

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

O God, at his baptism, you acknowledged Jesus as your beloved Son, and through him you opened to us a way to become your children by grace.

May these gifts we return to you be a sign of our dedication to live as your faithful daughters and sons, born in the waters of baptism by the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

***Hymn 164** *Down Galilee's Slow Road*

***Charge and Benediction**

***Choir Response Hymn 155** *Raise a Song of Gladness*

***Postlude** *I Won't Have to Cross Jordan Alone* T. Ramsey/C. Durham



WOODSTOCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2019 - 11:00 AM
BAPTISM OF OUR 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! 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 *Peace Like a River* R. Courtney/B. Red
Come, Be Baptized G. Smith/Arr. J. Schrader
Deep River Spiritual

Tone Chimes *When Peace Like a River*

Welcome and Announcements

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

Call to Worship *Ps. 29; Luke 3:21-22*

The voice of God resounds upon the water.
The Spirit of the Lord hovers over the stream.
The Son of God is named, "Beloved."
And all who worship shout out, "Glory!"
Ascribe to the Lord majesty and strength.
Let us worship God in holy splendor.

***Hymn 475** *Come Thou Fount*

Prayer of Confession

We are precious in your sight, yet we often forget that we are your beloved. We confess that our love is fickle and inconstant. We follow selfish goals and deny that our way of life harms others and hurts your world. We are sorry and we want to change.
Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve, reconcile us one to another, and bless us with your peace. (silent prayers) Amen.



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(Spiritual Leaders of the Church)

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Marian French, Trustee
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Margaret Nelson
Morgan Saeler

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Jerry Germroth, Trustee
Becky Fadely
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Cindy Wilkins

Declaration of Forgiveness

***Gloria Patri** (*words at right*)

Children's Message and The Lord's Prayer

5-Cents-A-Meal Offering

Anthem *Down to the Water to Pray* Traditional

Reading Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sermon "Waters of Baptism" Rev. Kate Rascoe

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit.

This God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another.

We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ.

We believe that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought.

We believe that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity, and hatred between people and groups is sin.

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, 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.

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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 believe that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted.

We believe that true faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for membership of this church.

Therefore, we reject any doctrine that absolutizes natural diversity in such a way that this hinders or breaks the visible and active unity of the church.

We reject any doctrine that professes that this spiritual unity is truly being maintained in the bond of peace while believers are alienated from one another and in despair of reconciliation.

We reject any doctrine that denies that a refusal earnestly to pursue this visible unity as a priceless gift is sin.

We reject any doctrine that maintains that descent or any other human or social factor should be a consideration in determining membership of the church.

We believe that, in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head, the church is called to confess and to do all these things,

even though the authorities and human laws might forbid them and punishment and suffering be the consequence.

We believe that Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

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***Hymn 482** *Baptized in Water*

Prayers of the People

Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Old Jordan

L. Smith