



The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

“An Inclusive Church Family: Loving, Sharing, and Serving Christ.”



The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024

A TIME TO GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*All who are able, please stand. **Bold** print denotes congregational response.

WELCOME

EXCHANGE OF GREETINGS

PRELUDE

Bruce Xu, organ

A TIME OF PRAISE AND PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT

Lynne Gregg & John Erickson(11:00)

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

With Mary, our spirits rejoice, and we sing God's praise.

We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

The Mighty One has done great things for us; holy is the name of God.

*ADVENT RESPONSE 85

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah
(stanza 4)

TIF IN VELDELE

*HYMN OF PRAISE 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess we are not the people you hope us to be, Advent God.

The very ones you favor, we too often ignore or ridicule.

The ones you knock off their pedestals, we admire and emulate.

We are so focused on having more and more, we risk being sent away empty.

Forgive us, Mighty God, and look with grace upon us.

We would live secure in your love;

we would seek to do your will, as did Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

(Silent prayers of confession) In whose name we pray. **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God comes to us, bringing hope, bringing forgiveness, bringing grace!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE 100

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout
(stanza 4)

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

ANTHEM

Could This Be the Day
WCPC Sanctuary Choir
Jonathan Aigner, director

Joseph Martin (b. 1959)

A TIME OF PROCLAMATION

BAPTISM(11:00)

Josiah Dillon Miller

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kathy Gage

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 92

While We Are Waiting, Come

WAITING

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

(from Book of Common Worship, Colossians 1:15–20)

A TIME OF PROMISE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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 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.

FAITH IN ACTION

Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS)

Marla Endieveri

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Bruce Xu, organ

*DOXOLOGY 108

Of the Father's Love Begotten
(stanza 6)

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Mary Jo Chapman (8:30) Diane Atkins(11:00)

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 93

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Bruce Xu, organ

~ Prayer of confession written by Thom Shuman, and posted on **Lectionary Liturgies**.
<http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/>

If you are interested in learning more about The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church, you can contact our pastor, Rev. Dr. David Jones, at djones@wpcpc-tx.org.

STEPHEN MINISTERS AVAILABLE FOR PRAYER

Following worship, a Stephen Minister will at the front-right side of the sanctuary to pray with you.

Our Stephen Ministers are trained in compassionate listening and confidentiality.

There is no need too large or too small to request prayer.

CHILDCARE FOR WORSHIP

Childcare, for children under 5, is provided in the Hendricks Building (building to your right across the parking lot as you leave the sanctuary) for both worship services if desired. After the children’s message staff will be available to take children over to the nursery rooms or you can walk them too. WCPC believes worship for children is important to spiritual formation, so children of all ages are encouraged and welcome in worship. The Parlor (a room with a viewing window and restroom to the right as you enter the worship space) is available if you need a place for busy toddlers to roam, continue a meltdown, or privacy to diaper, etc. ?

2025 FLOWER CALENDAR

Sign up for your special date for 2025 Sanctuary Flowers. This coming year we will offer the option of donating a plant instead of flowers for the Sanctuary. A floral arrangement is \$75 and a plant is \$35. Make your check payable to WCPC and Write Sanctuary Flowers on your check and the date you reserved on the memo line. (Sanctuary Flowers-DDMMYY) Payment is made out the time of signing up. If you wish to donate flowers for 2025, contact Carol Palmquist at 281-367-5166 or RNPalmquist@aol.com. Thank you for adding to the beauty of our sanctuary.

ONLINE GIVING INFORMATION

- 1 – Use this quicklink <https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=110917&f=1&a=1000.00>
- 2 - Text to give <https://www.wcpc-tx.org/text-to-give/>
- 3 – Give online using MyWCPC <https://secure.accessacs.com/access/memberlogin.aspx?sn=110917>
Using a credit card, you can make a one-time contribution or set up a recurring charge using our secure online payment process.
- 4 – Mail in your Contribution Address is: 4881 W. Panther Creek Dr, The Woodlands, TX 77381
- 5 – Give using your Paypal Account office@wcpc-tx.org

TREASURER’S REPORT THRU NOVEMBER 2024

	November Mtd	Yr to Date
Revenues	\$ 76,579	\$ 958,426
Expenses	\$(83,922)	\$(1,125,366)
Net Total	\$(7,343)	\$(166,940)
Planned Reserve Transfers	\$ 4,292	\$ 47,208
Total	\$(3,051)	\$(119,732)

