



# Woodbury United Methodist Church

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## The Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025, 10:30 A.M.

\*Please stand as you are able.

### WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*"Of the Father's Love Begotten"*

Arr Held

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bud Behlman, Liturgist

L: Today we travel deeper into Advent and preparation for Christ.

P: *We hear the good news about Jesus Christ, God's Son, in Isaiah:*

L: "Look, I am sending my messenger before you. He will prepare your way, a voice shouting in the wilderness:

P: *'Prepare the way for the Lord, make his paths straight.'*"

ALL: **LET US WORSHIP GOD!**

\*HYMN

*"Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending"*

UMH #718

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

The Candle of Peace

Mollie Bodwell; Emilie, Mel and Laurie Cole; and Marion Lowman

SUNG RESPONSE (*unison*)

*Light the candle of PEACE today, the Giver of peace will come!*

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

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

THE COLLECT (*seated, unison*)

*Blessed Lord, who has written all holy Scripture for our learning: grant that we may hear, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*It can be a tense Season, O God. We prepare for the Prince of Peace but feel little peace. We prepare for a King and act like knaves. We prepare for a Wonderful Counselor and hardly listen to the counsel of your beloved Son. Grant that this worship helps us be aware of our part in losing sight of "the Reason for the Season." By your power, help us to set it aright, in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

### WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 40:1-5

\*THE GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

\*HYMN                    *"Savior of the Nations, Come"*

UMH #214, vss. 1 & 2

THE SERMON                    *"Repent? Who, Me?"*

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                    *"From a Distant Home"*  
The Chancel Choir

Puerto Rican Carol

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE                    *"What Child Is This"*                    UMH #219, vs. 3

*So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him;*

*The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.*

*This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;*

*Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### **THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

+The Invitation to Communion

Tune: *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

***People: And with you, God's servant.***

Pastor: O come, let us lift our hearts unto the Lord.

***People: With hearts uplifted, thanks to God we render;***

***With joy we come before God, in gratefulness implore God,***

***With thankful hearts adore God, evermore!***

+The Great Thanksgiving (by the pastor)

Tune: *What Child Is This*

*Thanks and praise be to Thee, the God of promise and fulfillment*

*Of old thy faithful people prayed and waited for thy advent*

*now present in Christ, our Lord, whose glory reigns forever,*

*with all who now sing thy name we join in choral splendor:*

+The Sanctus

Tune: Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

**Holy, holy, holy Lord! God of hosts, by all adored!**

**Heaven and earth cannot contain all the glory of your name!**

**Hail, hosanna, God most high! Blest the One who now draws nigh  
in the name of God the King! Hallelujahs glad we sing:**

**Hail, hosanna! Praises due be forever, Lord, to you!**

The Prayer of Consecration (*all seated, prayed by the pastor*)

The Lord's Prayer

Tune: It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

**Our Father, Lord on heav'n's high throne most holy be your name.**

**Your kingdom come! Your will be done on earth – in heav'n the same.**

**Give us this day the food we need; forgiven may we be;**

**Into temptation do not lead: from evil set us free.**

**Yours is the kingdom, unto you in grateful love we bow,**

**And yours the pow'r; Lord, let us view your mighty presence now.**

**The glory yours; your praise be sung by angel hosts again**

**In ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue forevermore! Amen.**

+The Communion

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

*Please follow the ushers' direction.*

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

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in  
which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the  
world in the strength of your spirit, to give ourselves for others, in  
the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **WE GO FORTH IN JOY**

+Responsorial Benediction

Tune: O Come, All Ye Faithful

L: The Lord bless and keep you, look with love upon you.

Be gracious, and cause your face to shine with peace!

ALL: **Glory to God, Son and Holy Spirit!**

**The Savior close beside us,**

**God's love from harm to hide us,**

**the Spirit's pow'r to guide us evermore!**

POSTLUDE

*"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"*

JS Bach

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

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