

# The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church

*An Inclusive Church Family Loving, Sharing, and Serving Christ*

## CHILDREN:

Sleepers & Creepers (Baby nursery)	Rm 309
Explorer Nursery (18 mos—3 years)	Rm 308
Preschool (3-6 yrs)	Rm 307

### FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICES TODAY Find 4 & 5 year-olds in Rm 307

Adult, Youth and Children's Sunday School  
at 9:45 am

Children: Pre-K-K in Rm 106, 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> in Rm 101,  
3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> in Rm 204, 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> in Rm 205

Youth: 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Confirmation CHEB 305  
9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Rm 200 Youth Room

Adults: Apocryphal Jesus CHEB 302

Lectionary Class CHEB 303

Connecting Through the Bible CHEB 304

Parenting Early Years CHEB 306

First Place 4 Health Parlor

Coffee Fellowship Narthex of Fellowship Hall.

## No Children's Worship

Class in December  
so families can enjoy  
the special time of



## Advent Worship together!

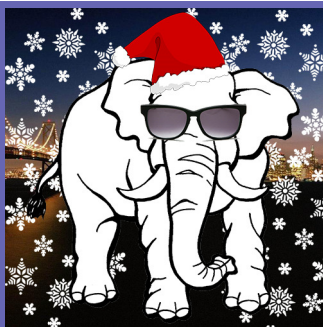
### WEDNESDAYS YOUTH JAM NIGHT

Youth Jam Session will meet in  
Youth room 7:30 pm  
Text Sally Bowers(713-823-2824) to RSVP!



## YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Join us on December 20 for the Youth Christmas Party! Meet in the Youth Room at 6pm and please bring a gift for the White Elephant Gift Exchange that costs \$10 or less



WCPC HOSTS A WEEKLY AA MEETING. Monday night at 7:00 pm in Rm 306 in the Hendricks Building a local AA group is meeting. If you know of anyone who would like to attend please share this info.



### Welcome Guests!

- New members are regularly received by the Session. If interested, contact one of our pastors.
- Stop by the Welcome Table in the Narthex of the Sanctuary for information about the ongoing work, worship and fellowship of this congregation and how you can get involved!
- For more information speak with one of our staff or elders or go to [www.wcpc-tx.org](http://www.wcpc-tx.org).

Sign Up Now • 'tis the Season!

## Christmas Dinner

THE WOODLANDS COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN

**Tonight!!**

Sunday  
December 17th  
5:00 pm  
Concert at 6:30 pm

Catered Dinner \$12.00  
5 to 8 yrs \$6.00  
4 & under \$4.00

RSVP at

<http://evite.me/n3jpkJuWXv>

Questions?

Contact  
Cinda Hitchcock  
[cchtx@att.net](mailto:cchtx@att.net)



## December 24, Morning Services

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

8:30 and 11:00 am

Come and join us as  
we celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday of Advent.

## Christmas Eve Worship

5:00 pm Christmas Pageant and Candle Lighting  
7:00 pm Communion and Candle Lighting



Moms in Mission will be on holiday break until our next lunch outing on Wed., Jan 10 to Zoe's Kitchen in Sterling Ridge. For more information, email [mimswcpc@gmail.com](mailto:mimswcpc@gmail.com).

## MISSION OUTREACH

- **Recycle Christmas Tree Lights for Habitat through Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>.** Please deposit your light strands in the specially marked bucket located in the courtyard on Sundays or in Fellowship Hall during the week.
- **Habitat for Humanity** - Did you know that employer matching funds can be used for our Habitat House? Some employers have programs where they match employees and retirees charitable donations and/or hours to 501C3 organizations like Habitat for Humanity (H4H). ExxonMobil and Chevron will donate \$500 to the charity if you volunteer 20 hours for the same charity. These matching funds can also be credited to WCPC's project if the proper instructions are given. If your employer has these or similar benefits, please investigate and discuss with Michele Stelter in the church office or Bill Bray at 832-702-6227 or [bill.bray@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bill.bray@sbcglobal.net) to assure we take advantage of this great opportunity to help with our WCPC Habitat House.
- **Food Pantry - Special needs for December:** cake mixes, canned frosting, chocolate chips, chopped nuts and baby wipes **Ongoing needs:** peanut butter, jam, cleaning products (no spray bottles), laundry detergent, personal hygiene items and diapers. Bring donations to the pantry in the narthex anytime.

