

**Worship @ Home Guide – Jan 10, 2021**

**Baptism of the Lord Sunday**

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



**RECONNECT**

**Gathering Music/Announcements**

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'Down in the River', arr. Larry Nickel. Sung at the 10th Annual Choral Festival 2015 of Shenandoah Christian Music Camp (VA). Conducted by Wendell Nisly.

**Welcome & Prayer of the Day**

**Call to Worship**

In the beginning, at creation, the Spirit hovered over the waters of the deep.

**In the waters of the flood, God cleansed the earth and humankind.**

God caused the waters to part so that Israel could cross from slavery to liberation.

**God formed Jesus in the waters of Mary's womb.**

Jesus taught us how to live by washing his disciples' feet in water.

**Drinking water from a well, Jesus met a Samaritan woman,  
the first person to recognize that he was the Christ.**

Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, the Christ.

**God meant for Jesus to be the firstborn in a large family. Praise be!**

**Hymn —We Shall Gather at the River**

### **Prayers**

For the church, the world, and all in need, let us pray to the Lord, saying:

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For your Church in every place, that we may worship and serve you faithfully . . .

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For leaders and people in every land, that they may know your way and do your will . . .

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For justice throughout the world, that there may be peace and plenty for all . . .

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For the earth you have made, that it may flourish in beauty and show your glory . . .

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For all those who hunger and thirst, that they may be filled with good things . . .

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For those who are ill or close to death, that they may know your loving care . . .

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For those concerns close to our hearts...

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Receive all these prayers, O God, in the tenderness of your mighty hand, and strengthen our hands to serve you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **READ**

#### **Scripture Reading**

Mark 1:4-11

<sup>4</sup> John the baptizer appeared<sup>[a]</sup> in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> He proclaimed, "The one who

is more powerful than I am coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with<sup>9</sup> water; but he will baptize you with<sup>10</sup> the Holy Spirit."

## **The Baptism of Jesus**

<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved;<sup>12</sup> with you I am well pleased."

## **REFLECT**

### **Message**

**Musical Reflection-** 'Come Be Baptized', Ashley Everhart & Lori Staley, accompanied by Liz Sollenberger, Jan 2018.

## **RESPOND**

### **Remembering Baptism by Affirmation of Faith**

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body— Jews or Greeks, slaves or free— and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. - 1 Cor. 12: 12– 13

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

Beloved people of God, our baptism is the sign and seal of our cleansing from sin, and of our being grafted into Christ. Through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Christ, the power of sin was broken and God's kingdom entered our world. Through our baptism we were made citizens of God's kingdom, and freed from the bondage of sin. Let us celebrate that freedom and redemption through the renewal of the promises made at our baptism. I ask you, therefore, once again to reject sin, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we were baptized.

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 renounce them.**

Who is your Lord and Savior? **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love? **I will, with God's help.**

*With the whole church, let us confess our faith.*

### **APOSTLES' CREED: RESPONSIVE**

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?

**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.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*Water is poured visibly and audibly into the font. At home, you are invited to dip your fingers in the water you have in your worship space, making the sign of the cross on your forehead or palm.*

**We remember our baptism and are thankful. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**+Gloria Patri**

### **RETURN**

**Charge & Benediction**

**Sending Hymn    Baptized in Water**

*Hymns from Glory to God.*

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