First Sunday after Christmas    December 26, 2021    10:00 AM Worship

Gathering Music
Silent Night
Paul Bouman
Karin Kohl, organist

What’s happening at Woodridge? (see announcements insert)

Opening Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer
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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Call to Worship (Responsive):
  One: A new day is dawning and a new year is approaching.
  All: May we hear God's voice this new year.
  One: The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future.
  All: May we hear God's voice this new year.
  One: We enter this new year with hope and excitement.
  All: May we hear God's voice this new year.

Scripture Reading:                    Isaiah 11: 1 - 10 (NRSV)
A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. 2The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. 3His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; 4but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. 5Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. 6The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. 7The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder’s den. 9They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. 10On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Prayer of Confession (Responsive):
  One: Lord, yours are the seasons and the ages. Give us a new heart and a new spirit.
  All: Lord, have mercy.
  One: Lord, you are the beginning and the end of all that is, including our lives. Make a new beginning with all of us.
  All: Lord, have mercy.
  One: Lord, you breathe your spirit on all creation. Make our old world new again.
  All: Lord, have mercy.

Assurance of God’s love and forgiveness

Passing of the Peace

Scripture Reading:                       John 1: 1 - 14 (NRSV)
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2He was in the beginning with God. 3All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being 4in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. 5The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. 6There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. 8He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. 9The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. 10He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. 11He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. 12But to all who received him,
who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.

A Story “Three Christmas Journeys” by Ro Willoughby
Rev. Scott Spencer

Special Music While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night Gordon Young
Karin Kohl, organist

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations

Offering dedication

Advent Doxology (insert)

Carols O Come, All Ye Faithful verses 1 & 2 PH #132
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing verses 1 & 3 PH #120
Joy to the World! all verses PH #130

Benediction

Postlude Away in a Manger Gordon Young
Karin Kohl, organist

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