



## WOODSTOCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2018 - 11:00 AM  
2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

“Search me, O God, and know my heart:  
try me, and know my thoughts.” *Psalm 139:23*

**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**      *Our Father, Who Art in Heaven*      Telemann  
                                 *Ave Verum*      Mozart

### Welcome and Announcements

**Call to Worship**      Irene Mertens

Blessed be God whose word gives hope and shapes our  
dreams,

***whose love has conquered death.***

Blessed be God who orders our way and guides our steps,  
***who leads us into life!***

**\*Hymn 310**      *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

**\*Opening Prayer** (*pray together*)

***God, Your Son Jesus Christ bore the cross for our salvation and was raised from the dead for the redemption of the world. Give us courage to take up our cross and follow him, that through his grace we may accept the cost of faithful discipleship and receive the joy of everlasting life with Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.***



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**Ruling Elders**  
(Spiritual Leaders of the Church)

Class of 2018  
Jerry Germroth, Trustee  
Irene Mertens  
Lori Staley  
Cindy Wilkins

Class of 2019  
Sharon Baroncelli, Trustee  
Jane Runyon  
George Shaffer  
George Swecker

Class of 2020  
Marian French, Trustee  
Diane Cook  
Margaret Nelson  
Morgan Sacler

**Invitation to Confession of Sin  
Confessing our Sins to God**

*Merciful God, we confess that we claim to follow Jesus but have not taken his path of sacrificial love. We profess to be disciples, but we are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship. We affirm the virtue of self-denial, but we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for sincere repentance through Jesus Christ our Lord...*  
(time for silent confession)

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Hear the good news: God deems as righteous all who trust that Jesus has been raised from the dead for our salvation. Brothers and sisters, this day and always, believe the Good News of the Gospel:  
*In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen!*

**WE EXPERIENCE GOD’S WORD**

**Children’s Message**

**Anthem** *Kneel at the Cross* C. Moody

**Scripture Readings**

**Old Testament** Psalm 22:23-27  
**Gospel** Mark 8:31-38

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord  
*People: Thanks be to God!*

**Message** “Difficult Blessings” Rev. Lisa W. Martin

\***Hymn 216** *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

**Glory Be to the Father**

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.

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

\***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.*

\***Gloria Patri** (words at left)

**Prayers of Intercession & The Lord’s Prayer**

**God’s Tithes and Our Offerings**

**Offertory** *Abide O Dearest Jesus* Pachebel

\***Doxology & Prayer of Dedication** (words at left of page)

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\***Hymn 726** *Will You Come and Follow Me*

\***Benediction**

\***Choral Benediction** *Holy Lamb of God* Hymn 602

\***Postlude** *All Glory Be to God on High* Zachau