



# Woodbury United Methodist Church

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## THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, CHRISTMAS EVE December 24, 2025

**5:00 p.m.**

\*Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

*"Silent Night, Holy Night"*

The Bell Choir

Mohr and Gruber

Arr. Cathy Moklebust

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Traditional Byzantine Christmas prayer (alt.)

L: Christ is born; give him glory!

P: *Christ has come down from heaven; receive him!*

*Christ is now on earth; exalt him!*

L: O you earth, sing to the Lord!

P: *O you nations, praise him in joy, for he has been glorified!*

ALL: *GLORY TO GOD!*

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN UMH #234, verses 1, 2, 3, 6)

*"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

The Christ Candle

The Shay Family: Nathaniel, Jennifer, Luke, Owen, Liam, Lily,  
Wesley, Kelly, Colette and Sophie

SUNG RESPONSE (*unison*)

*Light the candle of CHRIST today, the Giver of light is here!*

*Welcome the light we hope and sigh for, but only Christ can give.*

*Flicker and flame and glow with light, light up the world around you. (2x)*

THE CHRISTMAS COLLECT (*unison*)

UMH #231

*Eternal God, by the birth of Jesus Christ you gave yourself to the world. Grant that, being born in our hearts, he may save us from all our sins, and restore within us the image and likeness of our Creator, who whom be everlasting praise and glory, world without end. Amen.*

FOR THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

THE MESSIANIC PROPHECY	Isaiah 9:2, 6-7	James Levario
CAROL	<i>"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"</i>	UMH #229
THE BIRTH OF JESUS	St. Luke 2:1-7	Lydia Temple
CAROL	<i>"O Little Town of Bethlehem"</i>	UMH #230
THE SHEPHERDS AND THE ANGELS	St. Luke 2:8-14	John Thomas
CAROL	<i>"Angels We Have Heard on High"</i>	UMH #238
MARY AND THE SHEPHERDS GLORIFY GOD	St. Luke 2:15-20	Mary Grace Styblo
CAROL	<i>"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"</i>	UMH #240
*THE WORD MADE FLESH		St. John 1:1-5, 10-14
*CAROL	<i>"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"</i>	UMH #224
*THE CHRISTMAS PEACE		
L: May the peace of the Lord be always with you.		
P: <i>And also with you.</i>		
<i>(Greet one another with signs of Christ's peace.)</i>		
PRESENTATION OF THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING		
Offertory anthem:	<i>"All Is Well"</i>	Kirkpatrick and Smith
	The Chancel Choir	
*Presentation	<i>"What Child Is This"</i>	UMH #219, vs. 4
	<i>So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, come, peasant, king to own him; The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.</i>	
*Prayer of Dedication		
*CAROL	<i>"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"</i>	UMH #251
THE MESSAGE	<i>"For Those Who Say 'Yes!'"</i>	Pastor Brian Bodt
THE PASTORAL PRAYER		
THE LORD'S PRAYER		UMH #895
<b>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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.</b>		

SOLO

"O Holy Night"

Katie Armstrong

INVITATION TO SHARE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*(The light will be passed from the Christ Candle to the ushers who will bring it among the people. Please dip the unlit candle to receive the light.)*

CAROL

"Silent Night"

UMH #239

Bells arr. Frances L. Callahan

*On the final verse, all rise as able and lift your candle up.)*

*\*Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;  
with the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.*

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

"In Dulci Jubilo"

arr. Held

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THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

A CHRISTMAS WELCOME

*In the Name of Christ, the new-born King, welcome! We extend a special welcome to our visitors. If you do not have a spiritual home, we invite you to consider this church and to learn about us at [www.woodburyumc.net](http://www.woodburyumc.net).*

*If you are a member who has been away, welcome back! May this Christmas be an opportunity to renew a vital relationship with Jesus Christ.*

*Please greet someone you do not know and ask, "Are you new, or new to me?" May our saying, "Love Spoken Here," be incarnate in you! May God, who is rich in mercy, enfold us with Christ's love! Merry Christmas!*

*Pastor Brian Bodt*

LEADING TONIGHT'S WORSHIP

**Ushers and Greeters:** Catherine Mason, Jon Temple and Carol Galloway

**Advent Wreath Lighters and Liturgists:** as listed. Our readers are college students home for Christmas.

**Musicians:** as listed

**Lighting:** Carol Galloway

**AV Broadcaster:** Mark Riefenhauser

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*We are a welcoming Christian fellowship who celebrate and share God's love with everyone. We seek a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. Inspired by His example, we strive to be God's hands in this world. Empowered by God's word, we proclaim the Gospel and serve through worship, study, mission, and community support.*

*The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt, Pastor  
Christopher Shay, Minister of Music*

*Jeff and Barbara Hunt, Lay Leaders  
Matti Paparazzo, Admin. Assistant*