 Rev. Ward

TITLE: *"Songs of Joy"*

TEXTS: Isaiah 35:1-10

I. Introduction: Story – *"An Armed Standoff with Police"*

II. What can restore strength to feeble hands and weak knees ? HOPE !

III. Jesus is the hope of God's presence with us .

IV. Jesus is also the hope of new life in God .

V. Jesus is the hope of a new walk with God .

VI. For all those who put their hope in Jesus, The Messiah, are united as one with . . . " _____ !"

Prayer Requests Today

- ✓ Conneaut Lake Presbyterian Church
- ✓ Sam Heagy, Preaching
- ✓ Rev. Jim McCormack, Honorably Retired
- ✓ Missionaries of the PC (USA) throughout the World
- ✓ Our neighbors and our community
- ✓ Our congregation, pastor, and the PCUSA.

Looking Ahead

Sunday, December 15

- 9:15 AM Prayer Meeting
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship Service
- 12 noon After Church Coffee Fellowship
- 6:00 PM Session Meeting in Fellowship Hall

Monday, December 16

- 6:30 PM Qadosh Bells

Wednesday, December 18

- 6:30 PM Youth Recreation in Community House

Thursday, December 19

- 3:00 PM Sharing Place at First Presbyterian Church

Saturday, December 21

- 10:00 AM Annual Children's Christmas Party

Sunday, December 22

- 9:15 AM Prayer Meeting
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Christmas Pageant & Worship Service
- 4:30 PM Manse Open House, 202 S. State Street

Monday, December 23

- 11:30 AM Ladies Bible Study Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 24

- 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion