

## What's Happening This Week

Today	Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
	Elders Gather for Prayer	10:45 a.m.
	Worship/Communion	11:00 a.m.
	Fellowship Hour	12:00 p.m.
Monday	GED	9:00-11:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Building Committee Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	GED	9:00-11:00 a.m.
	Gospel Chorus	6:00 p.m.
	Chancel Choir	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Tone Chimes	4:00-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	Latinos Seminary Worship	9:00-1:00 p.m.
	Latinos Congregation Youth Meeting	5:00-7:00 p.m.



## Woodstock Presbyterian Church

Sunday, January 3, 2010 - 11:00 AM

*Epiphany Sunday*

*I was glad when they said to me,  
'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" Psalm 122:1*

**Woodstock Presbyterian Church, founded in 1824, is a member of the Presbytery of Shenandoah, Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). We welcome all visitors in the name of Jesus Christ and we invite you to become part of our family of faith.**

### 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.

## We Gather To Worship

**Prelude**

*A Spiritual Christmas*

arr. Tom Fettke

**Welcome and Announcements**

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

**Call to Worship**

Pat Ladehoff

Leader: Arise, shine, for our light has come,

**People: And the glory of our God has risen upon us.**

Leader: Nations shall come to this light,

**People: and rulers to the brightness of its dawning.**

Leader: Bless the Lord!

**People: The Lord's name be praised!**

Leader: Lift up your eyes and look around! Look and be radiant —  
let your hearts thrill and rejoice!

**People: Now the glory of the Lord has risen. Arise, shine! Our light has come.**

**\*Hymn #22**

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

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

Eternal God, by a star you led Magi to the worship of your Son. Guide the nations of the earth by your light, that the whole world may see your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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### Session Members

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**Class of 2011**  
Seth Coffman  
Jerry Germroth  
Ann Grisdale, Trustee  
Eileen Haigh  
Thom Picciuto

**Class of 2012**  
Sharon Baroncelli  
Bob Helms, Trustee  
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Margaret Nelson  
Joe O'Rear

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

Glory of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not work for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

.....(Time for silent confession)

### Words of Assurance and Pardon

**L:** Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ was born for us, Christ lived and died for us, Christ rose again for us, Christ reigns victorious for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old has passed away and everything is new! Brothers and sisters, this day and always, believe the Good News of the Gospel:

**P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen!**

## We Experience God's Word

**Anthem** *Great Joy!* Parker/Lantz

### Scripture Readings

† **Old Testament** Isaiah 60:1-6  
† **Gospel** Matthew 2:1-12

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

**Message** "A Messiah for All People" The Rev. Lisa Webb

### "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

**\*Hymn #66** *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

### \*The 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.*

**\*Glory Be to the Father # 579** (words at left of page)

### Prayers of the People of God

### Sharing Our Gifts with God and Neighbor

**Offertory** *Starry Skies* Williams/Dengler

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

### Sacrament of Holy Communion (insert)

## We Depart to Serve

**\*Hymn #53** *What Child Is This*

### \*Benediction

**\*Choral Benediction** *Threefold Amen*

**\*Postlude** *Song of the Shepherds* L. Larson

*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**  
**January 3, 2010**

**Invitation to the Table**

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at the table with his disciples, he took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him. This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared.

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

L: The Lord be with you.

***P: And also with you.***

L: Lift up your hearts.

***P: We lift them to the Lord,***

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, God of majesty and splendor. Throughout the ages you called your people to love and serve you, and to be your light among the nations. We praise you that in the fullness of time, you revealed your love by sending your Son Jesus to be the Light of the world. He came to heal our brokenness and to set before us the ways of justice and peace.

Illumine our hearts, O God, with the radiance of Christ's presence, that our lives may show forth his love in this weary world. Teach us to befriend the lost, to serve the poor, to reconcile our enemies, and to love our neighbors. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm.

***All: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.***

L: With confidence in God's saving mercies in Jesus Christ, let us pray: "Our Father, who art in heaven....."

**Words of Institution**

**Communion of God's Beloved People**

**Prayer after Communion:**

God of all grace, by the gift of your Spirit, give us power to do your work, to show your love and to live holy and joyful lives. Keep us faithful in your service and strong in the Spirit's power. Amen.