



WOODSTOCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 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 *Sheep May Safely Graze* Bach

Welcome and Announcements

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

Call to Worship

Phyllis Albers

Leader: Blessed are those who stand in awe before God; happy are all who walk in God’s ways.

People: The true and living God turns us from our idols. The Spirit directs us in the way we should go.

Leader: Open yourselves to God’s testing and God’s demands; receive God’s gentle care and warm embrace.

People: God is our judge and our inspiration; God is our comfort and our refuge.

***Hymn #210** *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

*Opening Prayer *(pray together)*

We give you thanks, holy God, for your power fills all the universe, and your ways are beyond our knowing. We, who so often feel like strangers to you and to one another, want to understand more fully what it means to live in your realm and be guided by your Spirit. Meet us where we are. Speak to us in accents our hearts can understand. Move us to fuller communion with you and with all your children. Amen.

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(Spiritual Leaders of the Church)

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Eileen Haigh
Thom Picciuto

Class of 2012
Sharon Baroncelli
John Coleman, Trustee
Bob Mertens
Margaret Nelson
Joe O'Rear

Class of 2013
Malinda Johnston, Trustee
Judy Powell
Jennifer Saeler
Barry Thomas

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Invitation to Confession of Sin Confessing our Sins to God

We confess, O God, that we have not held the gospel in trust nor been diligent to share the good news. We have nursed our grievances rather than the people who need our care. We have been more concerned with honor than with service. Our greed outruns our generosity. Forgive us, we pray. Grant us the will and the courage to walk in your ways and delight in your will.....
(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 *Built on a Rock* J. Althouse

Scripture Readings

† **Old Testament** Psalm 96:1-6
† **New Testament** 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

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

Message "Entrusted with the Message" Rev. Lisa Webb

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn #426** *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*

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 *The Family of God* William Gaither

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

WE DEPART TO SERVE

***Hymn FH#20** *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*

*Benediction

***Choral Benediction** *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*
(Hymn #540)

***Postlude** *Scherzo . . . Sonata in C Minor* Guilmant