

Welcome to

Woodridge Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

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



Worship at 10:00 AM

All Saints Sunday

November 5, 2023

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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.

Gathering Music

Adagio

Wolfgang Mozart
Sandy Nolan, organist

What's happening at Woodridge? *(see announcements below)*

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

J. Krug
Woodridge Chimes

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: The countless saints of history who have blazed a trail of courage through time.

All: **We remember them today.**

One: The supreme love of Jesus and the glory of His resurrection reminds us of those who have gone before.

All: **We remember them today.**

One: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us worship God with their spirit and with joy and thanksgiving.

All: **We remember them today.**

Naming of the Saints

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Our communion table is open to all who wish to receive, regardless of church membership or affiliation. We welcome all ages to receive communion today and leave the decision to parents at what age their children should participate. We are now offering bread and juice separately or both contained in the combined cup; please take either bread or the combined cup when it is served.

Prayer of Confession (*Responsive*):

One: O God, we may have placed our only hope in the things we can see and touch, and may have denied ourselves the greater hope in the glory of things unseen.

All: **Lord, bring us comfort and mercy.**

One: If we have struggled in our grief without hope or faith in your saving love,

All: **Lord, bring us comfort and mercy.**

One: If we have not honored the saints who have gone before by growing in the knowledge and love of God.

All: **Lord, bring us comfort and mercy.**

Assurance of God's love and forgiveness

Words of Invitation

Communion Hymn

As We Gather at Your Table

NCH #332

Communion Prayer

Pastor: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to God.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution and prayer of consecration

Receiving of the elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*unison*):

Loving and merciful God we thank you for inviting us to this table as we celebrate this day those saints who have gone before and as we recognize their spirits with us here today. We pray that the inspiration and model of their lives may guide us forth as we leave this table to serve you and others with their and your love. Amen

Passing of the Peace

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 12: 1, 2 (NRSV)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Sermon

"Running the Race"

Rev. Scott Spencer

Hymn

For All the Saints

New Century Hymnal #299

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations

Anthem

Spirit of Life

C. McDade

arr. Eric W. Van Dervort

Woodridge Choir

Offering

Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

The musical notation is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a final half note. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The text is: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, a - bove ye heaven-ly hosts, Cre - a - tor Christ and ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!" The lyrics are written in a simple, sans-serif font. The text is: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, a - bove ye heaven-ly hosts, Cre - a - tor Christ and ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!"

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Hymn

When the Saints Go Marching In

1. O when the saints go marching in, O when the saints go marching in,
O Lord I want to be in that number, when the saints go marching in.
2. And when the sun begins to shine, and when the sun begins to shine,
O Lord I want to be in that number, when the saints go marching in.
3. O when the trumpet sounds its call, O when the trumpet sounds its call,
O Lord I want to be in that number, when the saints go marching in.

(repeat verse 1)

Benediction

Benediction response

Spirit of Gentleness
(refrain only)

New Century Hymnal #286

Postlude

March Romaine

Charles Gounod
Sandy Nolan, organist

What's happening @ Woodridge?

Woodridge Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 11, 9 am - 3 pm

Country Store, Homemade Crafts, Children's Elf Shop, Timeless Treasures

Luncheon served 11 am - 2 pm

Homemade Soups, Sandwiches & Pizza

Bazaar Update

How is a Bazaar like an Amish Barn Raising?

It involves work, wonderful fellowship and achieving a goal. Many hands make light the work.

If you would like to volunteer and haven't already done so, or have any questions, please call Courtney Lombardi at 401-465-0146.

- **Nov 5** Moving tables and boxes to Timeless Treasures Room after church
- **Nov 9** Setting up tables in Fellowship Hall
- **Nov 10** Cooking w/Lou and Decorating; Baking, Candy other food for Country Store need to be delivered today
- **Nov 11** Luncheon Servers, Table bussing, Country Store, Floaters (so everybody can have a break and a chance to shop) and Clean Up

Raffle Baskets will be put together Sunday, Oct 29.

