

Woodbury United Methodist Church



All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 2, 2025

10:30 AM Worship

Woodbury United Methodist Church

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November 2, 2025

*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Nocturne in E flat Opus 9 No. 2

F. Chopin

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Revelation 1:4a, 5a, 8

L: Grace to you and peace from God who is, and was, and is to come.

P: *And from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and ruler of kings on earth.*

L: "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

ALL: *LET US WORSHIP GOD!*

*HYMN

"God Is Here"

UMH #660

THE COLLECT FOR ALL SAINTS (*seated, in unison*)

Almighty God, who has knit us together in one communion and fellowship as the mystical body of your Son: grant us grace so to follow your holy saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those unspeakable joys which you have prepared for those who sincerely love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION (*by the pastor*)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

O God of the saintly: please forgive us when we are not. Help us remember that saints are those who let the Light shine through, and to get out of our own way enough to do it. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

FOR OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

THE EPISTLE

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

*THE GOSPEL

Luke 20:27-38

THE SERMON

"The Question About Resurrection"

Pastor Brian Bodt

ENTERING THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

(Since November 1, 2024)

(Listed are those names provided in advance. Additional names will be invited thereafter. After each name, a bell is rung.)

MEMBERS OF WOODBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Lynn Cullen

Stephen King (Joann)

FATHER

Daniel Fine, Sr. (DJ and Emily)

COUSIN

Stephen Lintner (Diane Hibbard)

FRIENDS

Joe Andreana (Rev. Paul Hibbard)

Rev. Ed Carll (Pastor Brian Bodt and Carol Galloway)

Bruce Cast (Cathy and Mark Riefenhauser)

Donna Culhane (friend of Rev. Paul Hibbard)

Camille Dolce (Karen and T.J. Fimmano)

Marty Hartog (Pastor Brian Bodt and Carol Galloway)

Melodye Merola (Pastor Brian Bodt and Carol Galloway)

Michael Pereria (Pastor Brian Bodt and Carol Galloway)

(Additional spoken names and silent prayer.)

Pastor: Cause them to be numbered with your saints in glory.

*HYMN

"For All the Saints"

UMH #711

OFFERING OUR GIFTS, including for the Woodbury Food Bank

OFFERTORY

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

R Kreutz

Sam Temple, Liam McGrath, Maddi Meeker

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

UMH #588

"All things come of thee, O Lord; and of thine own have we given thee."

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*SETTING C (*sung*)

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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.

(All are welcome to receive. We will receive standing today.

Please follow the ushers' direction.

You may leave a gift for the pastor's discretionary fund if desired.)

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

*HYMN

"Now Let Us From This Table Rise"

UMH #634

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Herr Jesu Christ dich zu uns Wend"

JS Bach

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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
Christopher Shay, Director of Music*

*Jeff and Barbara Hunt, Lay Leaders
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.

VISION 2025 EMPHASIS TODAY is *"Spiritual Wellness."* 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:

Liturgist: Mark Riefenhauser

A.V. Tech: Christine Shupenis

Ushers and Greeters: Toby McGrath and Eileen Bennett

Fellowship Time Host: Michael Pinevich and Eileen Bennett

OUR PRAYER INTENTIONS

For Matt Shupenis recovering from a concussion.

For Bob Asman recovering from a fall

For Carol Quinby undergoing vision testing.

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 Claudia Ganung and William Lovelace.

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, NOVEMBER 2

WORSHIP, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3

CHRISTMAS IS NOT YOUR BIRTHDAY, 7 p.m., Assembly Room

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

ELECTION DAY! VOTE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

BELL CHOIR, 6 p.m., Sanctuary

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

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

COOPERATIVE PARISH COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Naugatuck UMC

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

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

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

The sermon "*Let the Lower Lights be Burning,*" will reflect on the role of the local church as a life-saving station, is based on Matthew 5:14-16 with Psalm 107:23-32. Our liturgist will be Jeff Hunt. Our second "*God Is Here*" stewardship speaker will be Elizabeth Styblo. After worship, free blood pressure screenings will be offered in the Assembly Room by Andrew Styblo, Paramedic.

ON-GOING MINISTRIES

CURRENT WOODBURY FOOD BANK NEEDS are paper towel and toilet paper, crushed and whole tomatoes, seasoned rice, beef stew, canned chili, and pancake mix. Please leave them in the Foyer box. "*I was hungry and you gave me food....*" Jesus, Matthew 25:35

COLLEGE CONNECTION: Through your generosity we now have enough gift cards for the 11 young adults pursuing post-secondary education! THANK YOU! Now we need persons who will write a personal note to accompany the cards. If will write, please see or contact Patti Thomas (203.228.1602; patti.thomas12@yahoo.com) or Carol Galloway (203.687.6225; carol9996@hotmail.com) by **NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9th.**

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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. Copies of the nominated slate of officers, Trustees and committees are on the document table.

Sunday, November 23: Thanksgiving / Commitment Sunday: receiving 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, 250 Country Club Rd

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.

OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS
JOIN US FOR

Hopeful Readings & Reflections

RESPONSES IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

7-7:45 pm
Tuesdays

10/21, 11/18, 12/16

Woodbury United Methodist Church Sanctuary
4 Church Street, Woodbury, CT

Scan for
Readings



Scan for
Parking Info



Event Format:

1. Welcome & quiet centering
2. Reading & conversation
3. Prayer & meditation
4. Sending forth

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In times of uncertainty, kindness feeds us all. Please stand with Community Services Council of Woodbury as we prepare the Woodbury Foodbank to care for families during this time. Thank you for your support.



HELP US FEED LOCAL FAMILIES

GIVE LOCAL. FEED LOCAL. WOODBURY HELPING WOODBURY.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- At the Woodbury Labonne's you can apply monetary funds to the food bank account
- Drop off most needed non-perishable food items
- Monetary donations, scan below:



**Donate
via Pay Pal**



WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Every can, every dollar, and every act of kindness helps us continue our mission to ensure no one in Woodbury goes hungry

MOST NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:

- Canned soup, chowders, stews & broth
- Rice, instant mashed potatoes & jarred pasta sauce
- Shelf-stable milk & juice
- Peanut butter & canned protein
- Pancake mix, cereal & oatmeal



CONNECT WITH US:

203-263-3869

community.services.council@gmail.com

DROP OFF LOCATION:

**Woodbury Food Bank
(Behind Labonne's, under
Newtown Savings Bank)**