

# **West Hempfield Presbyterian Church**

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 14, 2025

*Where you see the star (\*), you are invited to stand if you are comfortable.*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**      *Youth Acolytes will light the candles on the Lord's Table*

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Children of God, what are we waiting for?

**We wait for joy that cannot be stolen, joy that wells up, even in wilderness places. We wait for laughter to ring out in mourning, for songs of gladness to rise in broken streets. We wait ... for joy that is more than happiness, to rejoice in God's unshakable love.**

*...speaker continues...*

## **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Let us pray: O Giver of life, You turn mourning into dancing. You surprise us with beauty in unlikely places. Joy is Your gift and an invitation to rejoice always, to pray without ceasing, to give thanks in all things. May we carry this joy like a lantern, shining steadily through the waiting.

**We delight in the joy of Your presence, which no hardship can steal away. Come, Lord Jesus, and make joy our strength. Amen.**

**\*HYMN # 132**

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, have mercy on us. In Advent we say “Come, Lord Jesus,” but we are not really ready for your coming. We live in sin, as though there were no justice. We live in fear, as though there were no hope. Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation. ... (silent personal confessions) ... in Christ’s name we pray, **Amen.**

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE****\*GLORIA PATRI****SCRIPTURE**

James 5:7-10

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE****MINUTE FOR WORSHIP—CHRISTMAS EVE**

## **OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

The offering plate can be found at the main entrance of the sanctuary before and after worship. It is also possible to give online from the church website ([westhempfieldpc.org](http://westhempfieldpc.org)) or by texting WHPC to 73256.

Offertory

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

## **SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 11:2-11

## **SERMON**

Be Patient

## **\*HYMN # 136**

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

## **NEW MEMBER**

Thomas Lalor

## **\*APOSTLE'S CREED**

## **PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND LORD'S PRAYER**

## **\*HYMN # 143**

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

## **\*BENEDICTION**

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

## **POSTLUDE**