

June 18, 2017



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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Fathers' Day

June 18, 2017

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

"Praise to God the Father"

Gesangbuch

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jesus Christ calls to us:

"Answer God's call of mercy!"

Christ gathers us and gives us power

to be healed and to heal,

to be forgiven and to forgive,

to be freed from sin and to set others free,

To tell one another and the world:

God is with us, today and always.

***HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 370**

"This Is My Father's World"

Terra Beata

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, we confess that we do not know how to look for you.

We may not sense your nearness, and if there are angels among us, we are unaware and unsure. We do not show the hospitality to strangers that Abraham showed to you. We do not trust that our hardships can be transformed by your Spirit. O Covenant-keeper, forgive us.

Let us laugh with joy because your grace has made peace among us.

Send us out with this good news so that others will also receive your blessing; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***ACT OF PRAISE NO. 243**

"Be Not Afraid"

Berthier

Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!

Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, 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

**God of new days, give us Sarah's joy, and Abraham's wonder,
and give us confident hope through the word and work of the Good Shepherd, Jesus
Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 18:1-15; OT 14

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

SERMON

“The Gift of Welcome”

Teaching Elder James Bernhardt

A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 738**

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

Maryton

CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

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

RECEPTION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem

“His Eye is on the Sparrow”

Gabriel

James Bernhardt, Soloist

*Offertory Response No. 582 “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

Vasile

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.***

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

TAKING GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD

***CLOSING HYMN NO. 822**

“When We Are Living”

Somos Del Señor

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE NO. 591**

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!”

arr. Bells

***Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! hallelujah!***

***POSTLUDE**

“We Give Immortal Praise”

Croft

*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, June 18, 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.

Some of our teens have been trained to be buddies for children with challenges. The teens are available during worship and Sunday school to allow parents to have some time to themselves. Speak with Keith if you would welcome this new ministry.

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 McCullough

Ushers: **8:30 AM:** Colleen Loeslein and Mac Pollard

10:00 AM: Tom Lewis, Haile Martin, Nolan Martin, Ken Reitingner and
Lorah Momeyer

Worship Assistant: Lois May

Sound Board: Kitty Menges

Greeters: Carol Christie and Tom Eckard, Worship

Information Table: Mary Yonkers

Fellowship Time: PW Fathers’ Day Reception

A reminder to those scheduled to help next week:

Church Opener: Dale Massing

Ushers: **8:30 AM:** Lee McVey and Louise Martin

10:00 AM: Tanner Babb, Brian Buseck, Anna DeBello, John Fair,
Hadley Jones, Jim Perkins and Samantha Wismer

Worship Assistant: Micki Loesel

Sound Board: Jack Grimm

Information Table: Don Worthington

Fellowship Time: Pam Monaco

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 18-25, 2017

Sunday, June 18	8:30 AM	Celebration of Worship
Fathers' Day	10:00 AM	Celebration of Worship
	11:00 AM	PW Fathers' Day Reception
Monday, June 19	PW Rummage Sale	Furniture Drop Off Begins
Tuesday, June 20	7:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Wednesday, June 21		Last day for PW Rummage Sale Drop Off
Thursday, June 22-25		Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference
Thursday, June 22	11:30 AM	Elizabeth Circle
Friday, June 23	8:00 AM-1:00 PM	PW Rummage Sale
Saturday, June 24	8:00 AM -11:00 AM	PW Rummage Sale
	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	PW Bag Sale
Sunday, June 25	8:30 AM	Celebration of Worship
	10:00 AM	Celebration of Worship
	11:00 AM	Fellowship Time

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The Sanctuary Flowers are provided by Mac & Ginny Pollard in memory of their fathers.

LIFE TOUCH PICTURES NOW AVAILABLE

If you had your picture taken during our photo sessions in April and May and have not yet received your free 8 x 10 picture, they are now available in the church office during the week. Please stop by the church at your convenience and Karen Shor will be happy to help you.

MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

A meeting of Wayside's Congregation has been scheduled for Sunday, July 9 following the 10:00 AM Worship Service. Please plan to join us for the election of officers.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

We will hold a Membership Class, Sunday, July 16, at 11:20 AM. Gather for lunch and a two-hour class about Christ's invitation to membership in the church, your journey of faith, Presbyterian particulars, the "way" of Wayside, and a tour of the facility. Speak to James or Keith, contact by email james@wayside-erie.org or call the church office at 833-7653 to indicate your interest.

SUMMER WORSHIP

Mark your calendar for our **Worship On the Beach** at Perry Monument on **August 6 at 10:00 AM**. There will be no early service that day. Worship will be followed by a potluck picnic. "Main course", dessert, drinks and table service will be provided. Please sign up at the Information Table so we know how many will be attending and let us know what kind of salad or vegetable dish you will bring.

IU PRESCHOOL

Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit 5 (IU5) will begin their early intervention preschool program at Wayside later this month. Please give the staff, students and parents a real Wayside Welcome.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

CIRCLE NEWS

Elizabeth Circle will meet on Thursday, June 22 at 11:30 AM. Contact Jan McElroy or Wilma Valentz for details. **Naomi Circle** will meet on Wednesday, June 28 at 12:30 PM at Bistro 26, 3557 W. 26th St. Contact Mildred Shenk for more information.

GENEROSITY OPPORTUNITIES

WAYSIDE SUMMER GARDEN

It is time for our annual summer garden. Please sign up for a week this summer to weed, water and collect produce. There is a signup sheet at the Information Table. Produce will be available in the lobby later in the summer. A freewill offering will be accepted for any produce you take. Proceeds will go to Second Harvest Food Bank. We appreciate your support.

