

## WE DEPART TO SERVE

\*Hymn 295 *Go to the World!*

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction *Go, My Children, With My Blessing*

\*Postlude *Wash, O God, our Sons and Daughters*

Hymn 547

Hymn 490



## WOODSTOCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018 - 11:00 AM  
BAPTISM OF THE LORD

*"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** *Peace Like a River R.* Courtney & B. Red  
*Follow me to Jordan* J. Althouse  
*I've Got Peace Like a River* Spiritual  
*We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus*

### Welcome and Announcements

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

### Call to Worship

Malinda Johnston

Arise, shine! Your light has come!

***Give thanks, a new day is dawning!***

A new year is born, fresh and clean.

***On every path we take, no matter where we go,***

God is with us and journeys with us.

***The stars still shine, and voices sing in praise,***

for our light has come, and Christ is present among us.

\*Hymn 375 *Shall We Gather at the River*

\*Opening Prayer *(pray together)*

***God of heaven and earth, we gather in the name of Jesus***

***to hear your holy Word and to be immersed in your Spirit.***

***Speak to us of grace and truth, and pour out your love***

***upon us so that this our lives may resound with joyful***

***shouts of glory! Through Christ we pray, Amen.***



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Lori Staley  
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Sharon Baroncelli, Trustee  
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George Shaffer  
George Swecker

Class of 2020  
Marian French, Trustee  
Diane Cook  
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Morgan Sacler

## Invitation to Confession of Sin

### Confession of Sin

*God of all glory, you look from heaven and see us as we are - not worthy to kneel at your throne, not ready to welcome your way. Forgive us, gracious God. In Christ, stoop down to save us. Loosen the ties that bind us to sin, and set us free to love and serve you...*  
(time for silent confession)

### Declaration of Forgiveness

Salvation is at hand for all who turn to God. Let us look to God and rejoice in God's mercy through Christ! 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

### Ministry Team Introduction Stewardship

### Children's Message

**Anthem**      *Come, Be Baptized*      G. Smith  
   Ashley Everhart/Lori Staley

### Scripture Readings

**Old Testament**      Psalm 29  
**Gospel**                      Mark 1:4-11

This is the Word of the Lord ~  
*Thanks be to God!*

**Message** "Baptism Blessing"      Rev. Lisa W. Martin

**\*Hymn 488**      *I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry*

### 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

### God's Tithes and Our Offerings

**Offertory**      *Old Jordan*      L. Smith

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

**\*Hymn 288** (sing twice)      *Spirit of the Living God*

### The Sacrament of Holy Communion

**Invitation to the Table**  
**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**  
**Communion of God's People**  
**Prayer after Communion**