

Woodbury United Methodist Church



October 26, 2025

Reformation Sunday

The Order for Confirmation

10:30 AM Worship

Woodbury United Methodist Church

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October 26, 2025

*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

"COLLEGE CONNECTION"

Carol Galloway

PRELUDE

"*Sheep May Safely Graze*"

JS Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God has born a song in you!

P: *Whether we sing with vocal chords or instruments, working hands or praying hearts, we sing the song God entrusts to us.*

ALL: LET US LEARN GOD'S SONG WITHIN US AND PRAISE
GOD FOR THE PRIVILEGE TO SING IT ALWAYS!

*HYMN

"*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*"

UMH #110

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (*seated, in unison*) A Reformation prayer (ed.)

O gracious God, we pray for the Church universal that you would be pleased to fill it with truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, establish it; where it is needy, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ, whose Body on earth we are. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Lord, we yearn to do right. Sometimes, by commission or omission, we do wrong. In the stillness of this holy place, and relying wholly on your grace, we confess in silence to you. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

THE EPISTLE

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

*THE GOSPEL

Luke 18:9-14

*HYMN

"*It's Me, It's Me, O Lord*"

UMH #352

THE SERMON

"*Thank You, God, For Making Me Great*"

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 SPOTLIGHT *"God Is Here"*

Jay Hockenberry

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *"What Will We Promise, What Will We Give"* Don Besig
The Chancel Choir

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

UMH #587

"Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought; bless thou the work our hearts have planned. Ours is the faith, the will, the thought; The rest, O God, is in thy hand."

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE ORDER FOR CONFIRMATION

INTRODUCTION OF THE CONFIRMANDS

Bud Behlman, Mollie Bodwell and Sarah Schivera, Mentors

PERSONAL TESTIMONIES OF OUR CONFIRMANDS

*Dane David Guinipero
Olivia Cynthia Guinipero
Skyler Alexis D'Andrea*

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT I

UMH pp. 33-35, 38

PRESENTATION OF CHURCH MOMENTO

Jay Hockenberry

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

*HYMN

"God Is Here"

UMH #660

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Hornpipe" from "The Water Music Suite"* G. F. Handel

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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*

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.

TODAY IS CONFIRMATION SUNDAY AT WOODBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. Thanks to our confirmands and mentors listed in today's program, and to the parents of our newest members!

AFTER WORSHIP TODAY, Confirmation pictures will be taken in the sanctuary. Please allow our confirmands, their families and mentors to complete this quickly so that you may greet them at the reception in Fellowship Hall.

VISION 2025 EMPHASIS TODAY is "Youth and Young Adults." Emphases are Evangelism, Missions, Affirmation and Inclusion, Communications, Youth and Young Adults and Congregational Vitality and Growth (Spiritual Wellness, Financial Health, Inviting Facilities).

WE THANK TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Liturgists: 2025 Confirmands A.V. Tech: Mark Riefenhauser
Ushers and Greeters: JoAnn Behlman and Beth Clark
Fellowship Time Host: Book Club
Photographer: Carol Galloway

PLEASE SUBMIT NAMES TODAY to be memorialized next Sunday during **ALL SAINTS WORSHIP**. Please give them to Pastor Brian at pastor.woodburyumc@gmail.com (preferred) or 203.747.1781. Include your relationship (child, parent, sibling, etc.) and note if the person's death was before November 1, 2024. These are the names we have to date:

Lynn Cullen, WUMC member
Stephen King, WUMC member, Joann King, wife
Camille Dolce, friend, Karen and T.J. Fimmano
James Shumway, friend of Michael Pinevich
Rev. Ed Carll, Melodye Merola, Michael Pereria and Marty Hartog,
friends of Pastor Brian Bodt and Carol Galloway
Bruce Cast, friend of Cathy and Mark Riefenhauser

OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

For Nancy Ossewaarde, recovering at home.

For the Rev. John Thomason, recovering from surgery and now out of his sling!

For Carolyn Shay, being treated for a medical condition.

For conflicts in the Middle East and our troops stationed there; and for the conflicts in the Ukraine and the Sudan.

Bishop Bickerton; our new District Superintendent, the Rev. Heather Sinclair; and the churches and clergy of the NY Conference.

For Missionaries, especially Sarah Flores (Ecuador) and Rev. Dexter Ceballos (Mongolia) as well as prayers this week for Lester Domon and Deborah Domon.

