

Woodbury United Methodist Church

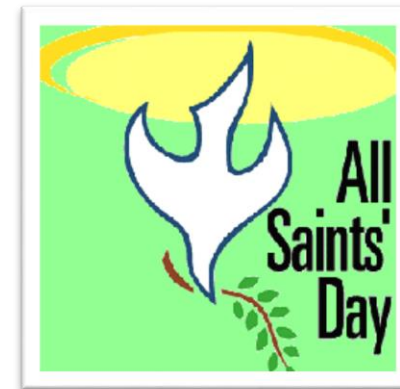
Mission Statement of the Woodbury United Methodist Church

We are a welcoming Christian fellowship who celebrate and share God's love with everyone.

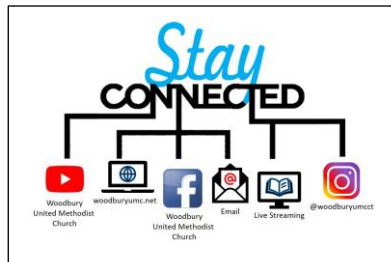
We seek a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. Inspired by His example, we strive to be God's hands in this world.

Empowered by God's word, we proclaim the Gospel and serve through worship, study, mission, and community support.

Love is Spoken Here!



Sunday, November 7, 2021



Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

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November 7, 2021
24th Sunday after Pentecost
Communion Sunday
All Saints Sunday

*Please stand as you are able.

WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE *Air from the Suite in G* JS Bach

GREETING Pastor Michael Cobb

*CALL TO WORSHIP led by Rynn Naylor, Liturgist

Care for us Holy One, and help us see the goodness of your caring presence in our lives. Help us welcome you into our homes.

Help us release toil and anxiety and find peace.

Come and worship the one who wants your all.

We come to worship the one who offers all.

Come and worship with all your heart and soul and mind and strength.

We come and offer all that we have and all that we are in worship and in service.

Come and be blessed and you pour yourself out in worship.

We will worship wholeheartedly and with joy.

*OPENING HYMN #711 *For All the Saints*
Hymns led by WUMC Chancel Choir

WE SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE IN PRAYER

*OPENING PRAYER led by Rynn Naylor

Gracious God, thank you that you use our very minds and bodies to accomplish your purposes in this world. We call to mind the ones who are



Each Christmas season, our sanctuary is beautifully decorated with holiday trimmings and poinsettias. As the season approaches, we are now taking orders for the poinsettias, which may be in honor of, in celebration of, or in memory of one or more loved ones. A list of acknowledgments will be printed in the church bulletin on Sunday, December 19 and Christmas Eve.

Poinsettias are \$12.00 each. We encourage you to take your flower(s) home with you after the service on Christmas Eve.

You may order your flower(s) by filling out the form below, and placing it in the collection plate, or returning it to the church office accompanied by a check or cash for total amount (a folder marked Poinsettias Orders is available on the office mail station). All checks should be made out to Woodbury United Methodist Church. ***All orders must be placed no later than Tuesday, DECEMBER 7TH.***

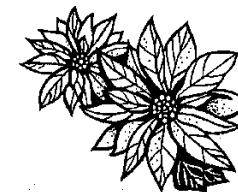
Name: _____ Telephone: _____

In honor/celebration/memory of: (circle appropriate one)

(If more space is required, please attach a separate piece of paper)

_____ Red poinsettia _____ Quantity

_____ White poinsettia _____ Quantity



Please be sure to list all the necessary information so follow-up calls do not have to be made. Thanks!

Homebound members: *Florence Brown, Linda Bailey*



If you would like to send someone a birthday card, please see our website @ www.woodburyumc.net for this month's birthday listing. Reminder that we are placing flowers on the altar again so let us know if you want to sign up for a particular date.

The logo for WUMC Helping Hands Ministry features a row of colorful hands in various colors (red, green, blue, yellow, purple) reaching upwards.

WUMC Helping Hands Ministry

Vision Statement:
Provide an extended network of community volunteers for helping those with critical short-term needs, but without sufficient resources and families to whom they can turn.

Examples of Types of Services:

- Handyman projects (e.g., carpentry, painting, simple plumbing/electrical/car repairs, computer troubleshooting)
- Home upkeep (e.g., spring/fall cleanup)
- Transportation and delivery
- Family crisis support (e.g., child/elder/respite care, meals)
- Friendly visitor

Nominal Constraints:

- Short-term crisis support: 4-8 hours; 1-2 days
- Work projects: Ideally done in 1 day; up to \$200 for material cost
- Application approval predicated on resource availability and schedule

Please Contact: Woodbury United Methodist Church (WUMC) at WUMC@WoodburyUMC.net.