### Christmas Offering

The Christmas Offering is a combination of the Christmas Joy and Christmas Eve offerings. That is, twenty-five percent of the Christmas Offering will go to the PC(USA) Special Christmas Joy Offering, which is split evenly between the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and scholarship funds for Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. The remaining seventy-five percent will go to purchase textbooks for the CCAP (Church of Central Africa Presbyterian) Synod of Zambia community schools.

Since 2004 CCAP Synod of Zambia, which is in partnership with PC(USA), has been providing education to orphans and vulnerable children who would not have otherwise gone to school due to financial constraints. The CCAP community school program is church-run with volunteer teachers and is a category recognized and monitored by Zambia's Ministry of Education. The number of CCAP community schools has been increasing and now there are 30 community schools, 10 in Lusaka and 20 in the Lundazi area of Eastern Zambia, that serve over 5,000 students. Recently the Zambian Ministry of Education changed the curriculum and textbooks to be used in the schools. Consequently, the CCAP Community Schools Coordinator, Mrs. Mabuchi Dokowi, is trying to acquire at least one copy of each textbook for every grade level in all of the 30 community schools.

Please give generously to the Christmas Offering. Kindly make your check payable to WCPC and mark it for the Christmas Offering, as only checks designated as such as well as cash collected at the two Christmas Eve services will go toward this offering. Specially marked envelopes will also be available in the pew racks for your convenience. When we give out of the abundance of God's blessings in our lives, the light of Christ shines through us and illuminates those in need of help and hope. Thank you for your willingness to help support those in their hour of great need and hour of great promise.

## On the CALENDAR for this week...

### Sunday, December 17

8:30 am Blood Drive, Rm 301  
 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary  
 9:45 Sunday School  
 5:00 pm Christmas Dinner  
 6:30 pm Christmas Concert

### Monday, December 18

9:30 am Moms Group Book Study\*, Rm 200  
 2:00 pm Prayers and Squares, Rm 300 Hendricks Building  
 7:00 pm AA, Rm 306 Hendricks Building

### Tuesday, December 19

7:00pm Session Meeting, Rm 301 Hendricks Building

### Wednesday, December 20

6:00pm Youth Christmas Party, Rm 200  
 7:30 pm Youth Jam Night, Rm 200  
 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir\*, Choir Room

### Thursday, December 21

### Friday, December 22

1:00 pm Holy Folders

### Saturday, December 23

\*Scheduled nursery care. Contact Susan Duncan, 281.363.2040, Ext 6 or [sduncan@wcpc-tx.org](mailto:sduncan@wcpc-tx.org) to confirm time and RSVP for ages & # of children.

## Stephen Ministry Is Your Ministry...



**All Alone?** Don't be. God doesn't want us to be all alone.

God wants us to turn to others when things are bothering us. Stephen Ministers will walk with you through your troubles and be there for you when you need them. Need prayer? We'll be there for you. Following worship, Stephen Ministers are available for those in need of prayer. If you have questions or would like to request a Stephen Minister please contact Rev. Dr. David F. Jones at 281-363-2040 ext 1.



## COFFEEHOUSE

Saturday, December 30  
 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall

The youth will be hosting an open mic night, bring your talents and join us for a fun night of shared entertainment, and refreshments. Contact Sally Bowers with questions at [sally\\_bowers@comcast.net](mailto:sally_bowers@comcast.net)

Please contact Shirley Barclay at [sbarclay@wcpc-tx.org](mailto:sbarclay@wcpc-tx.org) to request the newsletter be mailed to your home. The newsletter is always available online at [www.wcpc-tx.org](http://www.wcpc-tx.org) and there are printed copies available in the church office and at the Welcome Table Sanctuary narthex.

### Automatic Tithing

If you would like to meet your tithe through an automatic transfer of funds from your bank account, forms are at the office or at [www.wcpc-tx.org](http://www.wcpc-tx.org).

### Treasurer's Report Thru NOVEMBER 2017

Receipts	\$79,097	\$ 875,173
Expenses	\$(94,598)	\$(956,584)
Over/(Under)	\$ (15,501)	\$(81,411)

### Worship Attendance

December 10, 2017	315
December 11, 2016	295

### The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church Prayer List

"Be merciful to me, and hear my prayer." Psalm 4:1c

The WCPC Prayer List may be found at the Welcome table. Prayer requests may be added or removed by contacting the church office, Rev. Laura Grice (281.363.2040, Ext 2 or [lgrice@wcpc-tx.org](mailto:lgrice@wcpc-tx.org)) or Kim Petrie at [petrie\\_kim@msn.com](mailto:petrie_kim@msn.com).