

## GATHERING

Welcome

*May the peace of Christ be with you. / **And also with you.***

Acolyte: Merry Jess Parrent

*Prelude*

Reading from the Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

\* Hymn "We Three Kings" CH 172

\*Opening Prayer Ciara Siesel  
*Children are invited to gather on the steps following Opening Prayer and as the congregation sings, "Children, welcome, in the name of Jesus. Children, welcome, in the name of love. All are welcome in the name of Jesus. All are welcome in the name of love."*

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's Moment Rev. Dalene Vasbinder

Hymn "I Wonder as I Wander" CH 161

Pastoral Prayer

**Lord's Prayer in unison**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Scripture Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

Sermon "Shining Out the Darkness!"

Special Music "Brightest and Best" traditional Appalachian  
arr. Jerome Epstein

## CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Hymn "As with Gladness" CH 173

Call to Giving Steve Coon

*Offering*

\*Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" CH 47

\*Prayer for the Gifts Given

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

You are invited to take the bread as it is passed, reminding us of our personal relationship with God through Jesus. Please hold the cup to take together, reminding us of our communal relationship with God. Rice cracker pieces in cups are gluten free for those with gluten allergies. The cups contain juice.

*Communion Meditation*

Prayer of Thanksgiving Ken McCullough

## TAKING THE GOOD NEWS INTO THE WORLD

Announcements

\*Closing Hymn "I Am the Light of the World!" CH 469

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

**\*Denotes to Stand, if able**

## SERVING THIS WEEK

**Minister**, Rev. Dalene Vasbinder  
**Director Children/Youth**, Laura Sebastian  
**Music Director**, Joanna Manning  
**Pianist**, Steve Johnson  
**Acolyte**, Merry Jess Parrent  
**Liturgist**, Ciara Siesel  
**Prayer for Gifts Given**, Steve Coon  
**Thanksgiving & Homebound**, Ken McCullough  
**Prepare & Serve**, Peggy Phillips & June Salyer  
**Serve & Clean-up**, Gary Barksdale & Bruce Lawrence  
**Children's Moment**, Rev. Dalene Vasbinder  
**Children's Church**, Ken McCullough  
**Worship & Wonder**, Leigh Carr  
**Van Driver**, David Dattilo  
**Financial Counters**, Janet Brumfield & Jimmy Owens  
**Nursery Attendants**, Morgan Campbell & Aimee Senga  
**HOPE Mobile Sandwiches**, Conley & June Salyer

*Woodland Christian Church is an open and affirming, dynamic community of faith. We are inspired by Jesus to practice radical hospitality and unconditional love. As children of God, we strive to care for the earth as we serve others. We respect each individual's journey as we grow together in faith.*

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