

Worship @ Home Guide – Nov 8, 2020

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



RECONNECT

Gathering Music – *“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”, Craig Duncan, Colonial Hymns*

Welcome & Call to Worship

People of God, listen:
the Lord has done marvelous things.

Teach your children all that God has done
so that they may live in hope
and die in peace.

Moment for Children – Giving Thanks, Ms. Jessica Jones

All are encouraged to print Jessica’s Gratitude Calendar for your use in November.

Prayer of Confession

Our hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus and his righteousness.
Trusting in the mercy of God,
let us confess our sin
that we might find forgiveness
and new life in Christ.

**Holy and gracious God,
you are all light and wonder and glory.**

You are our strength and our delight;
you give us all we need to live.
Yet we are distracted by all that glitters,
continually grasping for more.
Rather than trust in your provision,
we chase after our own happiness.
Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to you.
Overwhelm us with your goodness
and cover us with grace,
for we know that you are the source of life,
the fount of all that is good.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Rom. 8:38–39

Hear the good news:
Nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.
Believe the gospel!
We are forgiven.

Hymn #353– *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

*My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

Refrain:

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.*

*When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]*

*When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne. [Refrain]*

READ

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:1–13

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids^[a] took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.^[b] ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ When the foolish took

their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷ Then all those bridesmaids^[d] got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹ But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' ¹⁰ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹ Later the other bridesmaids^[d] came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹² But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' ¹³ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.^[d]

REFLECT

Message

How will you use the resource of time as you watch for the coming of God's realm?

RESPOND

Offering

Musical Offering – *We Give Thee but Thine Own, played by Katie Grant*

Doxology

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

Prayers

God of life, you created the world and called it good.

In Jesus Christ you came to redeem us;
his resurrection is our promise of eternal life.
By the power of your Spirit you claim us,
strengthen us,
and prepare us to live with you in glory.
In sure and certain hope, we pray for your world,
that we may live into your coming reign of justice and peace.

For the church, wherever it thrives and wherever it struggles—
keep us faithful to your gospel. . . .
Eternal God, **hear our prayer.**

For those who govern—grant them wisdom and a commitment to justice. . . .

Eternal God, **hear our prayer.**

For planet Earth—heal its wounds and make us better stewards of its wonders and gifts. . . .

Eternal God, **hear our prayer.**

For those who are dying—calm all fears and welcome them into your peace. . . .

Eternal God, **hear our prayer.**

For those who suffer from anxieties and ills—give them relief. . . .

Eternal God, **hear our prayer.**

For those who endure the days and nights without food or shelter—feed and protect them. . . .

Eternal God, **hear our prayer.**

For those who suffer in silence—comfort those who carry secret sorrows. . . .

Eternal God, **hear our prayer.**

For all who seek your face . . .

Eternal God, **hear our prayer.**

With thanks that you hear our prayers, spoken and unspoken,

we entrust all of life to you, gracious God,
our Alpha and Omega,
our only hope in life and in death;
through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

RETURN

Charge & Benediction

Sending Hymn - O God Our Help in Ages Past

***1 Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:***

***2 Under the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defense is sure.***

*3 Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting you are God,
to endless years the same.*

*4 A thousand ages in your sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.*

*5 The busy tribes of flesh and blood,
with all their lives and cares,
are carried downward by your flood,
and lost in foll'wing years.*

*6 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.*

*7 Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come:
O be our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.*

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My Hope is Built on Nothing Less, Virtual Choir– **David Wesley**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nkIr6eHjqXI> – David Wesley Virtual Choir

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