

April 23, 2017



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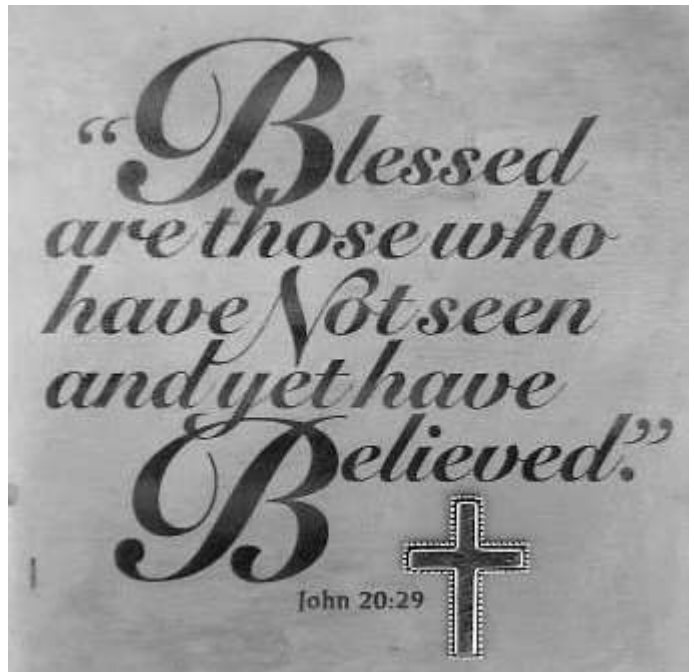
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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2017

11:00 AM

PRELUDES

Carillon on "St. Denio"

Welsh Melody

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

CHORAL INTROIT

"This Is the Day!"
Chancel Choir

Patterson

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Last Sunday we celebrated the resurrection of our Lord!

And we sang and shouted our "Alleluias."

Is Easter over? The flowers and palms are gone. The attendance seems down.

Hey! We are here! Celebrate that!

I do! I am grateful for each one of you. I was wondering what brought you here.

Among other things we don't want the celebrating to end.

This week we tell the story of doubting Thomas. Do you have doubts?

Maybe, sometimes. But mostly we have questions.

I do too. Let's celebrate Easter once again. Let's come into the risen Lord's presence with wonder! Surely there is a depth to Easter we have just begun to comprehend.

Alleluia! Amen!

***HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 233**

"The Day of Resurrection"

Lancashire

***PRAYER FOR THE DAY**

God of the Resurrection, you open the tomb and invite us to sing and dance in the new life you give us. In Jesus Christ, whose wounds are not erased but glorified in resurrection, touch our wounds that they may be transformed into channels of healing for others. Holy Spirit, breathe into us the power to forgive so that new life might begin in us and in all whom we meet. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

***ACT OF PRAISE**

"Victory"

Palestrina

***God's grateful people raise a song, praising the resurrection Son;
all worship to the Lord belongs, alleluia!***

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

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)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**O God, no matter what doubt we bring to this reading, we are at least listening.
Help us meet half way and possibly open tombs we closed long ago. Amen.**

CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31; NT 115

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

SERMON

“The Week After Easter”

Teaching Elder Keith Sundberg

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Prayer of the Congregation

God of new beginnings, thank you for the pathways you make for us, so that we join the way with others, united in life and ministry through your amazing and wondrous love. We thank you for Jill and Lenora, for their faith and for their uniqueness. We rejoice in your will and way, and look forward with hope and expectation for all you may show us and do in and through us as your people, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Hymn of Fellowship

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (Verse 1)

***Blest be the tie that binds, our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.***

CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

INVITATION TO PRAYER

“Bow Down Your Ear, O Lord”
Chancel Choir

Hopson

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

“PW: Offering of Letters”

Karen Haas

RECEPTION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem

“Rejoice!”
Chancel Choir

Goemanne

*Offertory Response

“Festal Song”

Walter

***O Resurrected Lord of all we have received;
help us to freely give for you, and live as we believe.***

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TAKING GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 241**

“Woman, Weeping in the Garden”

Kingdom

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“Alleluia!”
Chancel Choir

Carter

***POSTLUDE**

“Jubilation”

Wagner

*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, April 23, 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 at the back of the sanctuary for earplugs.

