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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
Third Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2017

11:00 AM

PRELUDES

“Art Thou Weary, Art Thou Languid?”
“Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?”

Stephanos
Maitland

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

CHORAL INTROIT

“The Lord of Hosts is With Us”
Chancel Choir

Psalm 46:7

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us begin our time of worship with sentences of scripture as is the Reformed Tradition. Today we seek verses about darkness of **night** and faith.

Women: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the **night** also my heart instructs me. (Ps. 16:7)

Men: It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by **night**.(Ps. 92:1,2)

Choir: By day the Lord commands his steadfast love, and at **night** his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life. (Ps. 42:8)

All: Yours is the day, yours also the **night**; you established the luminaries and the sun. You have fixed all the bounds of the earth; you made summer and winter.(Ps. 74:16,17)

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 836

“Abide With Me”

Eventide

*LITANY OF CONFESSION

If you try my heart, if you visit me by **night**, if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress. (Ps. 17:3)

We wish that were so.

My tears have been my food day and **night**, while people say to me continually, “Where is your God?” (Ps. 42:3)

When our sin is before us, that is all we can see and our vision of you is hidden. Take away our sin and help us to see once more.

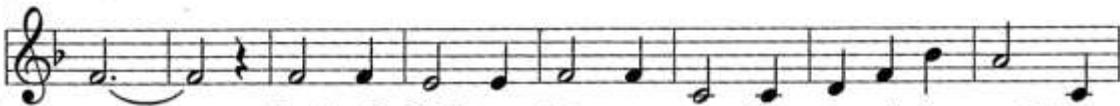
You will not fear the terror of the **night**, or the arrow that flies by day, or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday. (Ps 91: 5-6)

Your love for us gives us courage to seek your forgiveness. Enter the darkness of our hearts and souls and lead us into the light of day.

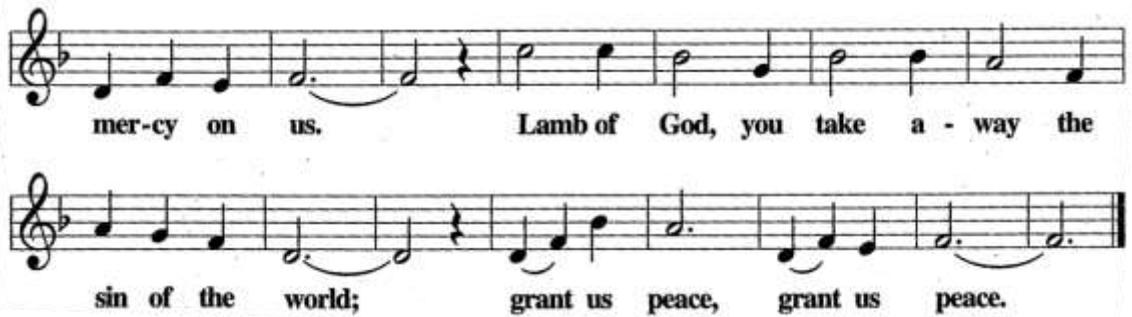
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***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

All: I commune with my heart in the **night**; I meditate and search my spirit: (Ps. 77:6)
One: For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the **night**, but joy comes with the morning. (Psalm 30:5)
All: Thanks, be to God. Amen!

***ACT OF PRAISE**

“We Come to You, O Father”

Maker

We come to you, O Father, confessing Jesus, Lord, and knowing by your grace we have been rescued from our sin; we stand as though on holy ground, attracted by your light, directed by your holy word, protected by your might.

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

ANTHEM

“Love Can Never End”
 Primary Choir

Anonymous

GOSPEL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Teaching Elder James Bernhardt

(Following the time with children, our young people through kindergarten age may be excused to child care)

ANTHEM

“I’ll Belong to You”
 WOW Choir

Hanson

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Prayer of the Congregation

God of love, with great joy and great hope we celebrate the baptism of Rhett Clancy. In Jesus’ name, we welcome him and offer ourselves to be his sisters and brothers, aunts and uncles, grandmothers and grandfathers in the faith. God, help us to do everything in our power to surround Rhett and his family with Christian love, and by your grace and favor lead him to always be a faithful follower of our Lord and Savior. Amen.

