

*The Sacrament of Holy Communion
March 7, 2010*



WOODSTOCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 7, 2010 - 11:00 AM Third Sunday in Lent

Invitation to the Table

Leader: Jesus said, Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if those who hear my voice open the door, I will come in to them and eat with them, and they with me. O taste and see that the Lord is good! Happy are those who find refuge in God!

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: The peace of Christ 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.

L: Eternal God, holy and mighty, it is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise. Through the words of the prophets you promised your people the Redeemer, and gave hope for the day when justice shall roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. We rejoice that in Jesus Christ, your Son, the Savior has come and that he will come again in power and glory to make all things new. Remembering your mighty and merciful acts, we take the bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us, and we celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen.

P: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

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 People

Prayer after Communion

L: Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and have made us one with Christ.

P: Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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. Guests, be sure to stop by the Welcome Table on your way out of the Sanctuary to receive a special welcome gift! All are invited to the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation immediately following worship.

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Elders on Session
(Spiritual Leaders)

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Jerry Germroth
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Eileen Haigh
Thom Picciuto

Class of 2012
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Margaret Nelson
Joe O'Rear

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude *Anthem for Lent* J. Althouse

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

Call to Worship (Psalm 63) Ray Powell
Leader: O God, you are our God. We seek you. Our souls thirst for you.

People: Our flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Leader: You have been our help, and in the shadow of your wings we sing for joy!

People: Our souls cling to you; your right hand upholds us.

Leader: With you there is life everlasting! Praise be to God!

***Hymn #281** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

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

Almighty God, you who uphold us with your powerful hand, to a humanity parched with thirst you offer the living water of grace which springs up from the rock, our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant us and all your people the gift of your Spirit, that we may learn to profess our faith with courage and announce with joy the wonder of your love. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.

**The congregation is invited to stand.*

WPC Vision & Mission Statement

We Are 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 beloved Child of God.
- † Shares our time, talents, and treasure with joy

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.

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

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.....*(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

Anthem *In Remembrance of Me* Albrecht/Althouse

Scripture Reading

† **Old Testament** Isaiah 55:1-9

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord ~

People: Thanks be to God!

Message “An Invitation to Thirst” Rev. Lisa M. Webb

Space for Sermon Notes...

“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

***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 *The Longer I Serve Him* William Gaither

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

***Hymn #520** *Here, O Our Lord, We See You Face to Face*

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WE ARE SENT TO BE A BLESSING

***Hymn #369** *I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction** *Threefold Amen*

***Postlude** *Processional March* I.V. Flagler



In lieu of Sanctuary flowers, Kaye Shelton is making a donation to the Building Fund in loving memory of her husband, Leslie.