

**The West Alexander  
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**

**108 Main Street, PO Box 303  
West Alexander, PA 15376**



*Fourth Sunday  
of Advent*

**Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve**

**Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
December 22, 2024**

*Welcome to Morning Worship*  
*Today's message will be delivered by*

***Kable Dale***

**Prelude**      O Come , All Ye Faithful      Bell Choir

**Welcome and Announcements**      Dwight Hunter

*(please stand, if able)*

**Hymn of Preparation** 219      Surely the Presence

*(please stand, if able)*

**Call to Worship**      Kable Dale

Leader: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit  
rejoices in God my Savior.

**People: With Mary, our spirits rejoice, and we sing  
God's praise.**

Leader: Let us honor God with our worship this fourth  
Sunday of Advent.

**Hymn** 281      What Child Is This?

*(please be seated)*

**The Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

Rich and Kathy Strawn

## **Call to Confession**

Kable Dale

### **Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**Soon we will celebrate the Prince of Peace, but we are not a people at peace. We glorify violence and dismiss the pacifist as weak. We dominate and demean turning dialogue into debate. We wage war with enemies and invest in self-defense before giving non-violent strategies a chance. Lord, forgive us. Help us work towards your peaceable kingdom, where swords will be beaten into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks. Amen.**

### **Silent Prayers of Confession**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

**Pastor: Believe the Good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**People: Thanks be to God!**

*(please stand, if able)*

**Gloria Patri: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, it is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.***

*(please be seated)*

**Prayers of the People**

Dwight Hunter

**The Lord's Prayer (Unison)**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Children's Message**

*(please remain seated)*

**Scripture Reading**

Psalm 136

Kable Dale

**Message** The Labor of Love

Kable Dale

*(please stand, if able)*

**The Offering**

Kable Dale

**Offertory**

Manger Lullaby

Barb Reed

*(please stand, if able)*

**Doxology**-Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Prayer of Dedication**

*(please be seated)*

**The Apostles' Creed**

Kable Dale

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord. Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

*(please stand, if able)*

**Hymn 262**

Away in a Manger

**Benediction**

Kable Dale

**Hymn of Praise 340**

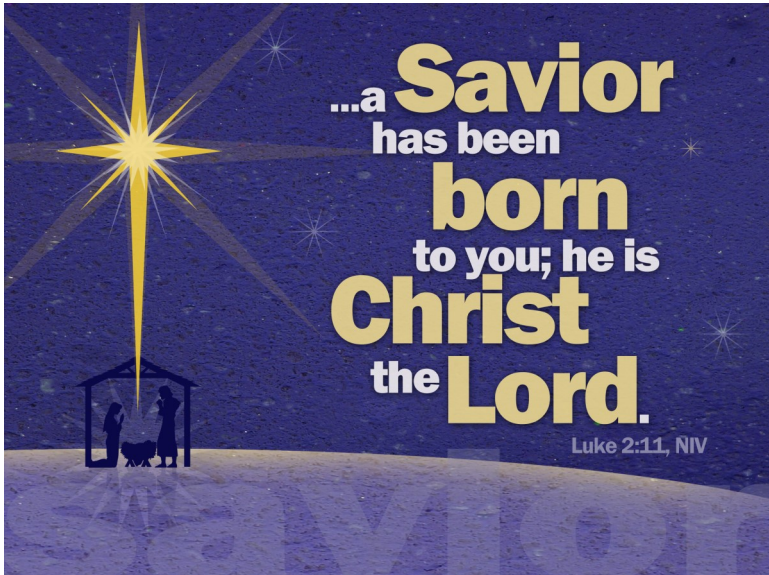
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

**Postlude**





*December 24, 2024 at 7pm  
Special message by Kable Dale*



This year, the Christmas Eve offering will be donated to Resurrection Power. Resurrection Power, located in Washington, is *HOPE FOR ADDICTION*. They carry the message of God's love for local people effected by a substance use disorder.