BAPTISMAL HYMN NO. 486

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

Kingdom

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 3:1-17; NT 92 and 19:39-42; NT 114

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Personalities of the Passion: Nicodemus ”

Teaching Elder Keith Sundberg

A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 817** "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight" Dunlap's Creek

CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

INVITATION TO PRAYER "Come, Holy Spirit" Purchase
Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

RECEPTION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem "Once Upon A Tree" Choplin
Chancel Choir

*Offertory Response "Trust In God" Song 13 (Psalm 128) Orlando Gibbons
***In response to what you've given, use our gifts as nourishment;
food for those who hunger, Lord, food for spiritual sustenance.***

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TAKING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 829** "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" Olovet

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" Land of Rest
Chancel Choir

***POSTLUDE**

*Everyone who is able may stand

Bold lettering is to be read responsively by the congregation

Bold lettering that is italicized is to be sung by the congregation

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WAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 19, 2017

WELCOME

"I will show love to those who were called unloved and, to those who were called 'not-my-people', I will say 'you are my people' and they will answer, 'you are our God'." (Hosea 2:23)

Wayside Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) is a place where the mind is nourished as well as the spirit, and where we affirm the dignity and worth of every person. As we are all created in the image of God, we believe discrimination is incompatible with Christ's Gospel of unconditional love. While we celebrate our Presbyterian identity, we acknowledge that we are not alone on the path to understanding God. We invite conversations that move us to seek a deeper understanding of life in the Spirit.

Be who you are and be welcome here.

FOR OUR CHILDREN

Childcare is available during the entire worship hour for infants and preschool children. Children may remain for the entire service or take advantage of childcare (kindergarten and younger). Children's worship activity bags are available for children remaining in the worship service. Please return them following worship.

CHALLENGED CHILDREN AND YOUTH

If sound is unsettling to your child or youth, ask the usher for earplugs at the back of the sanctuary. We will soon have teens trained to accompany a young person when worship becomes too long. Our hope is to allow parents a time of worship. If you are interested in finding a companion for your child let Keith know.

SERVICE NOTES

A hearing enhancement system is available for those who have a need. An usher will be happy to provide you with a receiver this morning. Large print bulletins are also available.

Thanks to those who helped with the service today:

Church Opener: Dan McGill
Ushers: **8:30 AM:** Mac Pollard and Ritchie Marsh
11:00 AM: Paul Carpenedo, Haile Martin, Nolan Martin, Ron May, Matt McGill, Ken Reitingner, Lorah Momeyer and David Sundberg
Acolytes: Cole Daehnke and Tom Sesler
Worship Assistant: Lorah Momeyer
Sound Board: Jack Grimm
Greeters: Rita Brown, Worship; Carrie Bastow, SN&E
Information Table: Micki Loesel
Fellowship Time: Cindy Yahn Grode
Child Care: Potocki and Pentz Families, Nursery; Fremmer Family, Preschool

A reminder to those scheduled to help next week:

Church Opener: Matt McGill
Ushers: **8:30 AM:** Georgi Harrington and Louise Martin
11:00 AM: Tanner Babb, Brian Buseck, Anna DeBello, John Fair, Hadley Jones, Jim Perkins and Samantha Wismer
Acolytes: Aurora Fuchs and Jarod Wallwork
Worship Assistant: Micki Loesel
Sound Board: Kitty Menges
Greeters: Mary Marsh, Worship; Bill Pentz, SN&E
Information Table: Jean Moore
Fellowship Time: Dave and Mary Yonkers
Child Care: Jeglinski & Lowry Families, Nursery; Lorie & Ryan Marsh Family, Preschool

