

Sent Anew

*Assurance of Forgiveness

As a parent welcomes home a wayward child,
so God embraces all who return in true repentance.
In the name of Jesus Christ, **we are forgiven.**

*Sung Blessing - Hymn #466

Come And Fill Our Hearts (sung x 2)

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
Alleluia!*

Postlude *The Way of the Cross Leads me Home* Ch. Gabriel

JOIN US FOR DINNER AND WORSHIP
ON MAUNDY THURSDAY

**Maundy
Thursday**

**April 18
6:00pm**

Dinner + Drama + Communion + Prayer

remembering the Last Supper,
the Great Commandment,
and the suffering of Christ



Woodstock
Presbyterian Church
Sunday
March 31, 2019
11:00 am ~ Lent 4

CULTIVATING & LETTING GO

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.

Gathering To Let Go

Prelude	<i>Old French Chanson (song) Toccata I Love you, Lord</i>	Unknown G. Lardelli L. Klein
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Gathering Prayer

Cultivate in us a spirit of worship—
***Hearts that pray,
Ears that hear,
Eyes that see,
Minds that believe.***

God of this space,
Cultivate in us a spirit of worship—
***Letting go of distractions
And fears,
Isolation
And doubt.***

God of this day,
Cultivate in us a spirit of worship—
For you are love, our new beginning,
And we will always need that.
Let us worship Holy God. Amen

Sung Prayer- Hymn #401 ***Here in this Place, v 1***

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



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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

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we have grown complacent in our response to you.

You set before us a rich feast of blessing, but we are drawn to lesser things that cannot satisfy.

You call us to attend to urgent needs in the world, but we indulge our own desires.

Our ways are not your ways; our thoughts do not ascend to your thoughts.

Forgive us when we fall short of your claim upon our lives.

Disturb our complacency and quicken our desire for a more fruitful life.

Be patient, we pray, as we amend who we are, in the hope of becoming who you intend us to be.

Silence

Sung Refrain - Hymn #421, v1

Have Mercy, God, Upon My Life

*Have mercy, God upon my life,
and make me clean within;*

*pour out your ever-faithful love
and wash away my sin.*

We ask this in the name of our Savior, your Son,
Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

Hearing the Word

Reading 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 page 170 NT

Anthem *God Is Always With Me* Wieder/Althouse

Children's Moment

Reading Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 page 74 NT

Sermon Rev. Kate Rascoe

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.

Cultivating a Faithful Response

*Statement of Faith

Confession of 1967, 9.31

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as his reconciling community.

This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares his labor of healing the enmities which separate us from God and from each other.

Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

*Hymn #418 Softly and Tenderly

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

In peace let us pray to the Lord saying, ***Lord have mercy.***

Invitation to Offering Our Lives

Offertory *The Old Fashioned Meeting*

H. Buffman

Sung Refrain - Hymn # 698

Take, O Take Me as I Am

*Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;*

Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.