

Woodbury United Methodist Church



January 26, 2025

Epiphany III

10:30 AM Worship

Woodbury United Methodist Church

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January 26, 2025

10:30 A.M.

*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"This Little Light of Mine"

Hayes

Offered by Nathaniel Shay

*CALL TO WORSHIP

II Corinthians 4:6; Ephesians 2:17-18, alt.

Toby McGrath, Liturgist

L: It is the God who said, *"Let light shine out of darkness,"* who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

P: *He came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and to whose who were near, for through him all of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.*

ALL: LET US WORSHIP GOD!

*HYMN

"Stand Up and Bless the Lord"

UMH #662

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*unison*) Lancelot Andrewes, England, 16th cent., alt.

O Christ, who commanded the apostles to go into all the world, and to preach the gospel to every creature, let your name be great among the nations from the rising up of the sun to its going down, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Miriam Therese Winter, USA, 20th cent., alt.

L: We confess that the circle of love is repeatedly broken because of our sin of exclusion. We create separate circles: the inner circle and the outer circle; the circle of power and the circle of despair; the circle of privilege and the circle of deprivation.

ALL: *Forgive our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us.*

L: We confess that the circle of love is broken whenever there is alienation, whenever there is misunderstanding, whenever there is insensitivity or a hardening of the heart.

ALL: *Forgive our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us.*

L: We confess that the circle of love is broken whenever we cannot see eye to eye, whenever we cannot link hand to hand, whenever we cannot live heart to heart and affirm our differences.

ALL: *Forgive our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us.*

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF PARDON

L: Through God's grace we are forgiven, by the mercy of our Creator, through the love of Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: *Let us rejoice and be glad! Glory to God! Amen!*

FOR THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

THE EPISTLE I Corinthians 12:12-31a

*THE GOSPEL Luke 4:14-21

*HYMN "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" UMH #57

THE SERMON "Leadership and Risk-Taking" Pastor Brian Bodt

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "The Apostles Creed" UMH #881

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 "O Worship the King" Grant

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE "The Doxology" UMH #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

*HYMN "In Christ There Is No East or West" UMH #548

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Soon and Very Soon"

Crouch

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THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

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*

WE THANK TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist: Toby McGrath

A.V. Tech: Mark Riefenhauser and Meg Temple

Ushers and Greeters: Liam McGrath and Carol Quinby

Fellowship Time Host: Sandra Purdy

TODAY AT WOODBURY UMC

**WELCOME TO WOODBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!
IF YOU ARE A VISITOR PLEASE COMPLETE A VISITOR'S**

CARD AND PLACE IT IN THE OFFERING. 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 *"Congregational Vitality and Growth."* Each week we focus on one of four areas: Evangelism, Missions, Communications and Congregational Vitality and Growth, the latter with three subsets: Spiritual Wellness, Financial Health, Inviting Facilities. Let's move them forward!

UMCOR WILDFIRE RESPONSE: Today, we will receive a special offering in response to the devastating California wildfires. Please make your check payable to "WUMC" with the memo "CA wildfires." Or go to advance.umcmission.org, then "UMCOR US Disaster Response" and click on the dropdown option for California wildfires (Advance #901670). Please also click on "I'd like to give credit to my church." If you'd like to read about UMCOR's initial response, go to www.umnews.org, click on "Search Results" and then enter "CA Wildfires."

ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are given by Carolyn Shay in loving memory of Arthur "Ty" Ayars.

FOOD BANK VOLUNTEER SIGN-UPS

February is one of the two months of the year that WUMC staffs the Food Bank with volunteers. The February Food Bank Sign Up sheet is now available outside the sanctuary doors. Available dates are Fridays February 7, 14, 21 & 28 from 11-2 at the Food Bank located behind LaBonne's grocery store. You may also contact Meg Temple at 203-910-3711 or megtemple1@gmail.com to sign up.

