

# Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church PC(USA)



December 28, 2025 ~ 9:30AM

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1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

9:30AM

**PRELUDE**

***Amid the Winter's Snow with  
O Come, Let Us Adore Him***  
Piano – David Merrill

Arr. L. Larson

**WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH COMMUNITY**

Pastor J. C. Austin

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**INTROIT**

***Infant Holy, Infant Lowly***  
Solo – David Merrill

A. Rusbridge

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Elder Tom Magette

Leader: Glory to God in the highest!

**People: And let there be hope to every discouraged heart, and peace to every conflicted soul.**

Leader: Glory to God in the highest!

**People: And let there be joy to every downcast spirit, and love to all the earth.**

Leader: Glory to God in the highest!

**ALL: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord, for Jesus Christ is born!**

**\*HYMN 147 & 115**

***The First Noel***  
Verses 1 and 2  
***Away in a Manger***

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Pastor Nancy Lincoln Reynolds

Gracious and Loving God, in the birth of Jesus Christ you are the light coming into the world. Yet often we turn away from your light: we follow our own ways, pursue our own purposes, chase after our own desires. Forgive us, Lord, and call us back to you through the power of your Spirit. Help us to look for your signs and to follow them, trusting you to lead us where we should go, and to show us the abundant blessings you intend for us. Through Christ we pray.

**MUSICAL MEDITATION**

***Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming***  
Solo – David Merrill

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*GLORIA PATRI HYMN 581**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

**TIME WITH CHILDREN**

Kathryn "Kat" Green, Director of Children's Ministry

**HYMN 110**

***Love Has Come***

Arr. B. Adams

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elder Tom Magette

## SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 63:7-9

## SERMON

**"The Aftermath of Christmas"**

Pastor J. C. Austin

Matthew 2:13-23

## \*HYMN 121

**O Little Town of Bethlehem**

Verses 1, 2, 4

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

Pastor Nancy Lincoln Reynolds

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND OFFERING

Elder Tom Magette

A portion of today's offering supports our Mission ministry in the area of specialized services, such as donations that support the Baltimore Station's programs providing therapeutic and outpatient treatment options for veterans, and the Langton Green residence for adults with intellectual disabilities.

To give: text **Woods** to 73256 or go to **"Give"** on **woodschurch.org** or use the **QR-Code** on the back of the bulletin.

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

**A Christmas Blessing**

D. Jernigan

Solo – David Merrill

## \*DOXOLOGY HYMN 607

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Nancy Lincoln Reynolds

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## \*HYMN 136

**Go, Tell it on the Mountain**

## \*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Pastor J.C. Austin

## \*POSTLUDE

**Joy to the World**

Arr. K. Barker

Piano – David Merrill

\*Please stand if you are able

Woods Church services are live streamed and available for public viewing via YouTube on our website ([www.woodschurch.org](http://www.woodschurch.org)). Current church activities and events are also available for viewing. Check us out!

A Stephen Minister will be available, to the side of the chancel by the Stephen Minister banner, at the end of the service to listen and to pray with you. 9:30AM Gale Gillespie

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