



Second Sunday of

Advent

Worthington Presbyterian Church
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
2nd Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

10:00 AM

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

**Please stand*

WELCOME

Rev. Betsy Rice

Invitation to Mission & Discipleship *(Please sign & pass the Friendship Pads)*

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Please stand and greet one another in the Peace of Christ.

**CALL TO WORSHIP
IN MUSIC**

Advent Poem

Traditional

"What Can I Give Him?"

Castle

The Children of TNT with Elder Kate Lane

The music is a call to open one's spirit to God's presence in our midst.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

The Minerd Family

The Second Candle: Peace *(Based on Isaiah 2:2-5)*

(When you hear: "People of God,"

Please respond: "Live in the hope of the Lord.")

***HYMN #137**

"He Came Down"

He came down that we may have hope;

he came down that we may have hope;

he came down that we may have hope;

hallelujah forevermore.

***HYMN #132**

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(in unison)*

Loving God, thank you for your grace.

You have called us to walk with you, but we have not followed.

Forgive us when we ignore you and each other.

Have mercy on us and show us your way

so that we can learn to do your will.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(Silent confession)

*Advent Congregational Response (#121, v. 4, "O Little Town of Bethlehem")

***O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!***

*Assurance of Pardon

*Advent Gloria (Refrain from #113, "Angels We Have Heard on High")

***Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!***

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

SONGS

"Long Ago"
"Once in Royal David's City"
"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"
The Children of TNT

Bethlehem
Irby
Go Tell It

TUESDAY
Nights
TOGETHER

MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

*Children in Preschool–3rd grade are invited to Wee Worship in the Chapel after the message. **Interested in learning more about TNT and our Children's Ministry?** Please scan the code.*

Pastor Tom



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Susan Boisvert

1st SCRIPTURE READING John 6:35-40

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away, for I have come down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

ANTHEM

Advent Song The Chancel Choir Russell Nagy, Director

Felix Mendelssohn

*Through the night, through the pilgrim's
slumber, far from sight, sheltered still by
her womb, stirs there a child of whom the
prophets thunder. Stirs there a child
whom the angels hail in endless wonder,
understanding.*

*Through the ride set astride her donkey,
mounted on a humble donkey, night
slips by to the beat of her heart as the
miles go by them.*

*Someday He'll ride on a beast as humble.
Someday He'll ride, ride into Jerusalem,
all in time to be born, and to die. First to
speak to all, He has come to call.*

*Ride on through dawn, weak and drawn.
Ride on, though weary for so long, on to that
hill, the tomb, and still to rise into life
fulfilled.*

*Come! You are welcome, you are wanted,
you are near. Come! We all wonder. We are
waiting. We are here. Come, yes, come, Jesus
come, yes, come.*

*To His own through the world's long labour,
as we groan in travail with the earth. He will
come! We will cry with surprise! He will
come! Opening our eyes, opening our eyes.*

2ND SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 55:1-11

Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves

Hear, everyone who thirsts;

come to the waters;

and you who have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread

and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

Now you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,

for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Deeper Thirst, Deeper Hunger”

Pastor Matt

***HYMN #123**

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”
vv. 1, 2, 4 & 5

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Pastor Tom

Offertory

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

Gilbert M Martin

***ADVENT DOXOLOGY** (*Hymn #144, v. 4*)

*What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him: give my heart.*

***DEDICATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**

You can give online by scanning the QR code or visiting bit.ly/engagewpc



THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

All who put their trust in Christ are welcome to receive communion. Please remain seated to be served communion in your row. Gluten-free bread is in the center of the plate. Grape juice is red, and wine is white.

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Music

Selections from *Messiah*

Harper Markiewicz

Carol after Communion (#121, *O Little Town of Bethlehem* v. 3)

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!

So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.

No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,

where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN #110**

"Love Has Come"

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Pastor Matt

POSTLUDE

"Praise the Lord, Who Reigns Above"

Franklin Ritter

*Please remain seated during the postlude as it is the final "Amen" to our worship.
Those who need to leave early are free to do so quietly.*

Join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall:
Coffee and treats • Sponsor-a-Family • Alternative Christmas



3PM Family Service (*nursery care available*)

6PM Worship (*nursery care available*)

9PM Candlelight Service