PW RUMMAGE SALE

Drop off items for the rummage sale until June 21. Volunteers are needed during the week to sort and on June 23-24 for the sale itself. A signup sheet for volunteers for the sale itself is at the Information Table in the Lobby. **If you can spare an hour or two any weekday morning, please stop in to help with set up.**

Not able to help with the sorting or sale? Please consider bringing in some treats for the volunteers who will work the sale next weekend.

SERVERIE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The outreach committee is moving forward with plans to participate in this broad community effort to support Erie Schools by becoming a Church Sponsor of this summer's project at Erie High School (formerly Central Career & Technical School). From Thursday, July 20 to Sunday, July 23, ServErie volunteers will be making critical repairs and updates to Erie High School to assist with repairs after the fire and in anticipation of the additional students that will attend there in the fall. A small army of community members will be cleaning, painting classrooms and hallways, repairing bathrooms, updating exterior doors, replacing ceiling tiles, landscaping the surrounding property, and much more. This project will also be part of the Youth Immersion Experience.

If you are interested in helping with this worthwhile project, please sign up at the Information Table.

SEED MONEY FOR MISSION – MULTIPLY YOUR TALENT CHALLENGE

We are looking for individuals or families to take an active part in using talents to contribute to mission this summer. Wayside will be funding people by giving \$25, \$50 or \$100 to individuals, families or friendship groups to see how this money might be multiplied by your talents and creativity. The money may be used to raise additional funds or it may be used to provide goods or services for someone in need. Any funds generated may be donated to support teachers in underfunded classrooms or may be donated to a charity of your choice. We will tally all the stories and provide a full report and celebrate the results this fall.

If you or your family or you and your friends would like to participate please fill out a form and turn it in at the office or send an email to: gregg.rabenold@gmail.com or james@wayside-erie.org. Forms are on the Information Table in the Lobby.

SOME NEW WAYS TO HELP WAYSIDE

- Wayside is now a charity on AmazonSmile! To donate to Wayside Presbyterian Church of Erie, start each shopping session at <http://smile.amazon.com>. Similar to our Scrip Program, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases. There are quite a few churches called Wayside, so be sure you choose "Wayside Presbyterian Church of Erie."
- Erie Gives 2017 is **Tuesday, August 8** between the hours of 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM. This year, Wayside will be one of the non-profits to whom you can donate. We would like you to consider making your weekly, monthly, quarterly or annual donation to Wayside on that day.
When you donate through their website during this 12-hour period of giving, The Erie Community Foundation will match a percentage of each donation you make to Wayside. Just imagine your money growing as soon as you donate it! Stay tuned for more details.
- Wayside is registered as a charity at Gordon Food Service (GFS). Tell them you want to donate to Wayside Presbyterian Church of Erie & a portion of your purchase will come to us!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY 2017

Thanks to all who signed up to help with the "The House that Wisdom Built" construction. If you are interested in serving as a substitute should someone be unable to serve, please contact Lois May. Workers must be at least 16 years old and must be able to work all day, from 7:30 AM- 4:30 PM.

If you have already signed up to work, please be sure to return your Volunteer and Release form no later than June 25.

WEEKLY GIFTS TO THE WEST MILLCREEK FOOD PANTRY

Next week's suggested items for the Food Pantry are mac and cheese and peanut butter. 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".

PER CAPITA UPDATE

Our goal of reaching \$8,000 to help defray the \$16,000 Per Capita offering to PCUSA has just moved closer with an anonymous \$500 donation! Thanks be to God for that outpouring of generosity. Please check out the poster in the Lobby for updated details on our progress. If you have not made your own donation of support (\$30 for each confirmed member of your family), please help, as you are able. Thank you.

Spiritual Nurture and Education (SN&E)

AN IMMERSION EXPERIENCE: "STORIES FROM THE EAST"

July 21-23, rising ninth graders through high school graduates are invited to an experience like no other here in Erie. Our mission trip this year will be in our hometown. As we would in other cities, our time will include service projects, times to reflect, and the meeting of new people. Unlike some of our other trips, there will be a more visceral experience of homelessness and poverty in our own backyard.

We thank Colin Hurley for the roots of this program. He has designed similar weekends for students at Mercyhurst University. On Friday night July 21, the Immersion Team will enjoy the hospitality of Mercyhurst North East. Saturday July 22 will include service work for ServeErie, interviews of homeless individuals and a walking experience of the downtown. Saturday the group will stay at the Kids Café. Sunday July 23 will be worship and conversation with Rev. Dr. Charles Mock's congregation, Community Baptist Church, on German Street.

The Outreach Committee has underwritten the weekend so the cost per family will only be \$50 per youth. A completed form and payment will hold a place for those who want to go.

Please pick up your registration form at the Information Table and return it to Keith with your check as soon as possible.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year's program, entitled *Digging for Treasure: Parables Revealed*, Monday, July 10 through Friday July 14 from 10 AM to 1:00 PM. Dig into a VBS that's all about Jesus' parables and the treasure to be found in his words. At first, Jesus' parables seem simple. But it takes listening and digging deeper to discover the treasures of the kingdom of heaven. Cost is \$15 per child or a maximum of \$30 per family. Registration forms are on the Information Table.

Adults and teens are needed to teach, cook, lead games, make crafts, and sing. Please sign up at the Information Table as we plan for a great week together!