

## **May 17 2020 - Worship @ Home Guide**

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

*Peace to you, friends!*

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

***Please scroll down to see Announcements and Prayer Requests.***

*There will be two links on [www.woodstockpresbyterianchurch.com](http://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.  
(Night owls, this is your chance to worship when you want!)*

*Due to our love of neighbor we gather in Spirit,  
trusting in our ever-present God,  
who conquered death so that we would live in love. +Pastor Kate*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**+New Fellowship Time – see each other's faces on ZOOM,  
Wednesdays, 12:00-1:00.** Invitation and details in Monday email.

**+ We love the participation in worship!** Please email Lori to volunteer:  
[wstkpres@shentel.net](mailto:wstkpres@shentel.net)

**+ Bread of Life Food Pantry** would take donations of **paper products** to redistribute to those in our community most in need. If you have any extras, please consider sharing.

**+Where is your Mini-Jesus?** Send us a picture of him with something **RED** from your home!

**+ Join the Pentecost Party:** Pastor Kate is collecting written submissions and short recordings to be used in worship May 31<sup>st</sup>. “What is ONE way you hope to be changed by your current circumstances?” or, “What is one dream you have for the world?” Don't overthink it – just looking for simple, honest answers... (submitted to Lori or [katerascoe@yahoo.com](mailto:katerascoe@yahoo.com) by May 25<sup>th</sup>).

+**Face Masks** still needed & available – drop of or pick up at box in church entry. *Please remember that masks are required to enter the church building.*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

+ for those who remember and mourn Betty Hepner.

+ for Jade Bowman, cousin of Jessica Jones, in ICU at UVa. Update: The Leukemia doctor says she may have weeks but the ICU doctor says he feels she may only have days left. Please continue to pray for her and our family.

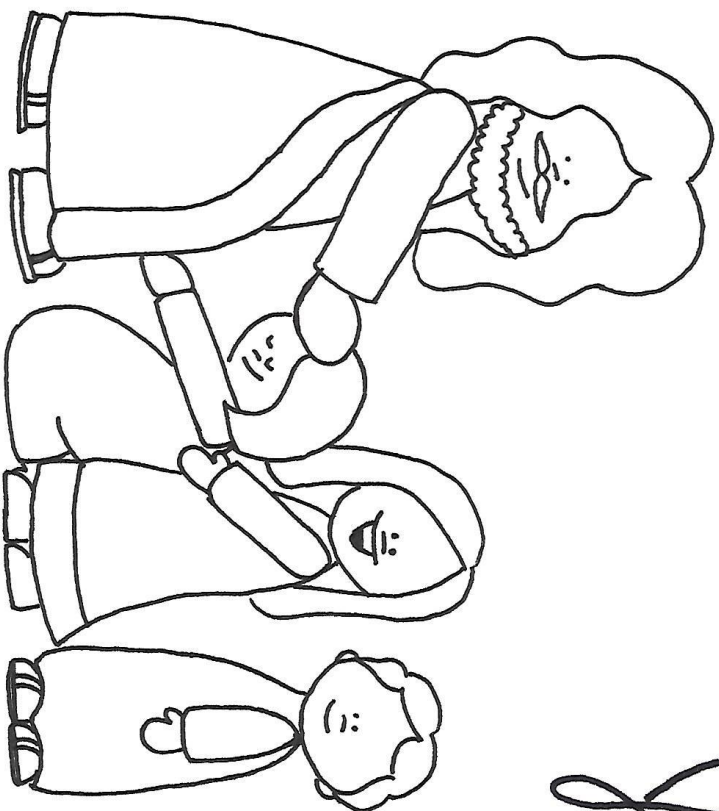
+ for residents of care facilities and nursing homes, especially Mary Gwen Long, Margy Boyer, Shirley Lynn, Louise Grinstead, Janet Einstein, and Sarah & Ben Nelson

