December 17, 2023 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

#### **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	"Isaiah 9:2-3,6-7"	page 1072 (read by layleader)
Lighting Advent O	Candle of JOY Char	rles & Carolyn Dickson
*Hymn	"O Come, O Come, Emmanu	iel" No. 245
*Invocation		
*Offering Respon	se "Doxology"	p.815
*Offering Prayer		
Christmas Progra	m Church Memb	ers & Children's Choir

# "The Good News Flash"

(all carols are sung from the hymnal with the verses as noted, the children's choir will sing with the congregation joining them where noted)

The play starts in the "Chief's Office" of the Bethlehem Times

The First Noel #	265 verses 1 & 2 only	choir & congregation
Away in a Manger	#262	children's choir
What Child Is This?	#281	choir & congregation
O Come, All Ye Faithfu	l <b>l</b> #249	piano only
Joy to the World!	#270 verse 1 only	choir & congregation

### Joys and Concerns

\*Hymn

### \*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.

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Lay Leader today is Bill Gross.

Ushers/Greeters for today are Bill Ransom and Amy Ransom.

Video/Sound Booth operators is Drake Lawson.

Nursery worker is Amanda Knopf.

**Join us after the service for** *refreshments!* Don't run off! Come downstairs to Fellowship Hall to visit with the children and cast as we celebrate our Savior's birth. Today's refreshments are provided by Ellen Nelson and Marcia McKown.

**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**, *"Candy Cane Christmas"* Saturday, December 23 from 10 am-noon. Children will have a great time celebrating how candy canes help us remember the first Christmas and how *"Knowing Jesus is Sweet!"* Invite a friend!

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service**, Sunday, December 24 at 7:00 pm. We will worship together to celebrate the timeless telling of how God's love was sent to earth to save the world. Rev. Ward's message will be, *"Glory to God!"* taken from Luke 2:1-14. The service will conclude with the lighting of candles and the singing of "Silent Night." A nursery will be provided. Make sure to invite your friends and family to join us. **The Advent Decorations** are given through your donations to the Flower Committee to the Glory of God.

**Women's Bible Study**, *"Holy Habits"* with Derwin Gray, will start tomorrow, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall. God calls us to be set apart and be holy; but, what does that mean? This four-part series, calls us to a new way of living, one formed by rhythms of holiness. Plan now to attend!

# Looking Ahead

Tonight, December 17 - 6:00 pm Session meets in Fellowship Hall

Monday, December 18 - 10:00 am Women's Bible Study in the series *"Holy Habits,"* will meet in Fellowship Hall, #1 - *"Making Peace in a World of Conflict."* Plan now to attend. - 6:30 pm Qadosh Bell Practice in bell room

Saturday, December 23 - 10:00 am - noon, Children's Community Christmas Party. Invite a friend!

Sunday, December 24 - 9:30 am Sunday School for all ages 11:00 am Worship Service in the Sanctuary - 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

Monday, December 25 - Have a blessed Christmas Day!

Sunday, December 31 - 9:30 am Sunday School for all ages 11:00 am Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Monday, January 1 - New Year's Day

Thursday, January 4 - 6:00 pm Deacons meet in pastor's office

Sunday, January 7 - 9:30 am Sunday School for all ages 11:00 am Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Monday, January 8 - 10:00 am Women's Bible Study in the series *"Holy Habits,"* will meet in Fellowship Hall, #2 - *"Being Shaped by Scripture."* Plan now to attend. - 6:00 pm C. E. Com. meets in pastor's office

- 6:30 pm Community House Com. meets

- 6:30 pm Qadosh Bell Practice in bell room