

Worship @ Home Guide: Sunday June 28, 2020

Woodstock Presbyterian Church, 142 E. Court St., Woodstock, VA 22664

*You are encouraged to use this as a guide for worship at home,
or as a bulletin during our online worship.*

However you choose to worship, we are happy to have you with us!

Please scroll down to see Announcements and Prayer Requests.

*There will be two links on www.woodstockpresbyterianchurch.com to get to worship –
one is a direct link to the recording, available at any time.*

*The other is a public FaceBook Premiere, which will be active at 11:00am Sunday –
you will be able to chat with others who are worshipping at that time.*

The FaceBook page also keeps the video for you to return to at any time.

+Pastor Kate

PRAYER REQUESTS

- + Janet, friend of Barbara Simons, cancer/surgery
- + Shannon, friend of Lori Staley
- + Amanda & Daryl Pearson
- + George Shaffer – recovering from knee surgery at home
- + Loretta Lantz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ COVID Precautions Update:
WPC family,

The state of Virginia has swung into Phase Two of re-opening. Even as cautious as I have been, it has been good to have new options of places to go and people to see! I am relieved for local businesses and those who depend on them. As much as we are relieved to have relaxed public restrictions, it is vital that we remember that as far as the virus is concerned, nothing has changed. The risks remain. It is important that we continue to be vigilant in our protection of one another. As tired as we have become of isolation and precautions, we must honor that this IS how we have been loving our neighbors.

Your Session met June 14th. They discussed our ability to resume in-person gatherings at the church building. The prayerful answer of your elders on session is “we want to, but not yet”. There is grief, exhaustion, and DEEP FAITH in this decision. We are aware that there are MANY factors to consider, including, but not limited to, local infection rates, the at-risk status of many/most worshippers, and logistics around set-up and

cleaning. We will want to continue offering on-line worship so that people can return at a time they feel safe, but we don't yet have the equipment in the building to do so.

The WPC building remains closed except for the essential work of the church. Lori is in the office most mornings. Following safety protocols, Brown Bag Blessing still operates weekly with a handful of volunteers serving people outside. For the safety of all, we ask that if you need to drop by the church, PLEASE WEAR A MASK and practice social distancing.

The Session will consider resuming gatherings and the needs of our educational groups at its next meeting, scheduled for July 12th. To be better prepared a Ready to Reopen Team has been created to report to the session. **If you would like to serve on this Team, please contact Pastor Kate.**

We as Woodstock Presbyterian Church continue to gather and worship with both the safety of our bodies and the care of our Spirit in mind.

With hope,
+Pastor Kate

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+ **New Bible Study Opportunity**

Explore how the Gospel of Matthew intersects with congregational vitality, structural racism and systemic poverty. Online Matthew 25 Interactive Bible Study offered through the presbytery:

July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 10-11 am

Zoom meeting- you may join by computer/smart phone or dial in to register and receive zoom link, contact shenpres@shenpres.org

+ **Staycation Bible Study – Coming soon digitally! Please contact Church Office if you would prefer a printed packet.**



WOODSTOCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PRAYER *during* PANDEMIC

ADD A PRAYER BY

SECURELY TYING A LENGTH OF FABRIC,
PLASTIC, OR RIBBON TO OUR
EAST RAILING

TAKE A MOMENT TO LIFT YOUR WORRIES, FEARS, DOUBTS,
INTERCESSIONS, JOYS, HOPES AND THANKS TO GOD.
WHAT YOU LEAVE HERE WILL BE A WITNESS OF OUR
COLLECTIVE SPIRIT AND TO A GOD WHO LISTENS.

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Prayers of the People - Feasting on the Word

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

CHILDREN'S MOMENT – Jessica Jones

HYMN #840 It Is Well With My Soul

*When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

*Refrain:
It is well with my soul;
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

*Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed his own blood for my soul.*

Refrain

*My sin—O the bliss of this glorious thought!—
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!*

Refrain

*O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
"Even so"—it is well with my soul.*

CALL TO WORSHIP **Psalm 13:1-6**

- ¹ How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
- ² How long must I bear pain in my soul,
and have sorrow in my heart all day long?
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

- ³ Consider and answer me, O LORD my God!
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,
⁴ and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed";
my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.
- ⁵ But I trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
- ⁶ I will sing to the LORD,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

OFFERING (Micah 6:6-8)

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before God with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? God has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? As a sign of our desire to do as God requires, let us give to God our tithes and offerings.

Your gifts and offerings are vital at this time. The church remains committed to honoring its mission and ministry to our community and world. Although these efforts are "out of sight", we do not want them to become "out of mind". We thank you for your generosity!

DOXOLOGY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Creator of all things seen and unseen,
you blew the Spirit of Christ
into apostles and disciples
enslaved by sin,
freeing your people from death
and captivating us with your steadfast love.*

*You raised the body of Christ,
the church in the world,
to proclaim the good news of salvation.
For the sake of the world we pray,
Come, Lord Jesus!*

We pray for all whom you call

*into the work of the church.
May they know the presence of your Spirit
to strengthen, guide, correct, comfort, and challenge.*

*We pray for all whose lives are touched
by the church's witness.
May they feel the healing hands of Christ Jesus
serving them with gentleness, kindness, grace, and love.*

*We pray for the world
into which you call the church.
Help us to be faithful in giving ourselves away
for the sake of the gospel.*

*In your Spirit,
let us show the peace of Christ to a world of violence,
share the bread of heaven with a world of hunger,
offer springs of living water to a world of pollution,
and lead the way of truth and life
with the gifts of faith, hope, and love
until you bring the fullness of your new creation.*

*Then and now we rejoice with the multitudes:
praise, honor, and glory to you, Holy Trinity,
in the name of the Lord, Jesus Christ. **Amen.***

LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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.**

SCRIPTURE READING **Romans 6:6-23 (NRSV)**

⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

¹²Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments^[a] of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments^[b] of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Slaves of Righteousness

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations.^[c] For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

MESSAGE

Rev. Kate Rascoe

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - 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 sits 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**

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Go out into the world in peace.

Have courage!

Hold fast to what is good.

Return no one evil for evil.

Strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the suffering.

Honor all people.

Love and serve the Lord your God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the power of the Holy Spirit be with you now and remain with you always.

HYMN "Jesus loves me!"

**Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.**

Refrain

*Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.*

**Jesus loves me! This I know,
As He loved so long ago,
Taking children on His knee,
Saying, "Let them come to Me."**

Refrain

**Jesus loves me! Loves me still,
Though I'm very weak and ill,
That I might from sin be free
Bled and died upon the tree.**

Refrain