



# WOODSTOCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2012 - 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! Everyone is asked to sign the Friendship Register located in the pew. All are invited to the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation immediately 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

\* The congregation is invited to stand.

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Prelude**      *Deep River*      African-American Spiritual

### Welcome and Announcements

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

### Call to Worship

Don Sawyer

Leader: In the beginning is the Voice, and the Voice of God thunders over the waters,

**People: *The Voice of God sounds over the deep, saying,***

Leader: “Come to the Jordan, wade into the stream, for the Lord grants strength to those who are weary,

**People: *For the Lord God blesses the peoples with peace!”***

Leader: O children of earth, step off the bank and into the waters,

**People: *And the clouds shall be rent by the light of heaven.***

Leader: There shall be evening, and there shall be morning:

**People: *And we shall worship the One who declares this day good!***

**\*Hymn 467**      *How Great Thou Art*

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

Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

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

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.....(Time for silent confession)

## Words of Assurance and Pardon

L: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting! May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Brothers and sisters, this day and always, believe the Good News of the Gospel:

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

## 5-Cents-A-Meal Offering

# WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

## Children's Message

**Anthem** *Walkin' to Jordan* J. Althouse

## Scripture Readings

† **Old Testament** Genesis 1:1-5  
† **Gospel** Mark 1:1-11

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

**Message** "Good Beginnings" Rev. Lisa Webb

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\***Hymn** (bulletin back) *Shall We Gather at the River*

## 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.

## \*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 & The Lord's Prayer

## Sharing Our Gifts with God and Neighbor

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

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

# WE DEPART TO SERVE

\***Hymn 319** *Spirit*

\***Benediction**

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

\***Postlude** *Shall We Gather at the River?* R. Lowry



In lieu of Sanctuary flowers, Terry & Malinda Johnston are making a donation to the building fund to the Glory of God.