

*September 24, 2017*



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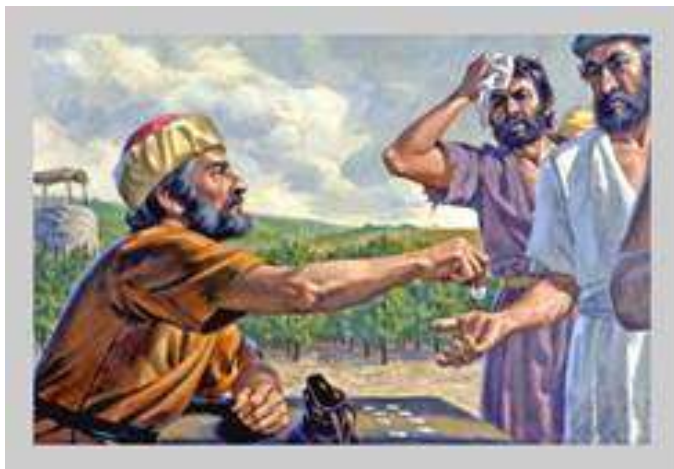
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*CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP*  
*Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

September 24, 2017

11:00 AM

PRELUDE

“Voluntary in A minor”

J. Redford

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*WE APPROACH GOD*

CHORAL INTROIT

“This Is the Day”  
Chancel Choir

Hutson

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Friends in Christ, let us seek God and God’s strength.**

God is our protector and provider. God gives light in the darkness.

God gives water to the thirsty and food to the hungry.

Together, let us sing to God with joy. Let us worship

God with gladness.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 65 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” CWM Rhondda

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we admit the many times that we have sought after things, but have not sought after you; that we have expected generosity, but have not shown generosity; that we have not been gracious or grateful; that we have failed to remember all that you have done. (Silent Prayer)

Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude. Help us to share our gifts and strengthen us so we can run after you, O gracious God.

**In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

People of God! Our sins are forgiven! We are reconciled to God.

Therefore, let us love one another, with gratitude in our hearts and praise on our lips.

\*ACT OF PRAISE

“Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun”

Barthelemon

*Direct, control, suggest, this day, all I design or do or say;*

*That all my powers, with all their might, In Your sole glory may unite.*

## **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

Holy God, let the wisdom of your Word fall upon us like manna and feed our hungry hearts, that we may be strengthened to do all that you call us to do and be, for the glory of your name. Amen.

CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 18: 20:1-16; NT 20

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

**"Can we 'Get Over It'?"**

Teaching Elder James Bernhardt

A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 719

**"Come, Labor On"**

Ora Labora

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

**"God of Grace"**  
Chancel Choir

arr. Larson

\*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!*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## TAKING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

- \*CLOSING HYMN NO. 729      "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"  
I Want to Be a Christian
- CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
- \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE    "May the Grace of Christ Our Savior"      Newton  
Chancel Choir
- \*POSTLUDE      "Flute Piece"      W. Hine

\*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 24, 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: Lee McVey                      Sound Board: Jonathan Jewell  
Ushers: 8:30 AM: Lee McVey & Louise Martin  
              11:00 AM: Tanner Babb, John Fair, Hadley Jones, Sami Wismer  
Worship Assistant: Mark Smith  
Greeters: Jane Hess, Chris Hoyt & Jon Hoyt, Worship; Sheila Kocan, SN&E  
Fellowship Time: Pam Monaco  
Childcare: Suanna McGuire, Nursery; Kristy Stack, Preschool

A reminder to those scheduled to help next week:

Church Opener: Tom Momeyer                      Sound Board: Mac Pollard  
Ushers: 8:30 AM: Bill Bremmer & Ritch Marsh  
              11:00 AM: Pam Monaco, Rachael Sbrocco, Jonathon Sidorowicz, Mark Smith, Dan Taylor  
Worship Assistant: Karen Haas  
Greeters: Gwen & Mark Smith, Worship; Carrie Bastow, SN&E  
Fellowship Time: Jean Moore                      Information Table: **Micki Loesel**  
Childcare: Lori & Ryan Marsh, Nursery; Beth van Helden, Preschool

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24-OCTOBER 1, 2017

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	
	Monday, September 25	12:15 PM	Second Harvest Mobile Food Bank
6:30 PM		Sanctuary Bells	
Tuesday, September 26	1:00 PM	Newsletter Collating	
Wednesday, September 27	11:30 AM	Naomi Circle	
	4:00 PM	<b>WOW Kids' Club</b>	
	4:45 PM	WaYouth Choir	
	5:00 PM	Budget Committee	
	5:30 PM	Primary Choir	
	6:00 PM	PW Potato Dinner to benefit CROP Walk	
	6:30 PM	Adult Bible Study	
	7:00 PM	Worship, Music and Fine Arts (WMFA)	
Thursday, September 28	7:30 PM	Generosity Committee	
	11:30 AM	Elizabeth Circle	
Sunday, October 1	8:30 AM	Celebration of Worship	
	Holy Communion	9:30 AM	Chancel Choir
	World Communion Sunday	9:45 AM	Sunday School
		11:00 AM	Celebration of Worship
		12:00 PM	Fellowship Time
	12:15 PM	Confirmation Class	

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The Sanctuary Flowers are given to the glory of God by Chris and Jon Hoyt in honor of Jane Hess on the occasion of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### 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.

