

December 22, 2019  
Fourth Sunday in Advent  
North Warren Presbyterian Church  
Reverend Burfoot S. Ward, III, Pastor  
Kris Soderburg, Organist

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*"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**                      Isaiah 7:10-16                      p. 1069

**Advent Wreath Candle Lighting**    "PEACE"                      Teresa &  
Rick Blumquist

**\*Hymn**                      "O Come All Ye Faithful"                      No. 249

**\*Invocation**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**                      "The First Noel"                      Qadosh Bells  
arranged by Bill Ingram

**\*Offertory Response**    "We Give Thee But Thine Own"                      No. 816

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**Christmas Pageant**                      *"The Christmas Story"*

(Carols included in the Christmas Pageant in order of singing:  
#270, #250, #262, and #258)

**Scripture Lessons** (included in Christmas Pageant)

Luke 2:1-16 (page 1590)  
Matthew 2:1-11 (page 1497)

## Joys and Concerns

\*Hymn "Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

No. 273

\*Benediction

Postlude

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*\*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 Anne Ward.

**Ushers** today are Carol and Darrell Pusateri.

**Sound Booth** operator is Hayden Turner.

**Nursery worker** is Melissa Turner.

**Greeting the congregation** at the close of the worship service today Anne and Buddy Ward are at the Church Street door and Celia Gross at the State Street door.

**After Church Pageant Reception** downstairs in fellowship hall following the service. Take a few minutes to greet the program participants and enjoy some conversation and refreshments as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus.

**Manse Christmas Open House Tonight!** The whole Ward family will be together and open their home for a gathering of our neighbors and church community. Come by anytime 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.

**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.

**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.

**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. Rev. Ward's message for the evening is titled "*The Gift Has Arrived*" taken from Isaiah 9:2-7. Use this as a special opportunity to invite your family and friends to come and celebrate our Savior's Birth!

**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.

## **Prayer Requests Today**

- ✓ Bradford, First Presbyterian Church
- ✓ Rev. Katherine Randall and
- ✓ Rev Rob Klouw, Co-pastors
- ✓ Rev. Christopher Fujii, Honorably Retired
- ✓ Our neighbors and our community
- ✓ Our congregation, pastor, and the PCUSA.

## **Looking Ahead**

**Sunday, December 22**

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

**Monday, December 23**

NO Qadosh Bells

**Tuesday, December 24**

7:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion

**Wednesday, December 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY**

NO Youth Recreation in Community House

**Sunday, December 29**

- 9:15 AM Prayer Meeting
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship Service

**Monday, December 30**

NO Qadosh Bells

**Wednesday, January 1 – NEW YEAR'S DAY**

NO Youth Recreation in Community House

**Thursday, January 2**

6:00 PM Deacons meet in Pastor Ward's Office