



Woodstock Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 16, 2018 - 11:00 AM

17th Sunday After Pentecost

*“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! Loving childcare for infants and children through 2nd grade is provided in our Nursery Suite; ask a Greeter for directions. Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Register located in the pew. Everyone is invited to stay for our Fellowship Luncheon 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 to all.

* Congregation is
invited to stand.

We Gather To Worship

Prelude

Andante

Light of Heaven

J. Rheinberger

F. Mendelssohn

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Morgan Saeler

Look at the heavens!

They are shouting the glory of God.

The days and the nights declare the magnificence of God’s
creative works.

***Their voice goes through all the earth and their words
reach the ends of the world.***

Let our words of praise be acceptable to you.

Our Lord, our rock, our redeemer!

***Hymn 275**

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

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

***It says in the Bible, O God, that you created the world
through your Word. Your Word is powerful! And so are
our words. They can heal, create a smile, be a declaration
of love; but they can also hurt and destroy a sense of self
worth. Give us your wisdom, God of the Word, so that as a
church and as individuals, we use our words to build up
and not to destroy. Amen***



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(Spiritual Leaders of the Church)

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**Invitation to Confession of Sin
Confession of Sin**

You have called us, O God, and we have refused to listen; you have stretched out your hand and we have not taken it. We have taken what you have given us and used those gifts to hurt others and defy you. We have not loved you and our neighbors as we ought. We have denied dependence on you. Save us so that we may fulfill our vows to you and attend the needs of your people. Forgive our inability to recognize you and live out the reality of the gospel...(Time for self-reflection) Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

The law of the Lord is perfect, the decrees of the Lord are sure, the precepts of the Lord are right, the commandment of the Lord is clear. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ, the Living Word, we are forgiven. Live in peace!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen!

We Experience God's Word

Children's Message

Anthem *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*
African American Spiritual

Scripture Readings

180 OT Deuteronomy 31:1-8 ~ page 179-

NT Luke 8:22-25 ~ page 63

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

Message "The Calm in the Storm" Mark Johnson

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 of page)

***Hymn 32** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

Prayers of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory *Nothing but the Blood* R. Lowry

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

***Hymn 738** *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

***Benediction**

***Choir Response** *Threefold Amen* E. Sollenberger

Postlude *March Pontificale* J. Lemmens

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.