

Woodbury United Methodist Church

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CHRISTMAS SUNDAY

December 21, 2025

10:30 a.m.

*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Away in a Manger"

Anna Page

The Bell Choir, Peter Clark, Cellist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sung to "Good King Wenceslas"

Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger;

There he lay, the undefiled, to the world a stranger.

Such a babe in such a place, can he be the Savior?

Ask the saved of all the race who have found his favor.

*HYMN

"He Is Born"

UMH #228

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

The Candle of Love

Meg, Jon, Sam and Lydia Temple

SUNG RESPONSE (*unison*)

Light the candle of LOVE today, the Giver of love will come!

Welcome the love we long and wait for, but only Christ can give.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*unison*)

from a service of Las Posadas

God all-powerful, grant that we may rid ourselves of the works of darkness, and that we may invest ourselves with the weapons of light in this life, to which your Son, Jesus Christ, with great humility came to visit us. In the final day, when he returns in majestic glory to judge the living and the dead, may we rise to eternal life through him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 7:10-16

*THE GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-25

*HYMN

"The Friendly Beasts"

UMH #227

THE SERMON

"Fashioning the Crib of Christ"

Pastor Brian Bodt

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH #895

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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *"Do You Hear What I Hear?"* Regney and Shane, arr. Simeone
The Chancel Choir

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE *"Sing We Now of Christmas"* UMH #237, vs. 5

*Gold and myrrh they took there, gifts of greatest price;
there was ne'er a stable so like paradise.*

Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!

Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:26-38

SOLO

"Ave Maria"

Franz Schubert

Maddy Meeker, Soloist

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 1:18-23

CAROL

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

UMH #216, vss 1 & 2

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-7

CAROL

"Away in a Manger"

UMH #217

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:8-14

CAROL	<i>"Angels We Have Heard on High"</i>	UMH #238
SCRIPTURE		Luke 2:15-20
SOLO	<i>"He Shall Feed His Flock"</i> Eve Slifka, Soloist	G.F. Handel
SCRIPTURE		Matthew 2:1-11
CAROL	<i>"We Three Kings"</i>	UMH #254, vss. 1-4
*CAROL	<i>"Joy to the World"</i>	UMH #246
*BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	<i>"Walk in the Reign"</i> + + +	Rory Cooney

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

PAGEANT PARTICIPANTS

Mary: Lily Shay

Joseph: Sam Temple

Angel Gabriel: Maddy Meeker

The Angels: Kelly, Jen and Sophie Shay, and Eve Slifka

The Shepherds: Nathaniel and Wesley Shay, Liam McGrath,
James Levario and Pastor Brian Bodt

The Magi: Luke, Liam and Owen Shay

Readers: Lynne Ramsden-Calabrese

Costumes: Cathy Riefenhauser

Director: Christopher Shay, Minister of Music

Sheep: Colette Shay

WORSHIP LEADERS

AV Tech: Mark Davis

Fellowship Time Host: Family Nurture and Hospitality

Greeters and Ushers: Rynn Naylor and Patti Thomas

Woodbury United Methodist Church

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 Jeff and Barbara Hunt, Lay Leaders
Christopher Shay, Minister of Music Matti Paparazzo, Admin. Assistant*