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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2017

11:00 AM

PRELUDES

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”
Meditation on “Passion Chorale”

Restoration
arr. Bock

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

CHORAL INTROIT

“The Lord of Hosts is With Us”
Chancel Choir

Psalm 46:7

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Like the sun that is far away
And yet close at hand to warm us
So God’s Spirit is ever present and around us.

Come, Creator, into our lives.

We live and move and have our entire being in you.

Open now the windows of our souls to you.

***HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 630**

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Crusaders’ Hymn

***LITANY OF PRAYER**

Shining, surprising, grace-full God, for avoiding the searchlight of your desire for us
and running away from your love:

Forgive us.

For preferring the safe, familiar and certain to the risky, unknown and mysterious:

Forgive us.

For failing to believe in the vulnerability of power and the power of vulnerability:

Forgive us.

For taking no delight in variety and insisting on sameness and conformity:

Forgive us.

For fearing those different from ourselves, and projecting onto them what we
cannot accept within our own depths:

Forgive us.

For assuming we are superior to the rest of creation, for neglecting and failing to celebrate our
relationship to earth and to the web of life:

Forgive us.

For not noticing your presence in darkness as in light, in body as in spirit, in feeling as in
intellect, in pain as in healing, in Good Friday as in Easter Sunday:

Forgive us.

Set us free to be whole human beings and to live our lives graciously and without fear. Amen.

***KYRIE**



□ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

***WORD OF ASSURANCE**

God forgives us:

God makes peace within us: we claim this healing, in faith and hope. 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 once were lost, we now are found, were dead, but now alive;
in Christ we have been born anew, redeemed and justified.***

ANTHEM

“God Looked Beyond...”

Rambo

WaYouth Choir

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

GOSPEL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Amy Gilewicz

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, we believe by your Word you created all that is; by your Word in flesh you redeem the world; and by your comforting Word you are with us still.

Make us ready to hear your Word today. Amen.

CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 26:6-13; NT 29

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

SERMON

“In Memory of Her”

Britney Knight

A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

ANTHEM

“Lenten Contemplation”
Sanctuary Bells

arr. Moats

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

INVITATION TO PRAYER

“Come, Holy Spirit”
Chancel Choir

Purchase

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

RECEPTION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

From a high, secret shelf, I take what I hid myself,
Perfume, precious and rare, never meant to spill or spare.

This carefully I’ll break, this I’ll empty for his sake:

I’ll give what I have to my Lord.

Though the action is crude, it will show my gratitude
For the truth that I’ve learned from the one who’s heaven-sent
For this life once a mess which his beauty can express,

I’ll give what I have to my Lord.

From what we have, let us show our gratitude, let us give what we have to our Lord.

Offertory Anthem

“Worthy is the Lamb”
Chancel Choir

Music “Arioso” by Bach; arr. Fetteke

*Offertory Response

“Trust In God” Song 13 (Psalm 128)

Orlando Gibbons

***Use our gifts, we pray, O Lord, help us change your foes to friends;
your appeal is made through us, let us serve you to life’s end. Amen.***

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

With his critics around, common gossip will abound.
They’ll note all that they see to discredit him and me.
Let them smirk, let them jeer, say what people want to hear:

I will give what I have to my Lord.

It’s because he’ll receive, that I believe
God has time for the poor, he has shown us heaven’s door.
Be it perfume and care, be it anger or despair,

I will give what I have to my Lord.

Amen.

TAKING GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 754**

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

Baronita

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”
Chancel Choir

Land of Rest

***POSTLUDE**

Postlude on “St. Dunstan’s”

Douglass

*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

WAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 26, 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: Matt McGill

Ushers: **8:30 AM:** Louise Martin and Ken Reitingner

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 & Ritch 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

A reminder to those scheduled to help next week:

Church Opener: Tom Momeyer

Ushers: **8:30 AM:** Bill Bremmer and Ritch Marsh

11:00 AM: Pam Monaco, Cade Sbrocco, Rachael Sbrocco,
Jonathon Sidorowicz, Mark Smith and Dan Taylor

Acolytes: Alivia Garrity and Hannah Morrow

Worship Assistant: Marilyn Russell

Sound Board: Jim Allman

Greeters: Peter and Jane Gilewicz, Worship; Britt Daehnke, SN&E

Information Table: Micki Loesel

Fellowship Time: Bobbi Jo Fye

Child Care: Gilewicz-Fuchs & Kim & Aaron Garrity Families, Nursery
van Helden Family, Preschool

