



# WOODSTOCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2011 - 11:00 AM

*“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

*Bourree ... Royal Fireworks  
Andantino*

Handel  
C. Franck

### Welcome and Announcements

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

### Call to Worship

Becky Fadely

Leader: Blessed be God, who restores and nourishes us. Surely it is God who grants us rest and food.

**People: *We have been claimed by God’s love; Christ welcomes us as next of kin.***

Leader: Come away from self-serving pretense; let not honors or fame be your motive.

**People: *We are assured by Christ’s teaching; we are encouraged to lead worthy lives.***

Leader: Gather in confidence and hope to receive God’s word; worship with thanksgiving and praise.

**People: *God’s word is at work in us day by day; God’s revelation is available to us here and now.***

**\*Hymn #461 *God Is Here!***

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

God of Glory, we gather here for a time of restoration and renewal. We bring the burdens we carry, knowing that your love makes them seem lighter. We bring our pretenses, seeking to lay them aside in honest humility. We long to lead lives worthy of the best we know. Speak your word to us once more, to sharpen our hearing and guide our actions. Amen.

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(Spiritual Leaders of the Church)

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Thom Picciuto

**Class of 2012**  
Sharon Baroncelli  
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**Class of 2013**  
Malinda Johnston, Trustee  
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## Invitation to Confession of Sin Confessing our Sins to God

Humble us, O God, when our pretense gets in the way of right relations with you and with other people. Lift us up when we belittle ourselves and fail to live as your children. We confess our fascination with pastimes that have no substance and pursuits that have no merit. We seek honors and recognition more than faithfulness to your word. Forgive us, we pray, and restore to us the joy of your salvation in the name of Jesus.....(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!**

## WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

### Children's Message

**Anthem** *Joy Down In My Heart* Gabriel  
arr. M. MacDonald

### Scripture Readings

† Old Testament Psalm 125  
† New Testament 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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

**Message** "The Great .... so that.." Rev. Lisa Webb

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\***Hymn** (bulletin back) *O, How I Love 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.

## \*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** *I'd Rather Have Jesus* George Beverly Shea

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

## WE DEPART TO SERVE

\***Hymn #433** *There's a Spirit in the Air*

\***Benediction**

\***Choral Benediction** *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

\***Postlude** *Festival March* M.B. Seay



The Sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of Charles B. Snyder by his daughter, Cindy and son-in-law, A.T.



The beautiful new altar cross is a gift from Loretta Lantz in loving memory of her mother, Elizabeth Kelley.