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 19-26, 2017

Sunday, March 19	8:30 AM	Celebration of Worship
Children Sing	9:30 AM	Chancel Choir
Baptism of Rhett Sundberg	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Celebration of Worship
	12:00 PM	Fellowship Time
Monday, March 20	12:00 PM	Trustees
	6:30 PM	Sanctuary Bells
Tuesday, March 21	1:00 PM	Newsletter Collating
	7:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Wednesday, March 22	12:00 PM	Naomi Circle
	4:00 PM	WOW Kids' Club
	4:45 PM	WaYouth Choir
	5:30 PM	Primary Choir
	6:00 PM	Fellowship Dinner/WaYouth
	6:30 PM	Lenten Evening Prayers
	7:00 PM	Worship, Music & Fine Arts
	7:30 PM	Generosity Team
Thursday, March 23	11:30 AM	Elizabeth Circle
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Sunday, March 26	8:30 AM	Celebration of Worship
Soup Sunday		Youth/Senior Highs to St. Paul's
Lutheran		
	9:30 AM	Chancel Choir
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Celebration of Worship
	12:00 PM	Fellowship Time

SANCTUARY FLOWERS & BULLETIN COVER SPONSOR

The Sanctuary Flowers today are provided by the Flower Fund in memory of Paul & Grace Zarenko.

Today's bulletin cover is sponsored by Ken Reitingen in memory of Darlene Reitingen.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

It will be our privilege at the 11:00 AM service this morning to share in the baptism of Rhett Clancy Sundberg, son of David and Kylie Sundberg, younger brother of LeRoy Sundberg and grandson to Barb and Keith Sundberg and Paul and Judy Magee and great grandson to Ginny Sundberg. Our thanks to the Sundberg and Magee families for the joy of sharing this important day.

LENTEN WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYERS

During Lent on Wednesday evenings join with us at 6:30 PM for 30 minutes of prayer. We will spend a few minutes learning and practicing a way of prayer, and spend the remainder of the time praying for the needs of people in our congregation and world and other concerns as we become aware of them. There is no need to sign up. We will meet in the Prayer Room on the hallway between Room 18 and the Nursery.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

A class for people interested in becoming members of Wayside will be held on Sunday, April 2, 2017 following the 11:00 AM Service. Lunch will be provided. **A commitment to join Wayside is NOT required to attend.** If you are interested in participating, please let James know.

IT'S TIME FOR A NEW CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY!

It has been six years since Wayside last created a pictorial directory. This Sunday we will continue to take sign-ups for photo sessions for our new 2017 pictorial directory. We will also distribute packets for each Wayside family in the lobby after worship, which will provide all the information necessary to participate. Please stop by the table in the lobby to pick up your packet! Photographs will be taken April 25,26,27,28 and 29th, as well as May 9 & 10 here at Wayside. Everyone who has their picture taken will receive a free church directory as well as a free 8x10 photograph from their photo session.

You may sign up for your photo session, on Sunday mornings in the church lobby for the next several weeks, on-line during the week at our church web site, www.wayside-erie.org, or by calling the church office at 833-7653. We hope that ALL church members will participate in this project, which will provide a lasting memory of our church family.

DEALING WITH PERSONAL, FAMILY OR SPIRITUAL ISSUES? WE CAN HELP!

The Deacons are proud to sponsor booklets on a variety of issues. Are you a teen or child wondering how to handle a bully at school? A child facing the prospect of moving a parent to a nursing home? Dealing with illness or grief or just the pains of growing older? Check out the pamphlets in the lobby for these and other topics. If there is a subject for which there is no pamphlet but you'd like one, please contact Karen Shor in the office.

Deacons are also available to provide transportation to medical appointments or to Sunday worship, meals for families who could use a break from cooking due to medical or family issues and other support. If you have a need and would like support, please contact Karen Shor in the office or Mark Smith, Moderator of Deacons. The Deacons will help with the utmost discretion.

Of course, both James and Keith are available for counseling if you feel a pamphlet just isn't enough. Contact either of them to set up a time to meet either at Wayside, your home or another location of your choosing. These and all their counseling services are, of course, confidential.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW CIRCLES

The next meeting of Naomi Circle will be Wednesday March 22 at noon in the Parlor. The next meeting of Elizabeth Circle will be Thursday March 23 at 11:30 AM also in the Parlor.

SAVE THE DATE

The Presbyterian Women of Lake Erie Presbytery will hold its Spring Gathering on Saturday April 22 from 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM at Meadville First Presbyterian Church. The theme will be "Who Is My Neighbor?" Watch the April newsletter and future bulletins for more information.

