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*CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP*  
*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

September 10, 2017

11:00 AM

PRELUDE

**Adagio from "Organ Sonata No. 5"**

Rheinberger

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*WE APPROACH GOD*

CHORAL INTROIT

"This Is the Day"  
Chancel Choir

Hutson

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Listen! The Lord calls out to us, offering life!  
Teach us, lead us, turn us to your ways, O God.  
Walk in **the paths of God's commandments with delight**.  
Teach us, lead us, turn us to your ways, O God.  
With our whole heart, we will turn to you and live!

\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 159

**"O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"**

Kingsfold

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

From evil, even when it masquerades as good,  
Merciful God, deliver us.  
From selfishness and vain desires,  
Merciful God, deliver us.  
From irresponsible behaviors, quarreling, and jealousy,  
Merciful God, deliver us.  
From hurtful disagreements and irreconcilable differences.  
Merciful God, deliver us.  
Turn us away from the death sin inflicts. Lead us into the abundant life Christ brings. Forgive us, we pray; and teach us to forgive, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Laying aside the works of darkness, we live in the light of Christ. Gathered in Christ's name,** surely, he is among us, full of grace and truth.  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and lifted up to new life.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.

\*ACT OF PRAISE NO. 663

**"Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun"**

Barthelemon

*Awake, my soul, and with the sun your daily stage of duty run;  
Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise to pay your morning sacrifice.*

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

GOSPEL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Teaching Elder Keith Sundberg

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

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Speak to our hearts and minds, Holy God.

By your Holy Spirit, make us ready to listen and to follow Christ our Savior. Amen.

CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 18:10-20; NT 20

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Way of Fighting"

Teaching Elder James Bernhardt

A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 442

"Just as I Am, without One Plea"

Woodworth

CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

INVITATION TO PRAYER

"For God Alone"  
Chancel Choir

Daley

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

RECEPTION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem

"A Jubilant Song"  
Chancel Choir

Lantz

\*Offertory Response No.609 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" Lasst Uns Erfreuen

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## **TAKING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD**

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 838	<b>"Standing on the Promises"</b>	Promises
CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		
*BENEDICTION RESPONSE	<b>"May the Grace of Christ Our Savior"</b> Chancel Choir	Newton
*POSTLUDE	<b>"Aolian Fanfare"</b>	Callahan

\*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, September 10, 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 welcome here.*

## FOR OUR CHILDREN

Childcare is available during the entire worship hour for infants and preschool children. Children are invited and welcome to stay in the service, in whatever manner befits their person: they should feel free to squirm, whine, dance, sing, cry, pray, or otherwise make themselves known. **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: Tim Feltmeyer and Kurt Menges

11:00 AM: Maria Carpenedo, Bobbi Jo Fye, Jon Hoyt, Ron Kolb, Bill Pentz,  
Barb Sundberg and Axel Swanson

Worship Assistant: Linda Lorah

Sound Board: Andy Potocki

Greeters: Dave & Mary Yonkers, Worship; Missy Grimm, Spiritual Education and Nurture

Information Table: Mark Smith

Fellowship Time: Micki Loesel

Childcare: Jill McGill, Nursery; Tracey Bowes, Preschool

A reminder to those scheduled to help next week:

Church Opener: Jim Perkins

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

11:00 AM: Paul Carpenedo, Tom Lewis, Haile Martin, Nolan Martin, Ron May,  
Matt McGill, Ken Reitingering, Lorah Momeyer, David Sundberg

Worship Assistant: Linda Pentz

Sound Board: Matt McGill

Greeters: Jean Moore, Worship; Bill Pentz, Spiritual Education and Nurture

Information Table: Nancy Fye

Fellowship Time: Lois May

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 10-17, 2017

Sunday, September 10	8:30 AM	Celebration of Worship
Return to regular hours	9:30 AM	Chancel Choir
<b>Presentation of Children's Bibles</b>	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Celebration of Worship
	12:00 PM	Fellowship Time
Monday, September 11	12:00 PM	Trustees
	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Bells
		Outreach Committee
Wednesday, September 13	4:00 PM	<b>WOW Kids' Club</b>
	4:45 PM	WaYouth Choir
	5:30 PM	Primary Choir
	6:00 PM	Fellowship Dinner
	6:30 PM	The Way of Prayer Class
	7:30 PM	Session
Thursday, September 14	12:30 PM	Lunch Bunch at Sheraton Bayfront Grille
Friday, September 15		Newsletter Deadline
Sunday, September 17	8:30 AM	Celebration of Worship
	9:30 AM	Chancel Choir
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
		Parent-Teen Meeting
	11:00 AM	Celebration of Worship
	12:00 PM	Fellowship Time

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The Sanctuary Flowers are provided by the Jane Gilewicz in memory of Betty Rupert. Jane would like to share the flowers with you. If you would like a bouquet, please come to the communion table following the late service.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR ASSISTANCE

The Church Officer Nominating Committee would appreciate your input. If you have suggestions of Waysiders who you think would serve well as Elders, Deacons, or Trustees, please submit their names on one of the forms that can be found on the table in the Lobby. Deadline for submissions is September 17. Self-nominations are also welcome. The Nominating Committee welcomes your suggestions and will give prayerful consideration to any names submitted.

