

Worship @ Home Guide: Sunday August 16, 2020

Woodstock Presbyterian Church

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

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Kids on the Move – children's sermon

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GATHERING MUSIC - #838 Standing on the Promises As sung by: Don Forbush

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
Through eternal ages let His praises ring,
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain

*Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.*

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain

Standing on the promises I now can see
Perfect, present cleansing in the blood for me;
Standing in the liberty where Christ makes free,
Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 133

- ¹ How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
- ² It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.
- ³ It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the LORD ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.

OPENING PRAYER

Merciful Savior, your suffering has saved our lives,
secured our future,
and restored us to relationship with God.
Remove the shame and fear
that cause us to cower in your presence.
By the power of your Spirit,
open our eyes and hearts
to your Word of love, mercy,

healing, and blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Children's Sermon

<https://youtu.be/8q64jRGLglw> kids on the move

Hymn # 829 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mMKf1SJT-IA>

My faith looks up to thee
Thou Lamb of Calvary
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray
Take all my guilt away
O let me from this day
Be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart
My zeal inspire!
As thou hast died for me
O may my love to thee

Pure, warm, and changeless be
A living fire!

When life's dark maze I tread
And griefs around me spread
Be thou my guide
Bid darkness turn to day
Wipe sorrow's tears away
Nor let me ever stray
From thee aside

When ends life's transient dream
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll
Blest Savior, then in love
Fear and distrust remove
O bear me safe above

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying,
Loving God, hear our prayer.

For your church in all the world,

Loving God, **hear our prayer.** . . .

Make your church into a house of prayer
for all the peoples of the earth,

that women and men in every place

may love your name
and joyfully offer their lives in obedient service.

For our pastors, teachers, and ministers,

Loving God, **hear our prayer.** . . .

Strengthen the leaders of your church,

Help them to welcome the stranger and

the outcast
and to resist social divisions that honor

the rich and forsake the poor.

For the world and for its leaders,

Loving God, **hear our prayer. . . .**

Uphold the leaders of governments for the work of peace
especially our President Trump, Gov. Northam,
provoke their hearts to justice tempered with mercy,
and lead them to do what is right in upholding

the common good.

For those who farm the land,

Loving God, **hear our prayer. . . .**

Help farmers to live in harmony with your creation.
Bless their labors,
and teach them to be good stewards of our earth
and wise managers of the earth's produce.

For children,

Loving God, **hear our prayer. . . .**

Defend our children from danger,
fill their lives with loving care,
and help us to rear them in holiness.

For the sick and those in distress,

Loving God, **hear our prayer. . . .**

Heal those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit,
and enable those who are able to support them

in their need.

These prayers we offer through Christ

by the power of your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

OFFERING

Christ has provided for us from his own table of blessings.

Anointing and abundance overflows!

Let us offer our gifts together from the bounty he has given.

Doxology

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious Lord, you have given us more mercy than we could imagine
and more blessings than we deserve.

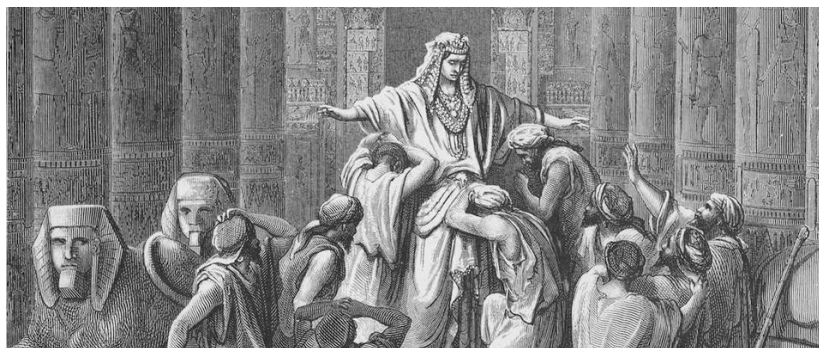
Receive now these gifts as tokens of our gratitude to you,
that your mercy may be multiplied and your blessings abound
to embrace all those in need. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 45:1-15 NRSV

¹Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ²And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there: since there are five more years of famine to come — so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ ¹²And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

MESSAGE Rev. Kate Rascoe



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.**

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

**May the steadfast love and faithfulness
of God surround you;
the peace of Christ enfold you;
and the Holy Spirit encourage you,
now and forever**

SENDING HYMN - #306 Blest be the Tie That Binds

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.

From sorrow, toil, and pain,
And sin we shall be free;
And perfect love and oneness reign
Through all eternity.