

When I came into mid-life, I looked inward for meaning and gave up my childish ways. And now we see finding and losing, life and death, life's paradoxes, but soon we will behold each with new eyes, even as we are beheld.

Now we are broken and whole, strong and weak, diminished, but in God's good time we shall find our courage grown larger, a winter grace. We shall watch the wake of our life with joy and accept our morality as God's gift. ***So, a faith that the best is yet to be, a hope that embraces memory, and a love of life. These three abide, but the greatest of these is to love life.***

Make love your daily companion.

***Hymn 693** *Though I May Speak*

Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory *Daddy Sang Bass*
*Doxology
*Prayer of Dedication

Carl Perkins

Communion

Invitation
Prayer of Thanks & Prayers of the People
Breaking of Bread & Sharing the Cup

WE DEPART TO SERVE

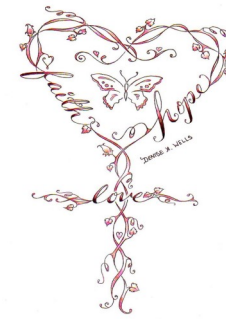
***Hymn 488** *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry*

***Charge & Benediction**

***Choir Response**

***Postlude** *Festival March*

M. B. Seay



WOODSTOCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2019 - 11:00 AM
4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

*"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! Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Register located in the pew. Everyone is invited to stay for our fellowship hour 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 exceptional and accessible.

* Congregation is invited to stand.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude *The Greatest of These* J. Marshall
 The Gift of Love Hal Hopson
 The Greatest of These Is Love A. Page

Tone Chimes *When Peace Like A River*

Welcome and Announcements

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

Call to Worship *Ps. 71:1-6*
God is a rock of refuge: a fortress against threat and shame.
God has held us since our birth.
So we are never in the full grasp of the unjust and cruel.
In love, God saves and supports us.
Trusting in God, we continually offer our praise!

***Opening Hymn 275** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Prayer of Confession

God calls us to speak the truth, even when it is difficult, to others but also to ourselves. Confessing our sin in prayer, we dare to speak the truth about ourselves to God, who desires to deliver us and to cast out fear.



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(Spiritual Leaders of the Church)

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Morgan Saeler

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Malinda Johnston
Cindy Wilkins

God, our Deliverer, we confess that we are too reluctant to speak and to live according to your truth. We grow comfortable with the way things are, passively condoning injustice. We see ourselves as “insiders,” excluding those we consider “outsiders.” We find it easier to pluck up and pull down, to destroy and overthrow, than to build and to plant. Forgive us, O God, for being timid disciples. Empty us of fear and shame, and fill us with love that is humble and patient and kind. We pray this in the name of the One who humbled himself, Jesus the Christ.

(Silent Prayers) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Gloria Patri**

Children’s Message and The Lord’s Prayer

(words at right ~ from Matthew 6:9-12)

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 1:4-10 *page 656 OT*

Anthem *This Is My Father’s World*

Scripture Reading 1 Cor 13:1-13 *page 164 NT*

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Message Rev. Kate Rascoe

Affirmation of Faith

*“Loving as a Winter Grace”, paraphrase of 1 Cor 13
by George Gunn*

Set out your wintering heart now on the highest gifts and I will show you a season for new life.

If I speak with the wisdom of the passing generation and with a premonition of heavenly passages, but speak without love, I will only pontificate or chatter aimlessly.

Gloria Patri

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, in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and 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.

And if I have power to see into the future, to quote seers and sages, and to claim a guru’s knowledge.

And if I have a legacy of faith which promises to remove mounting fears, but I share that knowledge and faith without love, I achieve next to nothing.

If I share accumulated wealth and if I will my organs to a host of grateful recipients, but act without love, I gain nothing of eternity.

Love in one’s final days demonstrates patience (tried) and kindness (tested); it sees no reason for jealousy of one’s kindred; not boasting of great achievements; love is not haughty nor dogmatic.

Love that has grown old graciously does not need to say, “We never did it that way before.” It does not hold hands with anger nor does it harbor grudges. Love takes no satisfaction in others failing, but rejoices whenever perseverance prevails.

Love in the winter years bears with its infirmities, believes that life has meaning, finds hope in every circumstance, endures in spite of dire predictions.

Love, in fact, never despairs. As for forecasts and folk wisdom, it will come and go; as for soothsayers, they will grow silent, as for great books, they will gather dust!

For our human insight grows dim and our futuring gets foggy; but when the perfection of our worth and divine destiny is realized, we shall trust our souls to the One who willed our creation and who has prepared a place for us.

When I began this life journey, I spoke of fulfillment and the wordly goods I might have, I thought only of self-serving and material things, I played a child’s game of hide-and-seek.