A cartoon illustration showing various acts of service: a handyman with a hammer and saw, a person mowing a lawn, a woman carrying a basket of groceries, a man in a hospital bed being read to by a woman, and a woman sitting at a desk.

coming who will build upon the dreams and deeds that you have begun through us. Give us the grace to teach our children to know the LORD so that your heritage will continue through them. Build our homes and communities with strong foundations of great faith and peace that will outlast us and sustain those who come after us. We do not merely look to law enforcement and elected officials to watch over our community, but we ask that *you* set a guard over this community. May our descendants be the very arrows that defend the good works that you are doing in the earth. We will not live to see the manifestation of all the promises that you have made nor the fullness of the fruit of the seeds that we have sown. Yet, Merciful God, we wait with a blessed hope that you will send those who will build upon our dreams and deeds to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS (GNT)

read by Rynn Naylor

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-16, pg. 394

Then the LORD said to Elijah, "Now go to the town of Zarephath, near Sidon, and stay there. I have commanded a widow who lives there to feed you." So Elijah went to Zarephath, and as he came to the town gate, he saw a widow gathering firewood. "Please bring me a drink of water," he said to her. And as she was going to get it, he called out, "And please bring me some bread, too."

She answered, "By the living LORD your God I swear that I don't have any bread. All I have is a handful of flour in a bowl and a bit of olive oil in a jar. I came here to gather some firewood to take back home and prepare what little I have for my son and me. That will be our last meal, and then we will starve to death."

"Don't worry," Elijah said to her. "Go on and prepare your meal. But first make a small loaf from what you have and bring it to me, and then prepare the rest for you and your son. For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'The bowl will not run out of flour or the jar run out of oil before the day that I, the LORD, send rain.'

The widow went and did as Elijah had told her, and all of them had enough food for many days. As the LORD had promised through Elijah, the bowl did not run out of flour nor did the jar run out of oil.

*Gospel Reading: Mark 12:38-44, pg. 67

As he taught them, he said, “Watch out for the teachers of the Law, who like to walk around in their long robes and be greeted with respect in the marketplace, who choose the reserved seats in the synagogues and the best places at feasts. They take advantage of widows and rob them of their homes, and then make a show of saying long prayers. Their punishment will be all the worse!”

As Jesus sat near the Temple treasury, he watched the people as they dropped in their money. Many rich men dropped in a lot of money; then a poor widow came along and dropped in two little copper coins, worth about a penny. He called his disciples together and said to them, “I tell you that this poor widow put more in the offering box than all the others. For the others put in what they had to spare of their riches; but she, poor as she is, put in all she had—she gave all she had to live on.”

*HYMN OF PREPARATION #715 *Rejoice the Lord is King*

SERMON Pastor Cobb

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Pastor Cobb

O God, we have not invested all that we are—
our hearts, minds, soul, and strength—
in loving you.
And each day,
we struggle to love one another to the fullest.
Receive our heartfelt confession,
and hear our gratitude
for your grace and forgiveness. Amen.

(silence)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Pastor Cobb

We long to mend our ways. Christ can bear these sins for all who eagerly wait for him. His sacrifice on our behalf, his grace toward us, washes us anew.

Friends, hear the good news! Christ has entered into heaven and now appears in the presence of God on our behalf. Friends, believe the good news! In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Usher; the WUMC Chancel Choir, Singers; Theron Kissinger, Audio Visual Technician.

Please note: Livestreaming provides an opportunity for all of us to experience worship at the same time, either at home or in-person. Worshipers at home may join us by video on YouTube or audio-only by telephone broadcast. Video recordings of services are also archived on the church’s website for later viewing. Later phone broadcasts are no longer provided. The options for accessing services electronically remain the same:

- **Video:** Go to <http://www.woodburyumc.net>, scroll to “Sunday Morning Worship in the Sanctuary” and click the link for livestreaming. A link is also provided for archived videos for later viewing.
- **Audio only by phone:** dial 425-436-6391, enter pin with hash sign 2431819#.

SAVE THE DATES

Saturday, November 13 – Fall Clean-Up Day at WUMC – please see your Messenger. Great way for students to get community service hours for school. Please let Theron Kissinger know if you are able to help out that day.

Tuesday, November 23 – Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship Service – 6:30 PM at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Woodbury. Pastor Cobb will be preaching that night.

Sunday, November 28 - UMC Student Day - News to come regarding opportunities for you & college student participation

Poinsettias ordering has begun – please see information in today’s bulletin – the deadline to place your order is Tuesday, December 7th. Payment must accompany the order.

