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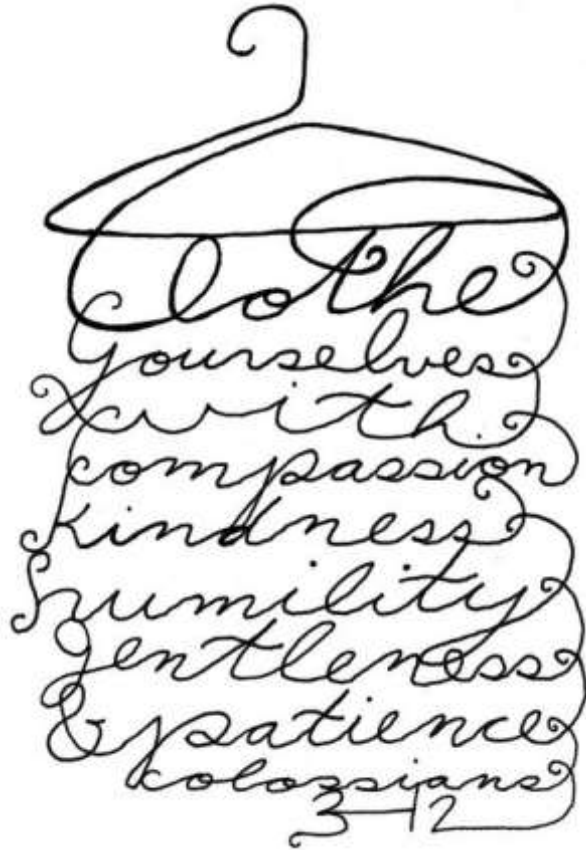
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*CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP*  
*Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

October 15, 2017

11:00 AM

PRELUDE

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

arr. Wagner

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*WE APPROACH GOD*

CHORAL INTROIT

"The Lord is Maker of the Seasons"  
Chancel Choir

Gearhart

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

You have been called to the banquet.

**This is the feast.**

You have been summoned to the wedding.

**This is the feast of life and light.**

From the streets and the byways, God has invited us.

**We have come to the banquet that has no end.**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 39

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Faithfulness

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God, you invite us to your feast, and we do not come.

You show us how to give thanks for life, and we fail in our thanksgiving.

You have made for us a wonderful earth, and we neglect the gift.

Forgive us for things we have done without thought, or from wrong intent, and for abandoning the pathway you desire for us.

Be our guide and conscience.

Turn our feet and hands to your will, that all we do might magnify you.

Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Know that the God of peace, who calls all creation to live in unity, hears our plea. In mercy God invites us to the feast of forgiveness and thanksgiving:

Our sin is forgiven!

Let us rejoice in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior,

Who died and rose from the dead to take away the shroud of despair and to clothe us in light and joy. Amen.

\*ACT OF PRAISE

"Go to the World!"

Sine Nomine

*Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;  
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.*

***As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.***

*Alleluia! 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)*

ANTHEM

"Praise and Reflection"  
Sanctuary Bells

Parrish

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, who has the words of life, your word is a feast all its own.  
Let your Holy Spirit open our minds so we may listen, and be healed and reconciled so we may live fully for you. Amen.

CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:12-17; NT 201

Matthew 22:1-14; NT 24

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"I Deserve This"

Teaching Elder James Bernhardt

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 186 "Come Now, You Blessed, Eat At My Table"

Come Now, You Blessed

CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY

INVITATION TO PRAYER

"Prayer for Peace"  
Chancel Choir

Daley

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

RECEPTION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem

"Prayer of St. Francis"  
Chancel Choir

Pote

\*Offertory Response No. 701

"Sanctuary"

Thompson

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy,  
tried and true; with thanksgiving,  
**I'll be a living sanctuary for you.***

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

\*CLOSING HYMN NO. 649 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" Amazing Grace

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Six-Fold Amen"  
Chancel Choir

Moore

\*POSTLUDE

"Gigue"

D. 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, October 15, 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	Sound Board:	Jim Allman
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 Reitingler, Lorah Momeyer, David Sundberg		
Worship Assistant:	Marilyn Russell		
Greeters:	Pattie Pora, Worship; Gene Sundberg, SN&E		
Information Table:	Tracey Bowes	Fellowship Time:	Gwen & Mark Smith
Childcare:	David & Kylie Sundberg Family, Nursery; Hurley Family, Preschool		

