

# **WOODLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Worship Service  
10 a.m.**

**December 12, 2021**

**The Third Sunday in Advent  
Worship Book**

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**“Crown Him”**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=snJcqpBNyIU>

**“We Three Kings”**

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**juBELLation***"IL EST NE/He is Born"***WELCOME**

Pastor Kevin

**VIDEO:***"The Wonder of Christ's Joy"***CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER**

Karen Wilson

**HYMN****"Crown Him"**Verse 1

Crown Him with many crowns,  
 The King who left His throne,  
 Creator of the universe,  
 Born to the world He holds.  
 And with that first drawn breath  
 The Word has become flesh.  
 Emmanuel has come to us,  
 O crown Him all the earth.

Verse 2

Crowned by the angel choir,  
 They tell His royal birth,  
 Sing glory in the highest height  
 And peace upon the earth.  
 They break the silent night  
 Announcing endless worth.  
 The King of grace and love is here,  
 O crown Him all the world.

Verse 3

Crowned by their royal gifts,  
 Gold, frankincense and myrrh,  
 Wise men approach this manger throne  
 With honors from afar.  
 Behold the Son of God  
 And bow down in this place.  
 The Prince of Peace has come to us,  
 O crown Him with your praise.

Verse 4

Crown Him with many crowns,  
 The Lamb upon His throne.  
 Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns  
 All music but its own.  
 Awake my soul and sing:  
 God sent His Son for me.  
 Now Hail Him as thy matchless King  
 Through all eternity.

*(Repeat):*

Awake my soul and sing:  
 God sent His Son for me.  
 Now Hail Him as thy matchless King  
 Through all eternity.

Crown Him, crown Him, crown Him  
 with many crowns.

Crown Him, crown Him, crown Him  
 with many crowns. (repeat)

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**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: JOY**

Goni Laseke and Jessica Ferguson

*Joy, joy, joy -**We praise You, Christ, with joy!**Our peace, our hope, our love and treasure,**Highest calling, deepest pleasure!**Joy, joy, joy -**We praise You, Christ, with joy!***SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 43 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people, from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me! <sup>2</sup> For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you rejected me? Why do I go about mourning because of the oppression of the enemy? <sup>3</sup> Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling! <sup>4</sup> Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy, and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God. <sup>5</sup> Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION/ASSURANCE OF PARDON****OFFERING****CHOIR***"He is the Light that Shines"***DOXOLOGY***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**Praise Him, all creatures here below.**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 2:1-12 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” <sup>3</sup> When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> ““And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.””

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.”

<sup>9</sup> After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup> And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

**SERMON:**     *“Maintaining Hope in Troubled Times”*

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH****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 debts as we forgive our debtors.*

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

*For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. AMEN*

## CLOSING SONG      “We Three Kings” page 288

### Verse 1

We three kings of Orient are;  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar—  
Field and fountain,  
Moor and mountain—  
Following yonder star.

### Refrain

O, Star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading,  
Still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.

### Verse 2

Born a King on Bethlehem’s plain;  
Gold I bring to crown Him again,  
King forever, ceasing never  
Over us all to reign.

### Refrain

### Verse 3

Frankincense to offer have I;  
Incense owns a Deity nigh.  
Prayer and praising, all men raising,  
Worship Him God on high.

### Refrain

### Verse 4

Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume  
Breathes a life of gathering gloom—  
Sor-r’ wing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

### Refrain

### Verse 5

Glorious now behold Him arise,  
King and God and Sacrifice;  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Earth to heav’n replies.

### Refrain

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sunday** – What Now? After-service Discussion centered on today's Bible passage and sermon.

**Wednesday** – The sanctuary will be open on Wednesdays at noon for prayer. Come and pray.

**Thursday** – The Bible Study is back, but on a new day – it now is on Thursdays at 10 a.m. Come join us, or Zoom in (if you are not on our mailing list to receive the weekly Zoom invitation, please send me an email and I will include you – Pastor Kevin [revkevloffice@gmail.com](mailto:revkevloffice@gmail.com) )

**The Encouraging Word** – If you would like to receive the weekly email of the prayers from the Sunday service, please call or email Claralee Williams.

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent** - Next Sunday, December 19

**Christmas Eve** – 6 p.m. Soup Meal & 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service