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

September 17, 2017

11:00 AM

PRELUDE

"Pastorale"

Guilmant

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

CHORAL INTROIT

"This Is the Day"
Chancel Choir

Hutson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come from a week of hollow loneliness and lovely companionship,
strained relations and graceful understandings.

We gather this morning to reach out in good will toward our sisters
and brothers in Christ.

We come from a week of sharp heartaches and gentle joys, wrenching stress
and healing recreation.

We gather this morning to seek rest and renewal for our spirits.

We come from a week of straying commitment and positive purpose, blurred
focus and keen insight.

We gather this morning to center ourselves in worship, confessing
Jesus Christ as our Savior.

To the Creator God who draws us together, we offer heartfelt
thanks and praise.

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 35

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

Lobe Den Herren

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In your worship bulletin find a strip of black paper. Take this paper in your hand. When we enter into silent prayer, search your heart to consider those whom you need to forgive, or whom you struggle to forgive. These strips of paper are symbolic of our struggle to forgive and our need to forgive and all that remains unforgiven.

When the basket is passed to you, place the strip of paper into it. These prayers, presented to God, reveal all in us that needs the healing that forgiveness offers.

HYMN OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

"Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands"

St. Columba

Put peace into each other's hands and like a treasure hold it;
protect it like a candle flame, with tenderness enfold it.

Put peace into each other's hands with loving expectation;
be gentle in your words and ways, in touch with God's creation.

Put peace into each other's hands, like bread we break for sharing;
look people warmly in the eye: our life is meant for caring.

Put ***Christ into each other's hands, he is love's deepest measure;***
in love make peace, give peace a chance and share it like a treasure.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Create in me a clean heart, O God

And renew a right spirit within me.

As far as the east is from the west

And as high as the heavens are above the earth, says the Lord,

So far do I remove your sin from you.

In Jesus Christ, forgiveness has come for you, for me, and for all.

You were given a heart-shaped sticker as you entered worship. Wear this now, as a sign that you are forgiven, and that you desire to be forgiving.

ACT OF PRAISE

"Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun"

Barthelemon

Lord, I my vows to You renew. Disperse my sins as morning dew;

Guard my first springs of thought and will, And with Yourself my spirit fill.

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)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Shine the light of your grace and truth upon our pathways,
so we may always walk the way you show us in your Word. Amen.

CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 18: 21-35; NT 20

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Way of Forgiveness"

Teaching Elder James Bernhardt

A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 435

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

In Babilone

CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

INVITATION TO PRAYER

"For God Alone"

Daley

Chancel Choir

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

RECEPTION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem

"As We Come Together"

Pethel

Chancel Choir

*Offertory Response

"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! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TAKING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 819	"Be Still My Soul"	Finlandia
CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		
*BENEDICTION RESPONSE	"May the Grace of Christ Our Savior" Chancel Choir	Newton
*POSTLUDE	"Grand Choeur in C"	arr. 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 17, 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 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.

AUDIO AND VISUAL ASSISTANCE

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:	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 Reitingner, Lorah Momeyer, David Sundberg
Worship Assistant:	Linda Pentz
Sound Board:	Matt McGill
Greeters:	Jean Moore, Worship; Bill Pentz, Spiritual Education & Nurture
Information Table:	Nancy Fye
Fellowship Time:	Lois May
Childcare:	Beth van Helden, Preschool

A reminder to those scheduled to help next week:

Church Opener:	Lee McVey
Ushers:	8:30 AM: Lee McVey & Louise Martin 11:00 AM: Tanner Babb, John Fair, Hadley Jones, Jim Perkins & Samantha Wismer
Worship Assistant:	Mark Smith
Sound Board:	Jonathan Jewell
Greeters:	Jane Hess, Chris Hoyt & Jon Hoyt, Worship; Sheila Kocan, Spiritual Ed. & Nurture
Fellowship Time:	Pam Monaco
Childcare:	Suanna McGuire, Nursery

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17-24, 2017

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
Monday, September 18	6:30 PM	Sanctuary Bells
Tuesday, September 19	7:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Wednesday, September 20	4:30 PM	Family Outing at Asbury Woods
	6:00 PM	Pot Luck Dinner at Asbury Woods
	6:30 PM	The Way of Prayer Class
Thursday, September 21	7:00 PM	Nominating Committee
Sunday, September 24	8:30 AM	Celebration of Worship
	9:30 AM	Chancel Choir
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Celebration of Worship
	12:00 PM	Fellowship Time
	12:15 PM	Confirmation Class
	2:00 PM	CROP Walk

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The Sanctuary Flowers are provided by Amy and Jeff Brinling in memory of their grandparents.

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 TODAY. 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.

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.

GENEROSITY OPPORTUNITIES

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.

HURRICANE RELIEF

As you are aware, Texas and Florida have been devastated by hurricanes. As we learned during the flood experience in West Virginia, it will be months if not years before the areas recover. In addition to financial donations (see the insert), a Mission Team from Wayside will travel to Texas and/or Florida 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.

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.** Please join us for this tasty dinner. As always, (for you non-potato eaters) chicken nuggets will be available. Proceeds benefit CROP Walk. Please sign up at the Information Table and plan to bring a topping.

SERVING DINNER AT EMMAUS SOUP KITCHEN

Volunteers are needed to assist with serving dinner at Emmaus Soup Kitchen, 218 E. 11th 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 your 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

Wednesday September 20 will be a potluck 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

Next week's suggested items for the Food Pantry are toilet tissue and bar soap. 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)

PARENT/TEEN MEETING

Today 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.

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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. Though the class has already begun, if you would like to join, please contact James. The class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM in his office or Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM in the church Parlor. 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.

For **this week's** Issues of Faith class Colin Hurley, Director of Community Engagement at Mercyhurst, will discuss the recent Urban Mission with Wayside youth. September 24 we will hear from Chris Magoc, PhD from Mercyhurst who will **present "Finding America: Snapshots from Erie's African-American Heritage Trail & Historic Multicultural Eastside"**.

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.