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:** Nicole Lowry and Louise Martin
11:00 AM: Tanner Babb, Brian Buseck, Anna DeBello, John Fair, Hadley Jones, Sami Wismer
Worship Assistant: Kitty Menges
Sound Board: Mac Pollard
Greeters: Cindy Yahn Grode, Worship; Sheila Kocan, Spiritual Nurture & Education
Information Table: Mark Smith
Fellowship Time: Paula Reade
Child Care: Potocki Family, Nursery

A reminder to those scheduled to help next week:

Church Opener: Matt McGill
Ushers: **8:30 AM:** Jim & Mardy Marsh
11:00 AM: Lynn Bowen, Missy Grimm, Jane MacEwen, Kitty Menges, Natalie Thompson and Beth van Helden
Acolytes: Cole Daehnke and Genna Feltmeyer
Worship Assistant: Rita Brown
Sound Board: Jonathan Jewell
Greeters: Karen Sidorowicz, Worship; Bobbi Jo Fye, Spiritual Nurture & Education
Information Table: Pattie Pora
Fellowship Time: Worship, Music & Fine Arts Committee
Child Care: Gehrlein Family, Nursery; Weaver Family, Preschool

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 23-30, 2017

Sunday, April 23	8:30 AM	Celebration of Worship
Bread for the World Offering of Letters Meeting	9:30 AM	New Member breakfast & Session
New Members Join		Chancel Choir
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Celebration of Worship
	12:00 PM	Fellowship Time/Congregational
Meeting		
Monday, April 24	12:15 PM	Second Harvest Mobile Food Bank
		NO Sanctuary Bells
Tuesday, April 25	1:00 PM	Newsletter Collating
Wednesday, April 26	12:00 PM	Naomi Circle
	2:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Pictorial Directory Photos
	4:00 PM	Final WOW Kids' Club
	4:45 PM	WaYouth Choir
	5:30 PM	Primary Choir
	6:00 PM	Fellowship Dinner/Final WaYouth
	7:00 PM	Worship, Music & Fine Arts Committee
	7:30 PM	Generosity Committee
Thursday, April 27	11:30 AM	PW Salad Luncheon
	2:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Pictorial Directory Photos
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
	8:00 PM	Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser
Friday, April 28	2:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Pictorial Directory Photos
Saturday, April 29	10:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Pictorial Directory Photos
Sunday, April 30	8:30 AM	Celebration of Worship
Bread for the World Offering of Letters	9:30 AM	Chancel Choir
Music Sunday		Discussion of summer worship hours
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Celebration of Worship
	12:00 PM	Discussion of summer worship hours
		Fellowship Time

SANCTUARY FLOWERS & BULLETIN COVER SPONSORS

The Sanctuary Flowers are provided by Mildred Shenk in memory of her husband, Richard. Mildred would like to share the flowers with you. If you would like a bouquet, please come to the communion table following the service.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

Session has called a congregational meeting following today's 11:00 AM worship. The purpose of the meeting is to elect members to the Nominating Committee of Wayside.

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS DISCUSSION

Please join us following each service on Sunday April 30 to discuss summer worship hours. Your opinion is important so we hope you will participate.

GREETERS NEEDED FOR CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTO SESSIONS

We need a number of people to help families sign in when they arrive to have their pictures taken for our new Church pictorial directory. We are looking for people who are available for 2 hours on any of our picture days, which are April 25, 26, 27, 28 and May 9 & 10, from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM and Saturday April 29 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. If you can help, please sign up at the information table in the lobby. If you have questions, please contact Karen Shor in the office.

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Jill Gomes moved to Erie from Pittsburgh after college in 1979. Erie was home to her husband Jerry who she married in 1980. She worked as a dental hygienist until retiring last year. Jill and Jerry have two married sons. One lives in Charlotte NC and the other lives here in Erie. Their son and his wife who live in Erie are expecting their first child, Jill and Jerry's first grandchild, in May.

Lenora Lewis is happy to be joining a congregation that not only professes but follows the teachings of Jesus. She is married to David Lewis Sr. They have four adult children, eleven grandchildren and one great grandson. Lenora is a retired RN and enjoys books, knitting, mahjong, occasional bike rides and is a very poor golfer.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE NEWS

Naomi Circle will meet Wednesday, April 26 at noon in the Parlor.

PW SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON

Elizabeth Circle invites all Wayside women to the annual Spring Salad Luncheon on Thursday, April 27 at 11:30 AM in the Parlor. Please sign up at the Information Table and bring your favorite salad to share.

