

December 3, 2023
First Sunday in Advent
North Warren Presbyterian Church
Reverend Burfoot S. Ward, III, Pastor
Kris Soderberg, Organist

*"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 *"Psalm 80:1-3, 17-19"* page 919
(Read by lay leader)

Lighting Advent Candle of HOPE Gary & Kathy Olson

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

*Invocation

***Offering Response** "Doxology" p.815

*Offering Prayer

Special Music *"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"* Qadosh Bells
arr: Barbara Kinyon

Children's Message Rev. Ward

Scripture Lesson Mark 13:24-37 p. 1578

Sermon *"Thy Kingdom Come"* Rev. Ward

Joys and Concerns

***Hymn** "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" No. 251

*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 Chris McClellan.

Usher/Greeter for today is Bill Ransom.

Video/Sound Booth operator is Darrell Pusateri.

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, *"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!

Looking Ahead

Monday, December 4 - 10:00 am Women's Bible Study in the
series "Love in Chaos," will meet in
Fellowship Hall, #6 - *"Love Without
End."* Plan now to attend.
- 6:30 pm Qadosh Bell Practice in bell room

Thursday, December 7 - 6:00 pm Deacons meet in pastor's office

Sunday, December 10 - 9:30 am Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am Worship Service in Sanctuary

Monday, December 11 - 6:30 pm Qadosh Bell Practice in bell room

Thursday, December 14 - 11:30 am Ladies Prayer Luncheon at the
Warren County Career Center. All women
welcome to attend. Reservations required.

Sunday, December 17 - 9:30 am Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am Worship - Sunday School Christmas
Program, *"Good News Flash!"* The children's
choir will sing, there will be a re-enactment of
the first Christmas along with the singing of
your favorite carols. Refreshments will follow
downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

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 10 immediately following the Worship Service to receive the 2024 Church Budget, vote on the 2024 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.

New Women's Bible Study, “*Holy Habits*” with Derwin Gray, will starts December 18th at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall (note the date change). 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!

Sermon Outline for December 3, 2023

Rev. Ward

TITLE: “*Thy Kingdom Come*”

TEXT: Mark 13:24-37

I. Introduction: Each year we _____ the season of _____ focusing ____ on Jesus' _____ but on his _____ .

II. Nobody _____ when this climatic _____ will _____ .

III. And we really can't _____ much about what _____ happen when that _____ does _____ .

IV. Meanwhile let's do the _____ we can to _____ as _____ would have us _____ here and now.

V . All God's people need that strong moral compass to guide us so we may boldly proclaim with one mighty voice . . .

“ _____ !”