

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

PRAYER

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your servants whom you called through baptism as your own and marked as your own. Grant them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. Give them a spirit of truthfulness that they may show the compassion of Christ in the actions of daily living and rightly govern your people. Give them the gifts of your Holy Spirit to build up the church, to strengthen the common life of your people, and to lead with compassion and vision. In the walk of faith and for the work of ministry, give to your servants gladness and strength, discipline and hope, humility, humor, and courage, and an abiding sense of your presence.

DECLARATION & CHARGE

Communion

Invitation

Prayers Thanksgiving, Intercession & Lord's Prayer

Communion of the People

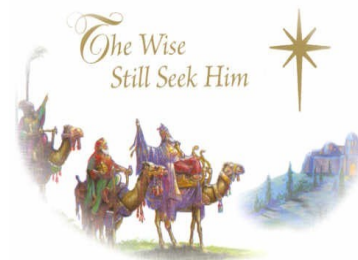
WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Hymn 147 *The First Nowell*

*Charge & Benediction

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

*Postlude *How Brightly Beams the Morning Star* P. Nicolai/J. S. Bach



WOODSTOCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019 - 11:00 AM

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 *Once Upon a Starry Night* G. Grier
Born 'Neath a Star C. Gray
Starry Skies P. J. Williams/L. Dengler

Welcome and Announcements

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

Call to Worship Isaiah 60:1-6

Get out of bed, Jerusalem!

Wake up. Put your face in the sunlight.

GOD's bright glory has risen for you.

The whole earth is wrapped in darkness,
all people sunk in deep darkness,

But GOD rises on you, his sunrise glory breaks over you.

***Nations will come to your light, kings to your sunburst
brightness. Look up! Look around!***

Watch as they gather, watch as they approach you:

Your sons coming from great distances, your daughters carried
by their nannies.

***When you see them coming you'll smile—big smiles! Your
heart will swell and, yes, burst!***

All those people returning by sea for the reunion,
a rich harvest of exiles gathered in from the nations!

***And then streams of camel caravans as far as the eye can see,
young camels of nomads in Midian and Ephah,
Pouring in from the south from Sheba, loaded with gold and
frankincense, preaching the praises of GOD.***



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Ruling Elders
(Spiritual Leaders of the Church)

Class of 2019
Sharon Baroncelli, Trustee
Jane Runyon
George Shaffer
George Swecker

Class of 2020
Marian French, Trustee
Diane Cook
Margaret Nelson
Morgan Saeler

Class of 2021
Jerry Germroth, Trustee
Becky Fadely
Malinda Johnston
Cindy Wilkins

***Hymn 143** *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you have given light to the world in Jesus Christ, but we have preferred to live in darkness. Your justice protects the weak and the distressed, yet we seek the shelter of privilege and power. Your righteousness redeems the poor and the needy, yet we seek the status of wealth and possessions. Your peace upholds the oppressed and the defenseless, yet we seek the security of weapons and retribution. Forgive us our sins, and lead us to true repentance, that we may trust you in all things; through Jesus Christ we pray. -silent prayers - Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

***Gloria Patri**

Children's Message

Anthem *Beautiful Star of Bethlehem*

Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12~ NT page 1, 2

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Message "Star Words" Rev. Kate Rascoe

***Hymn 151** *We Three Kings*

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory *Star of the East* A. Kennedy

***Doxology and Prayer of Dedication**

Ordination and Installation of Ruling Elders

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.

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.

Ordination and Installation of Ruling Elders

In baptism, Becky, Malinda, Cindy and Jerry were clothed with Christ, and are now called by God through the voice of the church to enter into ministries of service and governance, announcing in word and deed the good news of Jesus Christ ***We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God's particular call to our brothers and sisters.***

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

+REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I Do.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

I Do.

Will you be Christ's faithful; disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?