



# GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

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**SUNDAY**  
**September 6, 2020**  
**9:30 AM**

**Virtual Worship Service**  
**Online Communion**  
**Live on Facebook**

This will also be sent out through email afterwards and will be available on the church website:  
[www.pcwoodbury.com](http://www.pcwoodbury.com)

**IN PERSON WORSHIP**  
**IN THE SANCTUARY**  
**SUNDAY,**  
**SEPTEMBER 20, 2020**  
**9:30 AM**

The Session met and approved opening the sanctuary for worship on **Sunday, September 20** with a safety protocol. Yes, we will be able to worship in the sanctuary, but it will be very different from pre-Covid 19 events. The church leadership has diligently worked to have a plan to keep everyone as safe as possible with best practices from the CDC and recommendations from West Jersey Presbytery. The protocol for worship was printed in the last newsletter and will be printed again closer to opening in September. If you feel the need to worship from home, we will be continuing our FB Live services. Again, thank you for your prayerful patience during this difficult time, and I look forward to joining you for worship in the sanctuary in a few weeks.

## From the Pastor...

Tuesday was September 1<sup>st</sup>! Allegedly Fall is upon us and the school schedule begins!! Alas, this Fall will not be like previous years! It has been a strange and unusual time over the past six months leading up to September 2020. The rhythm of our spring and summer life has been disrupted by coronavirus. As we move towards the Fall and the typical schedule of Worship, Sunday School, Bible Studies, Task Force meetings, Youth Group, Fellowship time, Rally Day, and all the usual events - the reality is that this Fall will not be typical! Life as part of the body of Christ will be different than previous years, and most likely there will be changes and shifts in how we are community. This can be frustrating and difficult, but the good news is that Jesus is still Lord! Our world feels turned upside down, but "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." I will be praying for you and your family, as we enter this September knowing that it will be like no other Fall in recent history. Please join us for worship either on FaceBook Live or in person (once the sanctuary is open). Let me also invite you to read each Sunday's scripture prior to worship!!

## Fall 2020 Worship Schedule

### September

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| 6  | Labor Day Weekend (Communion)                    | Matthew 18:15-20 |
| 13 | FB Live  | Matthew 18:21-35 |
| 20 | Homecoming (1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Sanctuary) | Matthew 20:1-16  |
| 27 | Rally Day - No Picnic                            | Matthew 21:23-32 |

### October

*"Take My Life, and Let It Be!"*

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| 4  | Stewardship - Resources (Communion) | Matthew 21:33-46 |
| 11 | Stewardship - Ability               | Matthew 22:1-14  |
| 18 | Stewardship - Moments               | Matthew 22:15-22 |
| 25 | Promise Sunday                      | Matthew 22:34-46 |

### November

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| 1  | All Saints' Day (Communion)             | Matthew 23:1-12  |
| 8  | 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost | Matthew 25:1-13  |
| 15 | 24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost | Matthew 25:14-30 |
| 22 | Christ the King Sunday                  | Matthew 25:31-46 |
| 29 | First Sunday of Advent-B                | Mark 13:24-37    |

### December

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| 6  | Second Sunday of Advent-B (Communion) | Mark 1:1-8           |
| 13 | Third Sunday of Advent-B              | John 1:6-8, 19-28    |
| 20 | Fourth Sunday of Advent-B             | Luke 1:26-38         |
| 24 | <b>Christmas Eve</b>                  | Luke 2:1-14, (15-20) |
| 27 | First Sunday after Christmas          | Luke 2:22-40         |

## IN MEMORIAM

**Shirley Collier**

January 11, 1927 - July 25, 2020

*"I am the Resurrection and the Life; he who believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die."* John 11:25

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**THANK YOU** for continuing to send in your offerings and donations! We are very grateful for your financial support during this difficult time.

**Online Donations:** We are set up for **online giving**. You can click on the **Give Now** button below. You can also continue to mail in your check made payable to the Presbyterian Church at Woodbury to the church or to Kathi Lynch, 1510 Manduit Street, Thorofare, NJ 08086.



**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Wendy Kunz in Jefferson Hospital – Wash. Twp., The family of Shirley Collier on her passing, The Bob Exley and family, The family of Kay Black, The family of Sally Love, John Atkinson and family, Sam Speers and family, Pat Davis and family, Al Edwards, Fred Petri, , Meg Orem, Charlotte Nelson, Janet Muhm, Judy Fetty, Clara Petry, Florence Hillman, Dave Orem, Emma Mustard, Alex Jenei, and Marie Batten. A reminder to keep our military personnel in your prayers, including Jonathan Gabler, Nathan Wadding, Cameron Wadding, Jarrod Fetty, and Wesley Tatham.

## THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT WOODBURY

### An Invitation to Online Communion

Celebrating at the Lord's table together is a time in which we are united with the global church, affirming of our baptismal vows, and receive the invitation extended to us by Christ. A significant part of celebrating communion is the preparation of space. Our Directory of Worship says, "Space for Christian worship should include a place for the reading and proclaiming of the Word, a font or pool for Baptism, and a table for the Lord's Supper."

For the Presbyterian Church at Woodbury's participation in virtual communion, the Session and staff would like to encourage you to engage in the following intentional practices of remembering your baptism, setting up your space, what virtual communion will entail and reading the Word for the day.

**Remember Your Baptism:** At 9:20am, go and wash your hands, remembering your baptism. Every time we gather at the Table, we are called to be reminded of our baptismal promises, so participating in a hand washing—something that all of us are already adhering to—reminds us that God continually makes the ordinary sacred.

**Cultivate Your Space:** Set up your communion space in a way that reflects your understanding of partaking in this meal. Perhaps it will mean putting a colorful scarf over a coffee table, spreading out a blanket on the floor, or putting a piece of paper on a tray table and writing out words and phrases you want to be reminded of while partaking of communion.

**Prepare Your Elements:** Select a cup, plate and elements that represent your household. The Directory of Worship states: "*The bread used for the Lord's Supper should be common to the culture of the congregation*" W3.0413. This might look like anything from wheat bread and apple juice to pita and wine! By encouraging people to use the elements in their own spaces, we are also sending a message of asking people to practice physical distancing and safety guidelines by not leaving their houses to pick up the exact bread and drink used in communion at the Presbyterian Church at Woodbury. We do recommend any type of bread: white, wheat, pita, hoagie or potato roll and any type of juice: grape, cranberry, apple, orange or wine to celebrate this sacrament.

**Prepare Yourself:** Just as you took time to remember your baptism, intentionally spend time in the Word. Read over the scripture passages for the day as a means of preparing your heart for the service of worship as well as the meal you will be partaking in.

**Taking the Lord's Supper:** As usually occurs within worship, the Invitation, Prayer of Great Thanksgiving, and Words of Institution will be spoken by the pastor. Once the Words of Institution are spoken, the pastor will extend the invitation for all to take of their bread element and to dip it into their drink element. Due to the nature of online lag, the pastor will leave more time for members to partake in the elements.

**Conclusion of Worship:** The Directory of Worship states, "*At the conclusion of the Service for the Lord's Day, the bread and cup are to be removed from the table and used or disposed of in a manner approved by the session, in keeping with the Reformed understanding of the Sacrament and principles of good stewardship. This may be accomplished by consuming what remains or returning the elements to the earth.*" W3.0414 We will share this with the congregation, and encourage them to eat and drink the remainder of their elements as being good stewards of the earth. If you prefer not to consume them, then be intentional in how you return the elements to the earth.

We look forward to celebrating the meal that Christ offered to those first disciples, and we partake in during this season of physical separateness. Please know that we are still bound together through the love of Christ.