## GATHERING MUSIC - The Church's One Foundation

### WELCOME

Come Holy Spirit, our helper and advocate:  
Open our hearts and minds this day,  
entice us with your presence.  
Spark us with a word of life—  
a message that we may share with others  
as we seek to live Christ's love in the world.  
All this we ask in the name of God,  
who creates, redeems, and sustains us. **Amen.**

## A MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN – Jessica Jones



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LOVES  
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Children

## RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 66:8-20

Bless our God, O peoples,

let the sound of his praise be heard,

**9 who has kept us among the living,  
and has not let our feet slip.**

10 For you, O God, have tested us;  
you have tried us as silver is tried.

**11 You brought us into the net;  
you laid burdens on our backs;**

12 you let people ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and through water;  
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.[a]

**13 I will come into your house with burnt offerings;  
I will pay you my vows,**

14 those that my lips uttered  
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

**15 I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings,  
with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;  
I will make an offering of bulls and goats.**

16 Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell what he has done for me.

**17 I cried aloud to him,  
and he was extolled with my tongue.**

18 If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,  
the Lord would not have listened.

**19 But truly God has listened;  
he has given heed to the words of my prayer.**

20 Blessed be God,  
because he has not rejected my prayer  
or removed his steadfast love from me.

HYMN #836 Abide With Me

*Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.*

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see—  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.*

*I need Thy presence every passing hour;  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.*

*I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness;  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.*

*Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;  
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.*

PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to God who listens and gives heed to our prayers.

**We praise and we bless you, our true  
and loving God.**

We pray for all who search for you:  
may they find their way in you.  
Bless us with lips that sing your praise

and lives that tell the stories of all that you have done for us.  
Open our eyes to find you among us  
as we share your love with others.  
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are oppressed by governments  
or institutions:  
for those whose voices are not heard or believed,  
those with no one on their side.  
Bless us with a joy for justice  
and the strength to persevere as we work toward  
your coming realm.  
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who hunger,  
and those who worry each day how they will care for their families.  
Bless us all with meaningful work and fill us with good things,  
as we love and care for each other and find our sustenance in you.  
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who suffer the violence and scars of war,  
for all soldiers and their families,  
and all who live and serve in war-torn places.  
Give them courage in the face of fear;  
in times of trouble, do not let their feet slip.  
Bless us with your vision of peace,  
for you have made us one family by giving life and breath to all.  
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember before you all who have died,  
and pray for all who will die today,  
that they may know your peace.  
Bless us with the gift of faith,  
that we may know you and love you,  
and enjoy life eternal shared with you,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*We lift our prayers with our siblings in Christ around the globe,  
praying as Christ taught:*

**Our Father,  
who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen**

SCRIPTURE READING      John 14:15-21

<sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep<sup>[a]</sup> my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate,<sup>[b]</sup> to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in<sup>[c]</sup> you.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

MESSAGE “Dwell, part 2”

*Questions for Reflection*

According to the psalmist, God brought the people through trials, tests, burdens, and pain to a spacious place of life, breath, and salvation. God heard their prayers and opened them to deliverance. Where have you felt such a spacious place? What story do you tell of the ways that God is blessing you? What story does your faith community tell of the ways in which God is blessing them?

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.**

#### OFFERING

*The Church and the world need generosity now more than ever.  
Out of gratitude for all that we have received,  
let us lend ourselves to the glory of God and the love of neighbor.  
Woodstock Presbyterian Church remains dedicated  
to supporting our local, national, and worldwide ministries,  
as well as keeping our full staff employed.  
Every prayer and penny count. Checks can be mailed to the church.*

***Thank you to the many who have been generous!***

#### HYMN      **661 "His Eye Is On the Sparrow"**

Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,  
Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heav'n and home,  
When Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is He:  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

*Refrain:*

I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,  
For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

"Let not your heart be troubled," His tender word I hear,  
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;



Though by the path He leadeth, but one step I may see;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

*Refrain:*

I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,  
For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,  
When songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies,  
I draw the closer to Him, from care He sets me free;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

*Refrain:*

I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,  
For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

## CHARGE & BENEDICTION

***God be with you till we meet again;  
By His counsels guide, uphold you,  
With His sheep securely fold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.***

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