Tuesday, December 21 - Blue Christmas Worship Service – 7PM at WUMC

THE PRAYER CORNER

Outpatient rehabilitation: *Michael Etcheto*, grandson of *Barbara Etcheto*

Recovering at home: *Laura Brush; Gary McClendon; Pat Kurtz; Lynne Brencher; Carol Hennessey; Liam McGrath; Robert Mitchell*, brother of *Marci Lowman* (the daughter-in-law of *Marion Lowman*); *Amelia Eager* (friend of the *Temple* family); *Steve Thomas; Dominic Vaiuso*, father of *Karen Williams* (Newtown); *Carl Hinkle*, father of *Toby McGrath* (Greensburg, PA); *Donna Louise Burke*, friend of *Kathy Craig; Lou Calabrese* (husband of *Lynn Ramsden-Calabrese*)

Outpatient treatments: *Dave Brencher; Bob Asman; Dave Davison*, father-in-law of *Gary McClendon; Will Styblo*, nephew of *Jim Styblo* and *Catherine Mason* (Franklin, TN)

Please remember our Confirmands: *Annabelle Cloud, Cody Cordova, Zachary Cordova, James Levario, Matthew Shupenis*

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Rev. J. Michael Cobb, Pastor
Pastor's e-mail: pastormichael@woodburyumc.net

Mark Davis, Lay Leader
Kathy Craig, Office Administrator Chris Shay, Director of Music

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Week of November 7, 2021

Visitors are warmly welcomed! If you wish to learn more about WUMC's ministries, please take a copy of our weekly newsletter, *The Messenger*, which is available on the table at the registration area.

If you would like to become a member of the Woodbury United Methodist Church, please speak to Pastor Michael. Inquirers are asked to attend a two-session Membership Orientation class before joining the church.

Today is the 24th Sunday after Pentecost on the Christian calendar. The Season after Pentecost, also called Ordinary Time, begins the day after Pentecost and ends the day before the First Sunday of Advent. The liturgical color is green, symbolizing growth in Christ.

Today is All Saints Sunday on the Christian calendar. All Saints (November 1 or the first Sunday in November) is a day of remembrance for the "saints," reflecting the New Testament meaning of all Christian people of every time and place. We will celebrate the communion of the saints as we remember the dead, both of the Church universal and our own local congregation. The names of church members who have died during the past year (as well as other deceased loved ones) will be solemnly read during the Great Thanksgiving for Holy Communion.

On Communion Sundays, the Lord's Table is open to all who seek to follow Christ, regardless of age or denominational background. An offering plate is located on the left side of the chancel for donations to the church's benevolence fund.

Thanks to all those making special contributions to our worship service today: Rynn Naylor, Liturgist, Communion Steward and Reader, Sue Vindigni, Greeter and

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

The Lord is Creator of all and the Giver of every good gift. Let us offer to God a portion of these gifts, that all needs may be met, and that all people may come to know the grace and joy of God.

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

*OFFERTORY ANTHEM arr. Smith/Wilson
Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rynn Naylor

Living God, you miraculously provide for our needs, beyond what we could imagine. Thank you for showing us people of faith who live according to your Word. Guide us by your Spirit to be like the poor widows of ancient days—people who trust in you wholeheartedly. Free us from fear, so that we will open our hands and faithfully share our tithes and offerings. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

WE GATHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR ALL SAINTS DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Miriam and Moses, God of Joshua and Deborah, God of Ruth and David, God of the priests and the prophets, God of Mary and Joseph, God of the apostles and the martyrs, God of our mothers and fathers, God of our children to all generations.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of you glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

Renew our communion with all your saints, especially those whom we name now before you. . .

Family members and other loved ones in our community:

Harold Bower, Jr.; Charlotte Cloud; Gene Davenport; Margaret Holmes; Robert Nolfi; Doris Norland; Lucille Parsons; Eva Robinson; Ryan Rutledge; Paul Sabo; Thelma Stickle; George Strobel; Tommy White; Oscar Zavala

Renew our communion also with other departed saints whom we name before you in our hearts. . .

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD AND LIFTING THE CUP

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison) from *At the Lord’s Table*

Lord, we give thanks for these holy mysteries which bring to us here on earth a share in the life to come, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Cobb

CLOSING HYMN #557

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

WE GO FORTH IN JOY

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Cobb

Remember that abundance in accounts does not equal spiritual prosperity. Remember those who experience poverty in their purses still can possess the power of generosity. We do not measure God’s abundance by comparing our materials to those of our neighbors. While we are counting and comparing our change, God is found measuring our motives. God’s goodness and generosity tip the scales of humanity—as you go from the place, may your actions do likewise. Amen.

*POSTLUDE

O Hail This Brightest Day of Days

JS Bach

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