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 26-APRIL 2, 2017

Sunday, March 26	8:30 AM	Celebration of Worship
Soup Sunday	9:30 AM	Chancel Choir
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Celebration of Worship
	12:00 PM	Fellowship Time
Monday, March 27	12:30 PM	Second Harvest Mobile Food Bank
	6:30 PM	Sanctuary Bells
Wednesday, March 29	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
Thursday, March 30	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Saturday, April 1	6:30 PM	Wayside Movie Night
Sunday, April 2	8:30 AM	Celebration of Worship
Holy Communion	9:30 AM	Chancel Choir
Baptism of Evelyn Anne Weaver	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Celebration of Worship
	12:00 PM	Fellowship Time
	12:15 PM	New Member Class

SANCTUARY FLOWERS & BULLETIN COVER SPONSORS

The Sanctuary Flowers today are provided by Dawn, Lars and Jacque Weborg in memory of Bill. Today's bulletin cover is sponsored by Betsey Miller in memory of her parents Henry & Lois Mayer.

Beginning April 1, the cost of Sanctuary Flowers will be \$58. If you have questions about your order, please contact Micki Loesel.

WELCOME OUR GUEST PREACHER, BRITNEY KNIGHT

Britney L.V. Knight is the Director of Youth and Family Ministries at First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant. She grew up in Mars, PA. After high school, she attended California University of Pennsylvania where she graduated with her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Dance. In 2016, she earned her Master of Divinity from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Currently she is working toward ordination in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

LENTEN WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYERS

During Lent join with us on Wednesday evenings 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 the 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.

WAYSIDE'S NIGHT AT THE MOVIES!

Join us for movie night on Saturday, April 1 beginning at 6:30 at Wayside. Drinks, popcorn and snacks will be provided. Bring your blanket and pillow!

FAMILY OUTING TO HURRY HILL FARM

April 5 will be a family outing to Hurry Hill Farm in Edinboro. Signup at the Information Table in the Lobby. Let us know if your child will be meeting at the church and taking the van or if you will be driving your family. If you are willing to take other children with you, please let us know that as well.

This event is open to all Wayside families. We will meet at the church at 4:00 PM and return by 6:30 PM. Cost will be \$10 per person. Scholarships, of course, are available. Contact Keith for more information. Please register by Sunday, April 2. We hope you will join us for this fun and educational experience.

EGGS-PERIENCE

On Saturday, April 8, young children and their parents are invited to attend Eggs-perience from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Our annual Easter Party will have a lesson, a craft, games, and a snack. Guests are welcome. Each family will receive a Holy Week children's guide at the event.

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.

ITS 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 29 as well as May 9 and 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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SPRING GATHERING

The PW Spring Gathering will be on Saturday April 22, 2017 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM at Meadville First Presbyterian Church, 890 Liberty St., Meadville. Explore the topic of "Who is My Neighbor" with keynote speaker Rev. Tim Solomon. The mission project will support the church food pantry. Please bring nonperishable food items.

Cost for lunch is \$6. Child care is available with advance reservations. Please bring a sack lunch for each child.

Sign up by calling Mary Zahora at 833-2161 or by e-mailing her at maryzahora@meadvillefpc.org.

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 plate to represent your offering to God during the collection.

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 in which to put your payment is on the Information Table. Deadline for ordering is April 2.

MULTICULTURAL DINERS CLUB

Our next dining experience will be on Sunday, April 9 at 5:00 PM at the Samurai Kitchen and Sushi, 2767 West 12th St. (just east of Peninsula Drive on the south side), a newly opened restaurant featuring Indonesian and Japanese food. Jufi and Sara Andreas are thinking through options for a yummy \$15 meal that evening. Please sign up at the Information Table, call the office, or call Gary Larson (866-5271) to **make reservations by noon on April 9.**

SCRIP ORDERS

Purchasing gift cards through our Scrip cards program is a great way for you to contribute to Wayside. A percentage of your gift card purchase will go to the Wayside general fund. An order placed on Sunday will be received by the following Sunday. Stop at the Information Table today to place your order.

WEEKLY GIFTS TO THE WEST MILLCREEK FOOD PANTRY

Next week's suggested items for the Food Pantry are spaghetti and sauce. 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, the Saturday before Palm Sunday, at 10 AM. **Teens:** *Lent is Trending* is available at the Information Table at no cost. 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 the Information Table at a cost of \$3 each. Please place your payment in the envelope provided.
- 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 Sharon Anderson from Springhill Living will discuss senior living alternatives. April 2 Karen Haas will provide information about the Bread for the World Offering of Letters. The Offering of Letters will take place April 23 and April 30.

YOUTH

This week our Youth are invited to participate in adult education, help in the children's classrooms or attend worship at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

WOW (WAYSIDE ON WEDNESDAY) KIDS' CLUB

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

March 29 we tour Lakewood United Methodist Church. April 5 is our visit to Hurry Hill Farm.

WAYOUTH

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

March 29 we will plan the Eggs-perience party. April 5 is our visit to Hurry Hill Farm.