

WOODLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Worship Service
10 a.m.**

December 5, 2021

The Second Sunday in Advent Worship Book

Join us online by going to www.woodlandpresbyterian.org

For those worshipping at home – If you would like to participate in the Lord's Supper today, please have bread and juice available.

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(Tune in early to see the scrolling church announcements)

JUBELLATION*“What Child Is This?”***WELCOME**

Pastor Kevin

VIDEO:*“The Wonder of Christ’s Peace”***CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER**

Sally Hager

HYMN*“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”* page 245**Verse 1**

O come, O come, Emmanuel
 And ransom captive Israel,
 That mourns in lonely exile here,
 Until the Son of God appear

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice!
 Emmanuel shall come to thee,
 O Israel!

Verse 2

O come, Thou Dayspring,
 Come and cheer
 Our spirits by Thine advent here;
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 And death’s dark shadows put to
 flight.

Refrain**Verse 3**

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high
 And order all things, far and nigh;
 To us the path of knowledge show
 And cause us in her ways to go.

Refrain**Verse 4**

O come, Desire of nations, bind
 All peoples in one heart and mind.
 Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease;
 Fill the whole world with heaven’s
 peace.

Refrain

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ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING: PEACE

Mark and Liz Hover

*Peace, peace, peace -
 The gift of Christ is peace.
 We walk with God, our past forgiven.
 All in Him is life and heaven.
 Peace, peace, peace -
 The gift of Christ is peace.*

SCRIPTURE READING: Micah 5:2-5 (ESV)

² But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. ³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴ And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. ⁵ And he shall be their peace.

When the Assyrian comes into our land and treads in our palaces, then we will raise against him seven shepherds and eight princes of men;

PRAYER OF CONFESSION/ASSURANCE OF PARDON**OFFERING****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 1:18-25 (ESV)

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³ “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

²⁴ When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵ but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

SERMON: “Finding Hope in Our Disappointments”

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

The invitation to receive Holy Communion in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church is open to all people who have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. You are warmly encouraged to share in this sacred meal. Because of our current circumstances, not all are able to gather in one place to partake of the bread and cup. Today we will eat the bread and drink from the cup together, when instructed, as an act of our unity in the body of Christ.

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 “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day” page 267

Verse 1

I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth,
Good-will to men.

Verse 2

I thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along th'unbroken song
Of peace on earth,
Good-will to men.

Verse 3

And in despair I bowed my head:
“There is no peace on earth,” I said,
“For hate is strong,
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth,
Good-will to men.”

Verse 4

Then pealed the bells
More loud and deep:
“God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth,
Good-will to men.”

Verse 5

Then ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day-
A voice, a chime,
A chant sublime
Of peace on earth,
Good-will to men!

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BENEDICTION

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)

Saturday – You're invited to a Christmas Piano Recital this Saturday, December 11, at 2 p.m. See Janet Clock for more details, 360-841-8641.

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.

3rd Sunday of Advent - Next Sunday, December 12

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