

## Worship @ Home Guide: Sunday July 12, 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!*

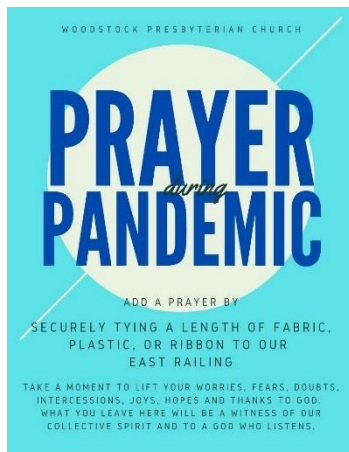
***Please scroll down to see Announcements and Prayer Requests.***

*There will be two links on [www.woodstockpresbyterianchurch.com](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.*

*+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

**+ Sunday Zoom Fellowship**

**Time: Jul 12, 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/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/)

### + New 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 15, 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](mailto:shenpres@shenpres.org)

### + Staycation Bible Study – Now Available!



GATHERING MUSIC - #835 Just a Closer Walk with Thee

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Ps. 119:105, 111*

Your word is a lamp to our feet  
and a light to our path.

Your word is our heritage forever,  
the joy of our hearts.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Matt. 13:1–9, 18–23*

Patient and persistent God,  
we come, polished and presentable,  
to this comfortable room  
as if we knew what to expect,  
as if this were a safe and predictable place,  
as if we could simply observe.

Holy One, forgive our tepid expectations.  
In the mystery of your love, overshadow us.  
Plant the seeds of your gospel in each of our hearts  
until we bloom and spill with your passion  
to serve in a world that is wasting. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS*

*Rom. 8:1*

*There is therefore now no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus.  
The Spirit of God dwells in you.  
If you hear nothing else today, hear these words:  
there is no condemnation.  
In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven.*

*HYMN -# 634 To God Be the Glory*

1 To God be the glory  
Great things He has done  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord  
Let the earth hear His voice  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord  
Let the people rejoice  
O Come to the Father  
Through Jesus the Son  
and give Him the glory  
Great things He has done

2 Great things He has taught us, great things He has done  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our worship, when Jesus we see

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord  
Let the earth hear His voice  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord  
Let the people rejoice  
O Come to the Father  
Through Jesus the Son  
And give Him the glory  
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#### 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!

#### SPECIAL MUSIC – “Gabriel’s Oboe”

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God is the One who answers prayer and  
walks with us in times of celebration and grief,  
for the Holy One has a purpose more glorious than we can imagine.  
Therefore, let us offer our prayers and give thanks  
to the One who comforts, restores, and heals.

Let us pray for all leaders and people of the world. . . .

You have created one human family  
to live and flourish in peace.  
Give us the wisdom to order our world  
that all may find shelter, sustenance, and love.

Let us pray for your church. . . .

You have given us the gift of  
the indwelling Christ,  
that your church may be faithful, loving, and wise.  
Give us strength to follow your Son  
until all are reconciled by his grace and love.

Let us pray for those who are sick, who suffer need,  
or are in danger. . . .

You have made us for a noble purpose,  
to love and care for each other at every turn.  
Give us the compassion and skill to love our neighbor  
and seek the well-being of those in need.

Let us pray for your creation. . . .

Your faithfulness is revealed in the rhythmic nature of creation,  
and your sanctuary is known in the earth itself.  
Rid us of the apathy and greed that injures its health,  
for you have bound your creation together for the blessing of all.

Let us remember those who have died. . . .

You call us into communion in worship  
to glorify you and sing your praise.  
Make us one with the saints,  
who have found their eternal rest in you,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **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     **Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did

not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!"

<sup>18</sup>"Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup>But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

## MESSAGE

How is God's resurrecting Spirit at work in you and in your community? Where are you experiencing new life? Where are you struggling? How might God be bringing new life from that struggle?

### ***Household Prayer: Morning***

God of goodness and growth,  
let your love be made real in me this day.  
Soften the hardened places of my heart  
and crowd out any corners of greed or anxiety.  
Make me be fruitful in thought, word, and deed. Amen.

## CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Go forth sowing the seed of God's new world,  
and give thanks, for God will supply the growth.

*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 - *Thy Word* by Michael Smith, Amy Grant, Performed by Maranatha! Music

***Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
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***When I feel afraid,  
Think I've lost my way,  
Still you're there right beside me.  
And nothing will I fear  
As long as you are near.  
Please be near me to the end.***

***Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
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***I will not forget  
Your love for me and yet  
My heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus be my guide,  
And hold me to your side,  
I will love you to the end.***

***Nothing will I fear as long as you are near.  
Please be near me to the end.***

***Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path,  
And a light unto my path.  
You're the light unto my path.***

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