### FAMILY OUTING AT ASBURY WOODS

The Wayside on Wednesday (WOW) program for September 20 will be a family outing at Asbury Woods, 4105 Asbury Road. Children whose parents are not attending will be driven to Asbury Woods. Families that wish to meet at Asbury Woods should arrive there no later than 4:30 PM. All families and children of all ages are welcome. Cost is \$5 per child. Adults may attend at no cost. Weather permitting, our fellowship potluck dinner will also take place at Asbury Woods beginning at 6:00 PM. If you are interested in taking part in either or both activities, please sign up at the Information Table or on your Worship + 2 form.

### LUNCH BUNCH

The next meeting of the Lunch Bunch will be Thursday September 14 at 12:30 PM at the Sheraton Erie Bayfront Grille. Contact Linda Lorah or Annette Rothschild for reservations.

## PW CIRCLES

Naomi Circle will meet Wednesday September 27 at noon in the Parlor. Elizabeth Circle will meet on Thursday, September 28 at 11:30 AM also in the Parlor. The next meeting of the Sophia Circle is scheduled for October 13 at 7:00 PM.

## *GENEROSITY OPPORTUNITIES*

### HELP WITH RIDES NEEDED

Many of you have met Elisabeth and her daughter Mika. They are in need of rides to church on Sundays for the later service. They live near GE and Mika needs to use her car seat. If you or someone you know would be willing to join the group who is helping with transportation, please contact Karen Shor in the office as soon as possible.

### HURRICANE RELIEF

As you are aware, Texas has been devastated by Hurricane Harvey. As we learned during the flood experience in West Virginia, it will be months if not years before the area will recover. In addition to financial donations (see the insert), a Mission Team from Wayside will travel to Texas to give our time, energy, ability and compassion to help alleviate some of the misery people there are enduring. The work is likely to be anything from debris removal and demolition to mold abatement and construction, or something completely unanticipated.

Adults 18 and over are encouraged to participate. Please indicate your potential interest on the sign-up sheet in the Lobby or on your Worship +2 form. The dates are as yet undetermined so watch for more information as it becomes available.

### SECOND HARVEST MOBILE FOOD BANK

The next Mobile Food Bank will be held Monday, September 25. Volunteers will meet at the Federated Church, 11995 Main St. in East Springfield just off Route 20 West at 12:15 PM (NOTE the new time). Volunteers should park in the parking lot behind the church as the people getting the food park in the lot in front. If you would like to help, please sign up at the Information Table in the Lobby.

### PW POTATO DINNER

**Who doesn't love a tasty baked potato? The PW Baked Potato Dinner will be held on Wednesday, September 27 at 6:00 PM.** Sign up at the Information Table and plan to bring a topping. Please join us for this tasty dinner. As always, (for you non-potato eaters) chicken nuggets will be available. All proceeds will benefit hunger charities. Please sign up at the Information Table.

### SERVING DINNER AT EMMAUS SOUP KITCHEN

Volunteers are needed to assist with serving dinner at Emmaus Soup Kitchen, 218 E. 11<sup>th</sup> St. and Holland St. at 3:30 PM until 6:15 PM (note the new time) Wednesday, October 11. If you would like to help, please sign up at the Information Table in the Lobby or on the Worship +2 form.

### YOUTH LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Presbyterian General Assembly is offering a significant opportunity for young people in the congregation between the ages of 17 and 23 as of June 16, 2018 – the first day of the General Assembly gathering. This provides an opportunity to be a Young Adult Advisory Delegate to General Assembly for the year 2018. General Assembly will meet from June 16 to 23, 2018 in St. Louis. For the young person committed to Jesus Christ with demonstrated leadership gifts, General Assembly service offers a view of the church and an opportunity for growth that is truly unique. Not only will the YAAD participate in a multitude of decisions but he/she will also come to know about 150 YAADs from across the country.

