

# Woodbury United Methodist Church



November 17, 2024

Pentecost 26

10:30 AM Worship

# Woodbury United Methodist Church

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\*Please stand as you are able.

### WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE                      *"Only Jesus for My Pain"*                      Cory Asbury  
(Rod Carnes and Matt Bodwell)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP    Sandy Purdy, Liturgist

L: Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

P: *Let us build on the Rock of our Salvation, Jesus Christ!*

L: For great is his Name, and greatly to be praised!

**ALL: LET US WORSHIP THE LORD OUR GOD!**

\*HYMN                                      *"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"*                                      UMH #557

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*seated, in unison*)                                      Inspired by John 16:23-24

*To you, O God, we lift our voices and hearts in prayer today.  
Grant us grace for every need, and grant us the courage and faith to  
share what we have with those who ask, as Jesus told us you do  
when we ask this of you. In your holy Name we pray. Amen.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)                      UMH #535, edited, India, traditional

*Like an aunt on a stick both ends of which are burning, I go to  
and fro without knowing what to do, and in great despair. Like the  
inescapable shadow that follows me, the dead weight of sin haunts  
me. Graciously look upon me, O God. Thy love is my refuge. Amen.*

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

FOR OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

### WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

THE PSALTER    Psalm 127

\*THE GOSPEL    Mark 12:38-44

\*HYMN                      *"Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love"*                                      UMH #422

THE SERMON                                      *"Form 1040"*                                      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.**

STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONY

*"Who's the Church?"*

**Bob Asman**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*"Days of Elijah"*

**Robin Mark**

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

UMH #94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**WE GO FORTH IN JOY**

\*CLOSING HYMN

*"We Are the Church"*

UMH #558

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*"Yes He Can"*

**Cain**

**(Rod Carnes and Matt Bodwell)**

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**THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.**

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**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  
Christopher Shay, Minister of Music*

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

## OUR COMMUNITY PRAYERS

Prayers for our nation; for Bishop Bickerton,  
Superintendent Sylvester and The United Methodist Church;  
for victims of conflicts in the Middle East,  
the Ukraine and the Sudan; for those facing life stress,  
and for our congregation's forward momentum.

## TODAY AT WOODBURY UMC

**WELCOME TO WOODBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!**

**IF YOU ARE A VISITOR**, our desire is that you experience the warmth of Christ's welcome and ours in this church. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Brian Bodt.

**FELLOWSHIP TIME** follows worship downstairs. Invite someone you don't know to join you!

**VISION 2024 EMPHASIS TODAY** is "*Financial Health*." Each week we emphasize one of the four focus areas: Evangelism, Missions, Communications and Congregational Vitality and Growth, the latter with three subsets: Spiritual Wellness, Financial Health, Inviting Facilities. Please consider help move forward **VISION 2024!**

**WE THANK TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:**

Liturgist: Sandy Purdy                      AV Tech: Mark Davis  
Fellowship Time Host: Catherine Mason  
Greeters and Ushers: Liam McGrath and Carol Quinby

**WOODBURY CHURCH CONFERENCE REPORTS** are available in the Narthex while supplies last. See last Thursday's "*Living Through Grace*" for a brief summary.

**"SANTA'S WORKSHOP" DONATIONS**, a program of the Community Services Council of Woodbury, are due by Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. See the flier in this issue.

**POINSETTIA ORDERS ARE DUE TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>.**  
Please see the flier in this issue.

**THE ADVENT STUDY** on John the Baptist, "*Prepare the Way for the Lord*," written by pastor and author, Rev. Adam Hamilton, will be offered on Mondays, Nov. 25, Dec. 2, 9 and 16 at Noon. Bring a bag lunch; dessert and beverage will be provided. Books have been ordered, so if you plan to attend but haven't let Pastor Brian know, please do at 203.747.1781 or [pastor.woodburyumc@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.woodburyumc@gmail.com).  
We currently have ten people scheduled to attend.

LITURGISTS are now sought for 2025. Thanks to all who have served or will serve in 2024. Please contact me at 203.747.1781 or [pastor.woodburyumc@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.woodburyumc@gmail.com).

*Pastor Brian*

### THIS WEEK

#### TODAY, NOVEMBER 17

WORSHIP, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

FELLOWSHIP TIME, 11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

AFFIRMATION AND INCLUSION, 6-6:45 p.m., Assembly Room

"HEALTHY TRANSITIONS" ZOOM, 7-8:30 p.m., Pastor's office

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL, 6 p.m., Sanctuary

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL, 7:15 p.m., Sanctuary

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

TRANSITION ACADEMY, 9 – 10:30 a.m., church grounds

#### COMMITMENT / THANKSGIVING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24th

An older custom, a harvest-themed chancel, returns! Worship will include special music by both our Bell and Chancel Choirs. A sermon on the theme of "truth" entitled "A True and Objective Point of Reference" will be based on Revelation 1:4b-8 and John 18:33-37. We will receive a "Faithfulness in Ministry" Award and dedicate pledge commitments for 2025. Our liturgist will be Joann King.

