

Gathering Music

*God Help the Outcasts*

A. Menken

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.

Ways to grow deeper as a faithful community ... *Jump in*

Call to Worship *(responsive)*:

One: In this season of waiting, of longing, of looking for you to come into our world - we are seeking the Light of the World – Jesus Christ.

All: **We are seeking His light**

One: In our communities

All: **We are seeking His light**

One: In our families

All: **We are seeking His light**

One: In our world

All: **We are seeking His light**

One: We wait with hope

All: **We are seeking His light**

Prayer of Confession *(responsive)*:

One: Holy God, Creator of all that is, Giver of Grace, and Giver of Life:

All: **God, hear our prayer.**

One: There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us from one another and from you.

All: **God, hear our prayer.**

One: You call us to healed relationships, to a wholeness with each other and with You.

All: **God, hear our prayer.**

One: Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations through the power and love of Christ.

All: **God, hear our prayer.**

Assurance of God's love and forgiveness

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14 - 16 (NRSV)

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Advent Candle Lighting – "Hope"

Children's Message

Passing of the Peace

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2: 13 - 15 (NRSV)

<sup>13</sup>Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him."

<sup>14</sup>Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, <sup>15</sup>and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

Sermon "A Story of a Refugee - Advent Giving Tree Project"

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Special Music	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	D. Schutte
Sharing Our Prayers		
Offering		
Doxology	<i>Advent Doxology</i>	based upon The Sussex Carol <i>insert</i>
Anthem	<i>For the Refugee</i> set to the hymn Morning Has Broken	Carolyn W. Gillette Woodridge Choir
Hymn	<i>Come By Here Lord</i>	African American Spiritual <i>insert</i>
Hymn	<i>Jesus Loves the Little Children</i>	G. Root <i>insert</i>
Benediction		
Benediction response	<i>Prepare the Way of the Lord</i>	Taizé <i>insert</i>
Postlude	<i>Blest Are They</i>	D. Haas

*Welcome to*

Woodridge Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ

*An Open & Affirming Congregation and  
A Caring & Welcoming Community*



First Sunday of Advent • November 27, 2022 • Worship at 10:00 AM

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UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST  
a just world for all

As a caring and welcoming community, using the Bible as a resource and the teachings of Jesus as our guide, we joyfully welcome everyone into our Christian community, regardless of race, ethnicity, class, age, mental status, family structure, physical or mental ability, religious background or theological perspective, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression. As Christian disciples, we invite all to share in the life, leadership, ministry, worship, sacraments, blessings and joys of our congregation.

**Ways to grow deeper as a faithful community - for November:**

**“Jump In”**

Life is full of unexpected problems and needs, large and small. Pay attention to moments when God calls you to action, no matter how ordinary or extraordinary the situation may be. See "disruptions" as invitations to share Christ's love. Write a note. Visit the sick or the grieving. Share a meal.