

December 4, 2022
Second 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

Register Attendance

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

Announcements

Call to Worship *"Romans 15:4-13"* page 1767
(Read by lay leader)

Lighting Advent Candle of HOPE Susan Stout

***Hymn** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" No. 244

*Invocation

Special Music *"The First Nowell"* Qadosh Bells
Arr. Michael Ryan

Children's Message Rev. Ward

Scripture Lesson Matthew 3:1-12 p. 1499

Sermon *"The Promise and Hope of Christmas"* Rev. Ward

Joys and Concerns

***Hymn** "One Small Child" No. 280

*Benediction

Postlude

*Those Who Are Able, Please Stand
We welcome all who have come to worship with us.
We pray that this service will be a blessing to you.



Lay Leader today is Anne Ward.

Ushers/Greeters for today are Darrell and Carol Pusateri.

Video/Sound Booth operator is Drake Lawson.

Nursery worker is Nancy Bullock.

Offering plates are located at the entrances to the sanctuary. Please place your tithes and offerings in the plates on your way in or out of the service. You can give electronically by downloading the app, going to our website, or snapping the QR code on the front cover and clicking on the "Donate Now" button on the first page. Our new invitation code is **TB43VX**. THANK-YOU!

Community Christmas Party, "Christmas Cookies," Saturday, December 17 from 10 am-noon. Children will have a great time celebrating how God brought together all the right "ingredients" to give us God's "Indescribable Gift of Love!" The celebration will continue Sunday morning at 11 am as the children, families, and congregation, celebrate Jesus' birthday together. Invite a friend!

Looking Ahead

Monday, December 5 - 10:00 am Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall, the third study will be, "Jesus Heals the Wounded" w / Jada Edwards
- 6:30 pm Qadosh Bells practice in Sanctuary

Wednesday, Dec. 7 - 6:00 - 7:30 pm Youth Recreation at the C.H.

Thursday, December 8 - 11:15 pm Ladies Prayer Luncheon at Warren County Career Center. All women are welcome to attend. Reservations are required.

Sunday, December 11 - 9:30 am Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am Worship - Third Sunday of Advent
12:00 noon - Congregational Meeting

Monday, Dec. 12 - 6:30 pm Qadosh Bells practice in Sanctuary

Wednesday, Dec. 14 - 6:00 - 7:30 pm Youth Recreation at the Community House

Saturday, December 17 - 10:00 am Community Christmas Party

Sunday, December 18 - 9:30 am Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am Children's Christmas Program
6:00 pm Session meets in Fellowship Hall

The Sunflowers are in support of the Ukrainians as they fight for their freedom against the Russians.

The Advent Decorations are given through your donations to the Flower Committee to the Glory of God.

The Fall Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, December 11 immediately following the Worship Service to receive the 2023 Church Budget, vote on the 2023 Pastoral Terms of Call, elect members to the: Day Care, Community House, Memorial, Audit, and P.F.I.E. Committees, along with any other business as is appropriate according to the Book of Order.

Sermon Outline for December 4, 2022

Rev. Ward

TITLE: *“The Promise & Hope of Christmas”* TEXT: Matthew 3:1-12

I. Introduction: Today's text is a message of _____ that _____ has been _____ for _____ of _____ .

II. At Christmas, the _____ of _____ came _____ in the _____ of Jesus Christ.

III. The first _____ and _____ of Christmas is that in _____ , we have a _____ .

IV. The second _____ and _____ of Christmas is that in _____ , we have _____ .

V. And finally, the _____ and _____ of Christmas is that in _____ , we have a _____ .

VI. I pray that you have the kingdom of heaven in you because that's . . . “ _____ !”