### LOOKING AHEAD

PLEASE SEE THE "SAVE THE DATES" CALENDAR IN THIS ISSUE. PLEASE NOTE THESE ADDITIONS FOR NOV. 24-30:

- No choir rehearsals on Wednesday, Nov. 27
- Bulletin notice deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 27, 10 a.m.

### MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

THANKS FOR YOUR DONATIONS TO THE WOODBURY

FOOD BANK. Bring these any Sunday morning or any Thursday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Items most needed for the next two weeks are:

Kid's snacks

Pudding cups

Canned pears **and** peaches

Box cereal

Fruit cocktail

Olives

### FOR THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

ARE YOU ON OUR "Living through Grace" weekly email? If not, please contact Matti Papparazzo at [wumc@woodburyumc.net](mailto:wumc@woodburyumc.net).

**PUBLICATION DEADLINE** for the weekly bulletin and “*Living through Grace*” e-newsletter is **10 a.m. THURSDAY.** Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

**SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 7 P.M.**

- Woodbury/Southbury Community Thanksgiving Worship, South Britain Congregational Church, 693 South Britain Road, Southbury.
- Valley Cooperative Parish Thanksgiving Worship, Waterbury United Methodist Church, 250 Country Club Road, Waterbury.

**SUNDAYS, DECEMBER 1, 8, 15 AND 22, 10:30 A.M.**

Worship at WUMC with a sermon series, “*Time to....*”

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 10 A.M.**

Decorating the sanctuary for Advent/Christmas. “*Many hands make light work.*” For details, contact Worship Chair Carolyn Shay, 203.518.3177 or [1jerseygirl52@gmail.com](mailto:1jerseygirl52@gmail.com).

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2 – 4 P.M.**

“*Christmas Café and Holiday Handbells*”: mini-concerts at 2 p.m., 2:45 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. by “Chime In: Music With a Mission!” in our sanctuary. Dessert and beverages in Fellowship Hall by Family Nurture and Hospitality, part of the “Woodbury Townwide Christmas Festival.” Tree lighting at 4 p.m.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2:30 – 4 P.M.**

4<sup>th</sup> Annual “Praise Band Christmas Program” in our sanctuary. Free-will offering benefits the Woodbury Food Bank, the Woodbury Energy Assistance Program, and scholarships for the spring, 2025 Mission to Ecuador.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 10:30 A.M.**

Woodbury United Methodist Church Christmas Pageant

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 5 P.M.**

Woodbury United Methodist Church Christmas Eve worship of carols and candlelight with the message “Time to Marvel.”

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 10:30 A.M.**

Wesley Covenant Service at WUMC

## Christmas Café Help Needed

This year we're trying something new at the Christmas café. We are hoping that people will come relax and get in the Christmas spirit upstairs with several mini bell concerts and downstairs by have a delicious dessert and hot beverage while waiting for the tree lighting to begin at 4 o'clock. Bonus - they can purchase frozen soup for sale to take home during the busy holiday season!

In order to make that a reality, we need bakers to donate desserts for this special afternoon and for volunteer soup makers to assemble from 10 AM to 1 PM on Saturdays, November 16 and November 23. Please contact Joann King or Meg Temple if you would like to volunteer or if you have questions.

### **“WHAT A GLORIOUS NIGHT!”**

#### **A Christmas Musical Celebration**

*Featuring*

#### **Water & Light Praise Band**

*With special music by*

**The WUMC Bell Choir**

**December 15, 2024 at 2:30PM**

Woodbury United Methodist Church

4 Church Street, Woodbury CT

**Free Admission! \***

\* Monetary Donations and Food Items will be collected at the event.

Proceeds To Benefit

Woodbury Food Bank & Fuel Assistance  
& Woodbury UMC 2025 Mission Trip



Water and Light Praise Band

Pre-register to reserve seating at  
[www.woodburyumc.net/events](http://www.woodburyumc.net/events)



*The Community Services Council of Woodbury*



## **Santa's Workshop**



is asking for your help in order to make Christmas a special time of year for our local friends in need. This year we will be collecting items for adults and seniors, as well as kids.

**The following donations are requested for the**

**2024 Holiday Season....**



### **Donations of Toys and Gifts for Kids**

*please visit New Morning Market, Newtown Savings Bank & the Woodbury Public Library where "Giving Trees" are displayed.  
Donation deadline is 12/2/24*

### **Small Generic (unwrapped) Adult Gifts**

*Example: Cozy slipper socks, warm throws, puzzles, hand cream, special coffees & teas & treats*

### **Warm Accessories for Kids ages Newborn to 18**

### **Wrapping Paper (sealed)**

*Items may be dropped off at the Woodbury Public Library*

*Questions  
203-510-9905*