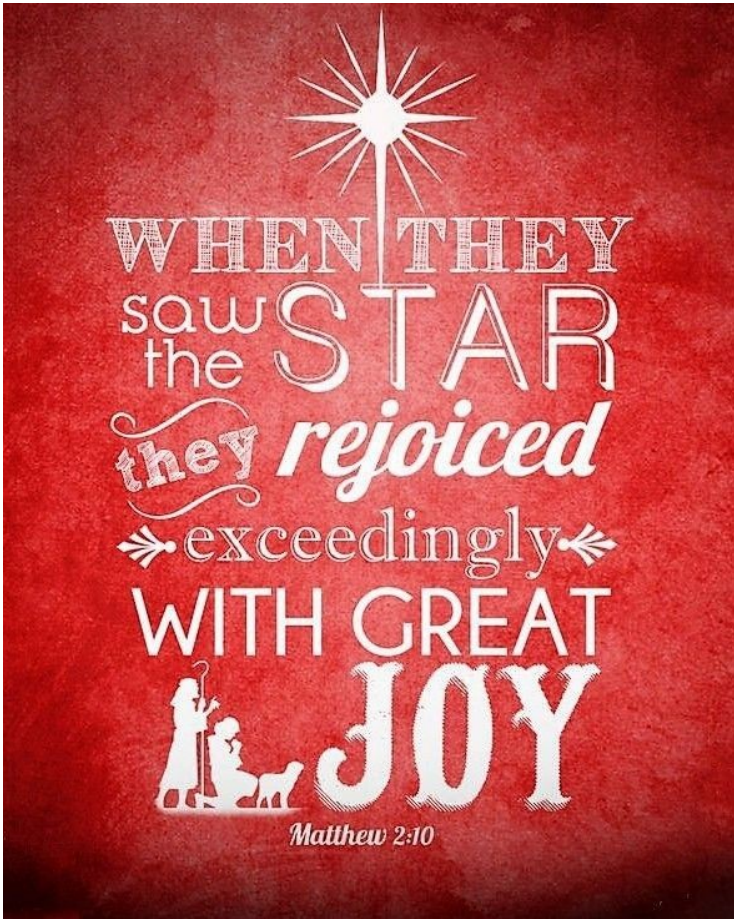
*Sarah Angelo is their Executive Director. For more information visit: <https://www.rezpowerpa.org/>*



The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. This has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years.



This offering will be collected today.



*Wishing you and your family  
every blessing this Christmas.*







## CITY MISSION IN NEED OF GIFTS

### FOR ADULTS - Be an angel for

someone in need. Donate a gift to

a homeless resident and spread

the joy of Christmas. The City Mis-

sion is especially in need of gifts for

adults from their Amazon Wish List.

## Upcoming Services

**Tuesday, Dec 24**

**Message by Kable Dale**

**Sunday, Dec 29**

**Message by Sarah Angelo**

**Sunday , Jan 5**

**Message by Sarah Angelo**

## *Events this week*

*Tuesday, Dec 24-Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7pm*

*Sunday, Dec 29-Sunday School 9:30am, Morning Worship 11am*

Bulletin announcements must be submitted to the church office by Wednesday of each week!

## Ongoing events:

**Truck to Trunk** — 2nd Wednesday of every month, 9-11 am, West Alexander Fair Grounds.

**Golden Agers** — 1st Thursday of each month, 12:00 noon, fellowship hall of West Alexander Presbyterian Church.

*Opportunities to learn and grow with others*

Children's Christian Education-Nursery-9:30 am

Adult Friendship Class Choir Room-9:30 am

Adult Praying Hearts Group Fellowship Hall- 9:30am

***THE CHURCH DIRECTORY***

**Clerk of Session** - Jane Noble

**Trustees Chairman**– Dwight Hunter

**2024**

**The Session**- Lynne Glessner, Mary Lea Dutton, Jane Noble,  
Chris Teagarden, Bob Morgan, Dianna Smith

**The Deacons** - Candi Noble-Greathouse, Bethany Greathouse,  
Beverly Philabaum

**The Trustees** - Dwight Hunter, Dennis Dutton

**2025**

**The Session**– Louis Winters, Karen Johnson, BobiJo McCuen

**The Deacons**- Kathy Morgan, CeCe Burig

**The Trustees**- Helen Buckholt, Dick Burig, Will Noble

**2026**

**The Deacons**– Gino Delbert, Lee Ann Delbert. Kathy Strawn

**The Trustees**– Lee Rodgers, Barb Rodgers, Michele Buckholt

***Staff & Church Information***

Secretary: Susan Mason

Treasurer: Levi West

Custodian: Julie Fonner

Church info: 724-484-7542. wapc-admin@comcast.net

Facebook group: West Alexander Presbyterian Church Family  
and Friends

## *Prayer Requests*

*Julie Yusko*

To request prayer by the church, call or email the church office at [wapc-admin@comcast.net](mailto:wapc-admin@comcast.net) or 724-484-7542.

Praying Hearts Christian Education Class will receive your request and honor it. Also, Elder Jane Noble, Clerk of Session, 304.639.9148, and Deacon Kathy Morgan, 724.255.1845, welcome your prayer requests. Please tell us if your request is to be held in confidence or included in the Prayers for the People in morning worship.

## *Shut-ins and Military Information*

### **Martha McAdoo**

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Washington, PA 15301

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Fredericktown, PA 15333

### **Major Garrett Hunter**

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unknown

### **Nancy Gashel**

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Room 121

Canonsburg, PA 15317



**Lectionary Readings for this month can be found  
in the newsletter.**

**Copies are available in the rear of the sanctuary.**

## MY NOTES FROM TODAY:

Portions of today's service are credited to Teri McDowell Ott and the Presbyterian Outlook.