If you or your son/daughter are interested in more information, please contact Keith or James. Applications must be postmarked by September 30, 2017.

## WORSHIP HELPERS NEEDED

Each Sunday Waysiders fill a variety of roles both prior to, during, and after services. There are plenty of opportunities to serve and, for newer members, a great chance to meet your fellow congregants! If you would like to help in any capacity, please sign up at the Information Table or check your Worship + 2 insert to be put on the email list(s).

## WAYSIDE SUMMER VEGETABLE GARDEN

**It's the attack of the vegetables!** Our garden is out of control! If you have some time, please come and harvest our beautiful produce! Donations go to support Second Harvest Food Bank.

Please sign up for a week this summer to weed, water and collect produce in our vegetable garden.

**There is a sign up sheet at the Information Table. Karen Shor will send out reminders when you're week arrives.**

## SECOND HARVEST FARM GLEANING PROJECT

Farm Gleaning is going full speed! This program gleans fruits and vegetables from local farms after the regular harvest. Picking dates and locations will vary through October. Children under age 9 may participate with adult supervision and qualify for school service hours. No commitment is required. Work when you are able. If you are interested in receiving emails about these opportunities, please sign up in the Lobby.

## FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

Our first Fellowship Dinner of the school year will be Wednesday September 13 beginning at 6:00 PM. Nancy and Bobbi Jo Fye will be preparing pasta, salad and dessert. No reservations are needed and everyone is invited! Free will offerings are welcome to offset costs. If you would like to cook the dinner of your choice during the coming year, please contact Bobbi Jo Fye for available dates.

Wednesday September 20 will be a pot luck at Asbury Woods beginning at 6:00 PM (weather permitting). Please sign up at the Information Table or on your Worship + 2 Insert and bring a dish to share.

Wednesday September 27 will be the PW Potato Dinner to benefit CROP Walk 2017. Again, please sign up at the Information Table or on your Worship + 2 Insert and bring a topping to share.

## WEST MILLCREEK FOOD PANTRY SPECIAL REQUEST

**Next week's suggested items for the Food Pantry are** tuna and canned spaghetti. 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".**

## 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.



## *Spiritual Nurture and Education (SN&E)*

### SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS TODAY!!

Sunday school returns today, Sunday September 10, beginning at 9:45 AM. If your child will be attending Sunday school for the first time, please contact Keith or Karen Shor in the office so we can make sure s/he is registered in the correct class.

All volunteers **over age 18 or older must have their clearances**. **If you don't know if you have valid clearances**, please contact Karen Rae at [steward@wayside-erie.org](mailto:steward@wayside-erie.org) or call 833-7653.

If your child is 3 years old or younger, please register her/him for the preschool and/or childcare program. Families with children kindergarten age or younger may sign up in the Nursery for the dates they would like to volunteer or contact Karen Shor at 833-7653 or at [wpc@wayside-erie.org](mailto:wpc@wayside-erie.org). We would like to have the schedule for the year available soon so please sign up today!

### PARENT/TEEN MEETING

Next Sunday, September 17, parents and teens are encouraged to attend a discussion with the Youth Committee and Session about Youth Ministry at Wayside. The meeting will take place during the Sunday School hour beginning at 9:45 AM in Fellowship Hall. We hope every family will be represented. A brief overview of Confirmation will also be shared.

### WOW (WAYSIDE ON WEDNESDAY) KIDS' CLUB

**The WOW Kids' Club is a Wednesday program for youth from 2nd to 5th grade beginning at 4:00 PM.** The children participate in choir and have a variety of activities and service projects throughout the year. The first session will be on Wednesday September 13. If your child would like to participate, please contact Keith or Karen Shor in the office.

### ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

**"The Way of Prayer"** is a class for any who are interested in learning more about prayer and praying. James Bernhardt will lead this class. Sign up now and commit to a class on either Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM or Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM in the church Parlor.

The first Sunday class will be September 10 and the first Wednesday class will be September 13. This is an 11 week course. There will be reading and prayer work to do in preparation for each class.

The participant book is *The Way of Prayer* by Stephen D. Bryant, Jane E. Vennard. You may purchase the participant book yourself or order through the church, payable to Wayside, at the cost of \$10.00. Signup at the Information Table, on your Worship +2 form or contact Karen Shor in the office.

**This week's Issues of Faith will be "The State of the Nation and the Presidency" with Randy Clemons, PH.D.** On September 17 our own Colin Hurley, Director of Community Engagement at Mercyhurst, will discuss the recent Urban Mission with Wayside youth.

Copies of the Issues of Faith calendar for the months of September and October are available on the Table and in the Issues of Faith classroom.