**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:

Pasta Sauce	Olives	Mushrooms
Chicken and rice soup		Gluten free pasta

Thank you in advance for your donations! *"I was hungry and you gave me food..."* Matthew 25:35

LIVE STREAM BROADCAST OPERATORS SOUGHT

We seek 1-2 additional volunteers to support our livestreaming ministry. This would allow us to go from a 3-week to a 4-week rotation requiring each volunteer to run the A/V system about once per month. If you are interested, please contact Mark Davis at MWD2010A@yahoo.com or 860.882.4427. He would be pleased to have interested persons watch the process on the following dates Feb 9th or March 2nd and/or participate in a tutorial he will conduct following both of these Sunday worship services.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS, 2025

Please consider writing a Lenten devotion for a booklet and on-line posting to begin on Ash Wednesday, March 5th, to continue through Easter Day, April 20. We seek 40 contributors. You don't have to be Hemingway or Dickens, just someone willing to share a reflection of faith. The devotion is a 200 word reflection on an assigned scripture passage from the lectionary scriptures (the ones we use on Sunday mornings) for Lent and Holy Week. Please share your own thoughts and refrain from quoting copyrighted writing. If you will contribute, please contact Pastor Brian at pastor.woodburyumc@gmail.com **TODAY**. Your assigned passage will be provided THIS WEEK, **with your devotion due no later than Sunday, February 16th.**

LENTEN STUDY

Our Lenten study will use the Rev. Adam Hamilton's book and study Forgiveness, with five sessions running Mondays, March 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7. I will offer two sessions, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., each Monday. Deadline to sign up will be Sunday, March 2 (so as to have needed books). Please sign up at www.woodburyumc.net and click on the registration button; or contact me directly at 203.747.1781 (text or call) or pastor.woodburyumc@gmail.com. - *Pastor Brian*

FOR THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

ARE YOU ON OUR "Living through Grace" weekly email? If not, please contact Matti Paparazzo at wumc@woodburyumc.net.

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

REACH PASTOR BRIAN for pastoral care or visitation at 203.747.1781 or pastor.woodburyumc@gmail.com.

ATTENTION: "All tax statements have been sent to members and staff. Please notify Mark Davis if you have not received your statement by the end of the week or have questions."

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION IN FEBRUARY: We will receive new members on either February 9 or 23. If you are interested in joining Woodbury United Methodist Church, please contact Pastor Brian Bodt at pastor.woodburyumc.net or 203.747.1781 (text or call) to arrange a preparation conversation.

THIS WEEK

TODAY, JANUARY 26

WORSHIP, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

CHOIR REHEARSALS: 6 p.m., Bell Choir, 7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

OFFICE HOURS, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Church

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE, 6:30 p.m., Assembly Room

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

TRANSITION ACADEMY, 9:15 - 10:45 a.m., Church Grounds

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The sermon, "Groundhog Day," inspired by the movie of the same title, will focus on the recurring message of God's providential love and our resistance to it, using Jeremiah 1:4-10 and Luke 4:21-30 as scriptures. We will receive Woodbury Food Bank donations and an opportunity to give to the pastor's discretionary fund will be offered. Our liturgist and communion assistant will be Jeff Hunt. Free blood pressure screenings will be moved to February 9.

THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COUNCIL OF WOODBURY seeks a new executive director. If interested, please speak with Meg Temple, chair of the search committee. For more details, see the notice in the January 23 *Living Through Grace*.

Help us **CELEBRATE**
 **JEFF** and all the
AWESOMENESS

that he's brought to Woodbury!

Sunday, February 2nd at 2pm-5pm
St. Teresa of Avila Church
146 Main St. South, Woodbury



*A \$25 Donation to the Woodbury Food Bank
will get you the microphone
to "ROAST" our AWESOME BOSS JEFF!!*

Please RSVP (via text) to Deirdre Bologna: 203-675-5782





SOUTHBURY & WOODBURY

LENT ON THE ROAD 2025

“Bread of Life:
Gather. Savor. Share”

March 11

United Church of Christ Southbury
283 Main St. N, Southbury

March 18

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
294 Main St. S, Woodbury
in collab. with Church of the Epiphany

March 25

St. James Lutheran Church
111 Peter Rd., Southbury

April 1

South Britain Congregational Church
693 South Britain Rd., Southbury

April 8

Woodbury United Methodist Church
4 Church St., Woodbury
in collab. with North Congregational
Church, Woodbury (parking at 11
Main St. - 3 min walk)

TUESDAYS

6:00 PM Soup Supper
7:00 PM Worship

During this Lenten season, let us journey together as people of the Christian faith from many traditions! You are invited to gather for a simple meal and worship service each Tuesday evening at a different church in our shared community. Come fellowship with new neighbors around the table, experience new sacred spaces, and worship the same God in new and different ways. All are welcome!

Collecting non-perishable food and donations, for Southbury and Woodbury food banks.