### MUSIC NOTES

Chancel Choir will begin Thursday rehearsals at 7:00 PM on October 5. There will be no rehearsal on October 19. Sunday rehearsals continue at 9:30 AM. Please note: the rehearsal on October 15 will begin at 10:00 AM due to the Congregational Meeting scheduled for 9:30 AM that morning.

Sanctuary Bells rehearse on Monday evenings beginning at 6:30 PM.

**Children's Choirs meet on Wednesdays during WOW. WOW Kids' Choir rehearses beginning at 4:00 PM; WaYouth Choir begins at 4:45 PM while the Primary Choir meets at 5:30 PM.**

If you or your child would like to participate in one of these choirs, please contact Dawn.

## REFORMATION COMMEMORATION

You are invited to a Reformation Commemoration Conversation, Wednesday, September 27, 10:00 AM in the Admiral Room of Blasco Library, 130 East Front Street. This is a panel discussion **led by several local clergy including the Rev. Anita Bernhardt, of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.** Sponsored by Inter-Church Ministries, the basis for the discussion is Martin Marty's book *October 31, 1517: Martin Luther and the Day That Changed the World.* All are welcome.

## GENEROSITY OPPORTUNITIES

### PW POTATO DINNER

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.

### HURRICANE RELIEF

We would like to thank everyone who has donated to the Hurricane Relief Fund. So far we have collected \$2,200.00. If you are interested in participating in a mission trip to TX or FL, 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. If you or your son/daughter are/is interested in more information, please contact Keith or James. Applications must be postmarked by September 30, 2017.

### ERIE CITY MISSION THANKSGIVING FOOD BAGS

Look for the red bags on the Information table at Church to help in one of three ways!

1. Take a bag and shop for the groceries on the attached list & return to Wayside
2. Donate **\$12.00 and we'll shop and fill a bag in your name**
3. Donate cash toward the ECM turkey fund

Erie City Mission distributes 1200 of these Thanksgiving turkey baskets every year. Any extra food donations can be placed in the basket under the table to fill additional bags. Our goal is to **fill 50 food bags, and help purchase 20 turkeys, so let's get started right away, and watch as the filled bags get returned and placed in our sanctuary.**

### ZUCCHINI BREAD SALE TO BENEFIT MISSION

Mark your calendars! October 8 will be our first example of what may be done with Seed Money for Mission. Dawn & Micki will share their talents for baking to provide us with a multitude of delicious zucchini breads – including gluten free – available for sale in the Lobby. All proceeds will go toward our Mission Fund.

Seed money is still available so if you have an idea you would like to fund, please complete one of the forms that can be found on the Information Table.

## FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

This Wednesday, September 27, is the PW Potato Dinner to benefit CROP Walk. Next week, October 4, Micki Loesel & Dawn Weborg will be serving chicken, potatoes, salad and dessert. All are welcome and no reservations are necessary. Good will offerings to defray costs are appreciated.

## 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.

## WAYSIDE NOTE CARDS

Updated versions of our Wayside note cards are now available in the Lobby. Share your generosity of spirit by picking up a card or two and reaching out to a Waysider who deserves your thanks, appreciation or concern.

## WEST MILLCREEK FOOD PANTRY

**Next week's suggested items for the Food Pantry** are mac & 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".**

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

### **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. Schedules for the coming year are available on the Information Table in the Lobby. **This week is "Christmas in September". We will color cards to be sent to our military troops.**

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

Our congregation marks the beginning of Middle School for all our sixth graders with a gift and a retreat. Our first class will be this Sunday, September 24 beginning at 12:15 PM.

The Spiritual Nurture and Education Committee will present our youth with *The CEB Student Bible* on Sunday, October 8, during the Worship Services. The verses are written in common English and the Bible is interjected with helpful essays by teens and adults.

The overnight retreat begins that afternoon at Camp Mission Meadows. Seventh graders who could not attend last year are invited as well. Registration forms will be available soon.

## ISSUES OF FAITH

For **this week's** Issues of Faith class 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"**. October 1 we will hear from Sean Fedorko, CEO of Sharespace about **"The Future of Erie."** Copies of the Issues of Faith calendar for the months of September and October are available on the Information Table and in the Issues of Faith classroom.

## THE WAY OF PRAYER

**James' Bible study class continues.** The class meets during the Sunday School hour beginning at 9:45 AM in James' office. The other class meets on Wednesday nights following the Fellowship Dinner beginning at 6:30 PM in the Parlor. This is the last week that new members will be added to the class. If you wish to join, please contact James.