GENEROSITY OPPORTUNITIES

PER CAPITA CHALLENGE

You are encouraged to participate in the challenge to raise at least \$8,000 to help defray our 2017 obligation of \$16,680 to the PC(USA) for our *per capita* commitment. Wayside pays \$30 for each member and your support in sharing this obligation by offering \$30 for each confirmed member of your family would be greatly appreciated. You may use the specially marked envelope in your packet or submit a check payable to Wayside, earmarked "per capita". Look for the display in the Lobby for further details and to note the progress we are making in raising these funds. Thank you!

OFFERING CARDS

For those that give their offering electronically, by mail or by means other than in the offering plate weekly, we have placed offering participation cards in the pews. You may place one of these "I Give" cards in the offering place to represent your offering to God during the collection.

WEST MILLCREEK FOOD PANTRY SPECIAL REQUEST UPDATE

The West Millcreek Food Pantry is still looking for people to help unload their truck and trailer. This will be an ongoing project so if you would like to hear about future opportunities, please sign up to be placed on the distribution list. Contact Karen Shor if you have questions.

EASTER FLOWERS

Help decorate the church for Easter by purchasing flowering plants for the sanctuary. Sign up at the Information Table or call the church office at 833-7653. We would appreciate it if you would pay when you order. An envelope is on the Information Table for your convenience. Deadline for ordering is April 2.

WEEKLY GIFTS TO THE WEST MILLCREEK FOOD PANTRY

Next week's suggested items for the Food Pantry are cereal and baked beans. Non-perishable items such as diapers, feminine hygiene products, toiletries and pet foods are always appreciated. Checks should be made out to "West Millcreek Food Pantry".

Spiritual Nurture and Education (SN&E)

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

- Check our **website** for daily devotionals throughout Lent. Be sure to share your thoughts as well. <http://www.wayside-erie.org/news--media/daily-lenten-devotion.html>
- **Children:** A **Holy Week children's guide** will be given to each family at the Eggs-perience event on Saturday, April 8. It will be held at 10 AM the Saturday before PALM SUNDAY rather than Easter this year.
- **Teens:** *Lent is Trending* at the table in the Lobby. On-line, James and Keith recommend d365.org.
- **Adults:** A limited number of **Lenten devotions** entitled *Meeting Jesus*, focus on the Lenten theme of "Personalities of the Passion". These are available at a cost of \$3 each. Contact Karen Shor in the office for your copy.
- A daily on-line Devotional will begin Ash Wednesday on the Wayside website at <http://www.wayside-erie.org/news--media/daily-lenten-devotion.html>. Read the day's passage and share a reflection of your own.

THESE DAYS

One of the benefits of being a connected church with PC (USA) is a quarterly booklet entitled *These Days*. These booklets of daily devotions for living by faith are available on the Information Table, in the library and in the Parlor. Wednesday nights they are also available in Fellowship Hall. Free will offerings to help defray the cost of these wonderful little books are greatly appreciated.

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Issues of Faith: Today Caitlyn Strohmeier, president of Transfamily of Northwestern PA, will discuss "Supporting Transgender People in Our Community". March 26 Sharon Anderson from Springhill Living will discuss senior living alternatives.

SENIOR HIGHS AND YOUTH

Today we continue teaching the Lenten series to the children on "The Bible". March 26 we will visit St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 3108 Sterrettania Rd. We will meet at Wayside at 8:30 AM or you may go directly to St. Paul's. The service and lecture will begin at 9:00 AM at St. Paul's, followed by a talk by Rev. Anita Bernhardt.

WOW (WAYSIDE ON WEDNESDAY) KIDS' CLUB

A Wednesday program for youth from 2nd to 5th grade beginning at 4:00 PM

March 22 we learn about Methodism. March 29 we tour Lakewood United Methodist Church.

WAYOUTH

A Wednesday program for youth 6th-12th grades beginning at 6:00 PM

March 22 we will have a discussion group. March 29 we will plan the Eggs-perience party.