MOTHER/CHILD BANQUET

It's that time of year again! The Mother/Child banquet will be held on Monday, May 8, 2017. Appetizers at 5:45 PM, dinner at 6:00 PM.

This year's theme: "Moms and Science: 2 things that are amazing!" Bring your best lab coat and prepare to be amazed! Please sign up at the Information Table.

Dads, it's your turn in the kitchen! Please sign up to volunteer and support this fun family affair.

GENEROSITY OPPORTUNITIES

BREAD FOR THE WORLD

Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. On Sundays April 23 and 30, Presbyterian Women will have letter writing supplies available in the lobby. Letters will be sent individually to PA Representative Mike Kelly and Senators Robert Casey, Jr. and Pat Toomey. Please stop at the tables in the lobby to write letters and add your voice to our plea to end hunger.

URGENT REQUEST FOR MUSIC SUNDAY

We apologize for the late notice but we are in need of cookies for **Music Sunday, April 30**. Cookies should be delivered to Wayside **clearly marked "Music Sunday"** no later than **noon Saturday April 29**. A Sign-up sheet is on the Information Table in the Lobby.

WANTED: PUSH LAWN MOWER

As part of our efforts to balance the budget, Session has asked our Sexton, Dave, to mow the lawn. He is hoping someone has a functional push mower that he can have to help him trim around trees and gardens. If you have a push mower (that works) that you would like to donate, please let us know.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FUNDRAISER

James and Keith will be celebrity servers at the Habitat for Humanity fundraiser on Thursday evening April 27 beginning at 8:00 PM. The fundraiser will be held at Andy's Pub, 3866 Peach St. We hope you'll come to enjoy the evening and help this worthy cause.

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.

SECOND SATURDAY PROJECT: MAY 13, 2017

We will be assisting Second Harvest Food Bank with their Annual Letter Carrier Food Drive. This is the largest food drive of the year and part of a national food collection. We will unload the food collected in the mail trucks by the letter carriers and transfer it into the Second Harvest Food Bank trucks. We will be looking for volunteers for two shifts: 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM and 12:30 PM – 3:00 PM. The location has not yet been identified. Please sign up at the Information Table in the Lobby or call or email Karen Shor in the office at 833-7653 or wpc@wayside-erie.org.

You should receive a flyer from the letter carriers in the next few weeks. Whether or not you can help with the project, please take time to donate to the collection by hanging a bag of food at your mailbox on May 13.

BAKERS NEEDED

Our superb bakers are asked to help provide baked goods for the **PW Primary Election Bake Sale** to be held on Tuesday **May 16**. Bring your bake goods **pre-packaged and clearly labeled** as “PW Election Day” to the church no later than **4:30 PM Monday May 15**. Please sign up at the Information Table in the Lobby.

PER CAPITA CHALLENGE

We only need \$2,530.00 to reach our goal of collecting \$8000 to help defray Wayside's \$16,680 per capita obligation in 2017 to the PC(USA). We pay \$30 for each member; see the display in the Lobby for further details. Please help us reach our goal by contributing \$30 for each confirmed member of your family. Thank you.

WEEKLY GIFTS TO THE WEST MILLCREEK FOOD PANTRY

Next week's suggested items for the Food Pantry are cereal and soup. 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”.

Please keep in mind the special request from the Food Pantry to help fund the hams that they distributed to families for Easter.

Spiritual Nurture and Education (SN&E)

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Issues of Faith: Today Albert Glinsky, PhD, D'Angelo School of Music at Mercyhurst University will speak about “The Music of the Reformation.” April 30 we will hear the story of “A Year at the Monastery”. Two lay women share their story of living and working at Mount St. Benedict.

YOUTH

A Sunday program for youth 6th – 12th grades

Today teens and parents are invited to attend a class at Asbury United Methodist Church, 4703 W. Ridge Road at Asbury. The class will begin at 10:00 AM and we will attend the worship service to follow. April 30 will be a meeting for the teens and their parents to hear about the Senior High Immersion Weekend.

WOW (WAYSIDE ON WEDNESDAY) KIDS' CLUB

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

April 26 we will plant our seedlings and have ice cream sundaes to celebrate the end of a good year.

WAYOUTH

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

April 26 we will have dinner and celebrate a good year together.