For those facing life's difficulties and medical challenges, especially Carol Hennessey, Eni Mucco (friend of Jane Hutter) and Jean Lilly (Meg Temple's mother).

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

"FAITH AND FICTION" BOOK CLUB, 8:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

WORSHIP, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

CONFIRMATION RECEPTION, 11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

AFFIRMATION AND INCLUSION, 6:15 p.m., Assembly Room

"CHRISTMAS IS NOT YOUR BIRTHDAY" STUDY, 7-8 p.m., Assembly Room

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

BELL CHOIR, 6 p.m., Sanctuary

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

OFFICE HOURS, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Church office

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

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

HALLOWEEN CANDY GIVEAWAY, 4:30 – 7 p.m., Church grounds

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

MOVIE NIGHT, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY / DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS. TURN CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR THE NIGHT BEFORE. GAIN AN HOUR OF SLEEP; LOSE AN HOUR OF EVENING LIGHT.

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Setting C).

The sermon "*The Question About Resurrection*" will be based on Luke 20:27-38 with Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 and 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17.

We will remember those who have died since the last All Saints, and others whom we will memorialize. We will receive Woodbury Food Bank donations and gifts to the pastor's discretionary fund. Our liturgist and communion assistant will be Mark Riefenhauser.

ON-GOING MINISTRIES

HALLOWEEN CANDY may be left in the box so marked in the Foyer. This candy is given to neighborhood children on Halloween as has been practiced for many years. If you'd like to distribute candy, come to the church this Friday from 4:30-7 p.m. If you want to know more, please contact Family Nurture and Hospitality Chair Joann King (203.885.2642 or jojenu78@earthlink.net).

CURRENT WOODBURY FOOD BANK NEEDS are pumpkin, cherry or apple pie filling, pie crust mix, crispy onion rings (for green bean casserole). Please leave them in the Foyer box.

"I was hungry and you gave me food...." Jesus, Matthew 25:35

COLLEGE CONNECTION welcomes your donation of \$15 Starbucks or Dunkin gift cards for the 11 young adults pursuing post-secondary education. If you would like to donate, please bring a gift card to the church and give it to Patti Thomas or Carol Galloway. You may also drop off a card to Matti Paparazzo at the church office on a Thursday. **We need 9 more gift cards. Please bring in your donation by NEXT Sunday, November 2nd.**

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Saturday, November 1, 5:30 p.m.: MOVIE NIGHT AT WUMC!

Free! Come watch "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" starring Tom Hanks. Thanks to Catherine Mason, with the support of Christian Education, for arranging for four movies. Please note the "save the dates" on the flier for future movies.

Sunday, November 9, 10:30 a.m. worship: Reception of New Members. If you are interested in joining WUMC, please speak with Pastor Brian (203.747.1781; pastor.woodburyumc@gmail.com)

Saturday, November 15, 3-5 pm: Church Conference at Seymour UMC, 90 Pearl St. Election of 2026 Church officers and Trustees; setting the pastor's compensation package.

Sunday, November 23: Thanksgiving / Commitment Sunday: financial pledges for 2026

Tuesday, November 25: two Thanksgiving services, both at 7 p.m.

Woodbury-Southbury service at North Congregational, Rev.

Tuesday Rupp, preaching

Valley Cooperative Parish at Waterbury UMC

FOR THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Pastor Brian can be reached at pastor.woodburyumc@gmail.com or 203.747.1781 for pastoral care. Want a visit? Please let him know. He'd love to meet with you!

Are you on our "*Living through Grace*" weekly email? If not, please contact Matti Paparazzo at wumc@woodburyumc.net. She'll get you on!

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

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MOVIE NIGHTS



Scan Code to
RSVP

**A BEAUTIFUL DAY ^{PG}
IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

SATURDAY, NOV. 1 - 5:30 PM

WUMC Fellowship Hall

**Free Event
With Pizza, Popcorn, & More**

*In **A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood**, Tom Hanks portrays Mister Rogers in a story of kindness triumphing over cynicism, based on the true story of a friendship between Fred Rogers and journalist Tom Junod. When this jaded writer is assigned a profile of Fred Rogers, he overcomes his skepticism, learning about kindness, love and forgiveness from America's most beloved neighbor.*

RSVP online at <https://forms.gle/NQzBdHVAsEfPFNx9>

SAVE THE DATES:

Sat., Nov. 1 Fri., Dec. 12 Sat., Jan. 24 Sat., Apr. 11

