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***Prayer of Dedication**

Loving God: We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Receive the gifts we offer in union with Christ’s gift for us. Clothe us with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, that we may be Christ for others. In his name we pray. Amen

Word: a reading from Numbers 6:24-26

Song (below) *Go Now in Peace*

Prayer: of Sending

***Postlude** *Hallelujah Chorus (The Messiah)*

G. F. Handel



WOODSTOCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2018 - 11:00 AM
1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

*“I was glad when they said to me,
‘Let us go to the house of the Lord!’” Psalm 122:1*

Welcome to all who gather to worship today! We hope you feel warmly welcomed and even “at home,” for all are welcome in God’s house! If you are a guest today, we are honored by your presence with us and hope to see you again! Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Register located in the pew. Everyone is invited to stay for our fellowship hour following worship!

WPC Vision & Mission Statement

Growing and Building in the Love of Christ
Ephesians 4:16

We ENVISION a church that:

† Is kind, generous, hospitable and welcoming.

† Involves everyone in local and global mission.

† Treats everyone as a Child of God.

† Shares our time, talents, and treasure.

Our MISSION is to grow and build in:

† Faith through worship, prayer, and Bible study.

† Fellowship with one another and with guests.

† Hospitality shown to our community and world.

† Facilities that are exceptional and accessible.

* Congregation is invited to stand.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude *The Birthday of a King* W. H. Neidlinger
Come to the Stable with Jesus Twohig/O’Hara
Gesu Bambino P. Yon

Welcome and Announcements

(Please sign the Friendship Pads located in each pew.)

Word: Call to Worship Psalm 148

Hallelujah! Praise GOD from heaven, praise him from the mountaintops;

Praise God, all you his angels, praise God, all you his warriors,

Praise God, sun and moon, praise God, you morning stars;

Praise God, high heaven, praise God, heavenly rain clouds;

Praise, oh let them praise the name of GOD— God spoke the word, and there they were!

God set them in place from all time to eternity; God gave the orders, and that’s it!

Praise GOD from earth, you sea dragons, you fathomless ocean deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and ice, hurricanes obeying his orders;



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(Spiritual Leaders of the Church)

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Morgan Saeler

Mountains and all hills, apple orchards and cedar forests;
Wild beasts and herds of cattle, snakes, and birds in flight;

Earth's kings and all races, leaders and important people,
Robust men and women in their prime, and yes, graybeards and little children.

Let them praise the name of GOD—it's the only Name worth praising.

God's radiance exceeds anything in earth and sky; God built a monument—God's very own people!

Praise from all who love GOD! Israel's children, intimate friends of GOD.

Hallelujah!

Prayer of Confession

God of wonder, you surround us with signs of your glory and surprise us with your presence, yet we often miss the marvels you place before us. Forgive our dullness and make us alert to the ways you make yourself known, that we might be witnesses to your good news and proclaim your extravagant love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. (silent prayers) Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

In Jesus Christ, God saved us, not because of any good works that we have done, but according to God's mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. People of God, rejoice! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. As the Lord has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

[The people may share the peace of Christ.]

Gloria Patri

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!

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.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Word: *with the Children*

Anthem *Were You There on That Christmas Night?*
N. Sleeth

Prayer: *for Illumination*

Word: *a reading from 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26*

Song 14 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Prayer: *of Affirmation*

***Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Word: *a reading from Colossians 3:12-17*

Song 753 *Make me a Channel of Your Peace*

Prayer: *for others and The Lord's Prayer*
O God of Love, draw us together in peace.

Word: *a reading from Luke 2:41-52*

Song 140 *Once in Royal David's City*