

Worship @ Home Guide: Sunday July 19, 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!

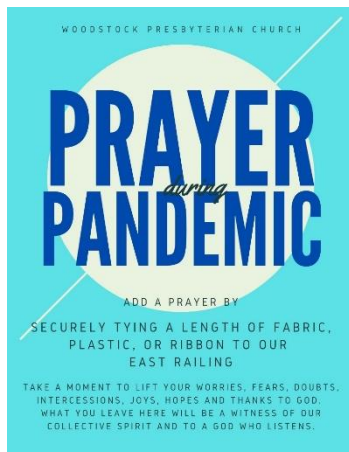
Please scroll down to see Announcements and Prayer Requests.

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

- + Andrew, Jennifer O'Ferrell's nephew - addiction
- + Keith Coffman & family
- + Janet, friend of Barbara Simons, cancer/surgery
- + Amanda & Daryl Pearson
- + George Shaffer – recovering from knee surgery at home
- + Loretta Lantz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ Update from Session: The Session of WPC met July 12th via Zoom. A full summary of the meeting will be issued by Clerk of Session Heather Ashley soon. On everyone's minds, of course, is the issue of resuming in-person gatherings at the church building, including worship. The current discernment is "not yet, and no sooner than the Sunday after Labor Day". The Session is still seeking church members to serve on the Ready to Reopen Team who will help the Session determine what steps need to be taken to safely reopen the building.

+ Sunday Zoom Fellowship (half) Hour

Time: Jul 19, 2020 12:30 PM

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72062564142?pwd=aodyQS9oMUorUzhJNHhLUjFsOFZ1dz09>

Meeting ID: 720 6256 4142

Password: Woodstock



- **Building congregational vitality**
 - **Dismantling structural racism**
 - **Eradicating systemic poverty**
- www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/

+ 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 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 – Now Available! Video Recordings of the Bible Studies with Pastor Kate and Flat Jesus Adventures with Ms. Jessica will be posted on Facebook for your use. We look forward to seeing where YOUR feet will go, following Jesus!**



GATHERING MUSIC - "Lord, you have searched and known my ways", Winscott

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

¹ O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

² **You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

³ You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴ **Even before a word is on my tongue,
O LORD, you know it completely.**

⁵ You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

⁶ **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

⁷ Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?

⁸ **If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

⁹ If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

¹⁰ **even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,"

¹² **even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.**

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.

²⁴ **See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.**

OPENING PRAYER

Holy One,
you love with a father's tenderness, a mother's zeal.
Move now in our hearts.
Breathe through
the words we hear, the songs we share,

the burdens we carry,
until we discover our purpose in

your liberating love,
for we long to join creation's praise
and to shine with the mercy of the Christ,
in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

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. WPC 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!

HYMN #65 Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
Hold me with Thy pow'ful hand.
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield;
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's Destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Mother-Father God,
thank you for making us daughters and sons,
coheirs with Christ,
sisters and brothers of one another,
bearing witness with the Spirit
that we are the children of God.

We pray for the whole church,
that in the field of this world,
it may be the good seed
that grows into your harvest.

We pray for your whole creation
that is waiting in eager longing to be set free
from everything that holds it in bondage.

We pray for earth's people,
its nations and leaders,
that all may come to know the ways
that lead to peace.

We pray for those who are ill and
for those who are facing death,
that they may find hope in the faith
that the sufferings of this present time
are not worth comparing with the glory
to be revealed to them.

We pray for those we know and love,
that they may see the bond between them and you
and that, wherever they go,
you are with them.

Blessed are you, eternal Presence,

who, with Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit,
lead us to life everlasting. **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 **Genesis 28:10-19a**

¹⁰Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹²And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place — and I did not know it!" ¹⁷And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

¹⁸So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ^{19a}He called that place Bethel;

MESSAGE "House of God"

“Bethel” (House of God) is first mentioned in Genesis 12:8 as being near where Abram pitched his tent.

“Alone and in a strange place, Jacob becomes part of an intergenerational relationship with God. Promises of return to the particular land on which he lies, many descendants, and widespread blessing (verses 13-14) mark the abundance of this relationship.”

- *Esther M. Menn, Dean and Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Ralph and Marilyn Klein Professor of Old Testament, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, IL*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – Apostles Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

and in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 sitteth 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 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 - "Nearer My God to Thee"

**Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee.**

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

**Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down,
Darkness be over me, my rest a stone;
Yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God, to Thee.**

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

**There let the way appear, steps unto Heav'n;
All that Thou sendest me, in mercy giv'n;
Angels to beckon me nearer, my God, to Thee.**

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!

**Then, with my waking thoughts bright with Thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;
So by my woes to be nearer, my God, to Thee.
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!**

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