Timeless Treasures donations must be delivered by Nov. 5th.

They may be left on the right side of the stage.

Please refer to the list of items requested (below).

The Book Store will gladly accept books, puzzles and games.

The bazaar committee will gladly receive monetary donations to defray the cost of food for the luncheon.

There is yarn as well as crochet and knitting patterns for Prayer Squares in the Narthex.

Bring your donations for the Bazaar's TIMELESS TREASURES room! We are seeking new, like-new or very gently used:

- Jewelry, Pocketbooks, Shoes
- Warm winter accessories - scarves, gloves, mittens, hats, sweaters
- Tablecloths and linens (washed, neatly bagged with a description, including size)
- Boxed small appliances
- Kitchen utensils
- Christmas decorations and items
- NO Coats please

Your donations may be dropped off on the stage in Fellowship Hall, Sunday or Mon-Fri, office hours: 9-1.

The deadline for drop-off is Sunday, Nov. 5.

Thank you very much!

Your wonderful donations are key to our success!!

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Thanksgiving Basket Program

Woodridge is again partnering with local service agencies to provide traditional Thanksgiving meals to families in need. You are invited to participate by signing up for food donations, donation of entire Thanksgiving Baskets, or to donate financially, now through Sunday, November 5.

Questions? Please contact Bob Cole at (401) 623-9443.

Important Notes:

- Cash and checks are also accepted.
- A full basket* is estimated to cost around \$40-\$45.
- All checks need to be received by Nov. 5.
- Make checks payable to Woodridge Church.
- Write "Thanksgiving Baskets" in memo space.

Important Dates:

- Basket assembly is Sunday, Nov. 12 during church.
- All Thanksgiving Basket food donations must be dropped off by 10 am on Nov. 12 in Fellowship Hall.
- All cash and check donations must be provided by Sunday, Nov. 5.

The **Grief Support Group** meets Thursdays, 2:00 - 3:30 pm in the Conference Room.

Contact Rev. Burton Bagby-Grose for more information.

Thank you for your continued support of the **Interfaith Food Ministry** with regular or occasional donations.

Contributions to the **Deacon's Fund**, assisting Woodridge family and community members with emergency needs are invited each Communion Sunday but are welcome at any time.

A message about this year's stewardship program ... our theme this year is "we are all in this together."

Dear Woodridge community ... Thank you for your continued financial support of our ministry and mission over the last year. Your generosity has made a huge difference in continuing the work of our congregation. Over the next few weeks, we are asking you to consider the importance of our ministry and your financial support to continue this ministry in the future.

You may have recently received a letter and attached materials to use as you prayerfully consider your financial support for 2024.

There are three easy next steps.

1. Review the income and expense material provided. The narrative presents an overview of our financial needs.
2. Reflect on the proportional giving guide. This chart provides a fair and more faithful way for each to give. If you are able, please consider raising your financial commitment one or more percentage points.
3. Complete and return the white card with your confidential 2024 Woodridge Church financial commitment. The white card can be placed in the offering basket any Sunday or mailed to the church.

If you are able and haven't already done so, please return your pledge by Sunday, November 5 so we can begin planning our ministry and missions for 2024.

Worship Ministers for Today's Service

Liturgist: Martha Ryan

Ushers: Nancy Quintiliani, Les Steinbrecher, Lenny Wahl, Lori-Jo Wahl

Stewards: Dianne Cavanaugh, Carol Kinoian, Gale MacDonald, Eileen Phaneuf

Prayer List

Prayers of joy and concern lifted up on Sunday morning or brought during the week are shared in a weekly email message every Tuesday: *Today's God Moment*

Keep in touch and stay informed . . .

In addition to prayer concerns, we send a Thursday email with general information. Please contact the office if you would like to be added to these mailing lists. Recorded Sunday services may also be found on our website.

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