A reminder to those scheduled to help next week:

Church Opener:	Lee McVey	Sound Board:	Jonathan Jewell
Ushers: 8:30 AM:	Lee McVey and Louise Martin		
11:00 AM:	Tanner Babb, John Fair, Hadley Jones, Jim Perkins, Samantha Wismer		
Worship Assistant:	Rita Brown		
Greeters:	Jean Moore, Worship; Bobbi Jo Fye, SN&E		
Information Table:	Pam Monaco	Fellowship Time:	Mary & Ron Kolb
Childcare:	Hutzelman Family, Nursery; Beth van Helden, Preschool		

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 15-22, 2017

Sunday, October 15	8:30 AM	Celebration of Worship	
	9:15 AM	Congregational Meeting & Breakfast	
	9:45 AM	Sunday School	
	10:00 AM	Chancel Choir	
	11:00AM	Celebration of Worship	
	12:00 PM	Fellowship Time	
	12:15 PM	Confirmation Class	
	Monday, October 16	6:30 PM	Sanctuary Bells
Tuesday, October 17	7:00 PM	<b>Deacons' Prayer Shawl Ministry</b>	
Wednesday, October 18	4:00 PM	<b>WOW Kids' Club</b>	
	NO WaYouth Choir	5:30 PM	Primary Choir
	6:00 PM	Fellowship Dinner	
	6:30 PM	Adult Bible Study	
			Personnel Committee
Thursday, October 19	12:30 PM	Lunch Bunch at the Sloppy Duck Saloon	
		NO Chancel Choir	
Saturday, October 21	8:00 AM	ServErie Project	
Sunday, October 22	8:30 AM	Celebration of Worship	
	Soup Sunday	9:30 AM	Chancel Choir
	Children Sing	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 provided by the Flower Fund in memory of Grace Zarenko whose birthday would have been October 18.

### WELCOME OUR SUBSTITUTE ORGANIST

Our guest organist/choir director once again is Laurie Hitt. Laurie teaches music in Fairview and is a good friend of this congregation. Welcome back, Laurie.

### MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

**A meeting of Wayside's Congregation and Corporation** is today, October 15, at 9:15 AM. Please plan to join us for the annual election of officers.

### WAYSIDE PHOTO DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!

Our new church photo directories have arrived! If you had your picture taken to be included in this directory, you may pick up your free copy at the table in the church lobby before or after church for the next few weeks. The directories will be in the church office during the week if you would like to drop by and pick yours up. Many thanks to everyone who participated in this project!

### IN THE EYES OF THE ARTIST

We are featuring the wonderful watercolors of **Wilda Sundberg "In the Eyes of the Artist"** display. Please take the opportunity to see this beautiful collection in the Parlor.

## PW CIRCLES

- Naomi Circle will meet on Wednesday, October 25 at noon in the Parlor.
- Elizabeth Circle will meet on Thursday, October 26 at 11:30 AM in the Parlor. This month is OctoberFest. A hearty soup and dessert will be provided by Betsy Deimel so leave your sandwich at home!

## REFORMATION CELEBRATION

Join us Sunday, October 22 from 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM at the Siebenbuerger Club, 2114 French St., for a Celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation. Activities include dinner, worship and hymns, entertainment and a cash bar. Sponsored by local Lutheran Churches, the proceeds benefit LWR. Cost is \$20 donation. For tickets, see James Bernhardt.

## ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 7

If you are registered to vote in Pennsylvania but will be away for whatever reason on November 7, you may apply for an absentee ballot. Last day to request an absentee ballot is October 31. All non-military absentee ballots must be returned by November 3. Applications are on the Information Table.

## *GENEROSITY OPPORTUNITIES*

### ZUCCHINI BREAD SALE UPDATE

Thank you to all who supported the zucchini bread sale last Sunday. We raised \$500 that will go toward mission. Thanks especially to Micki Loesel & Dawn Weborg for all the delicious choices!

### ERIE CITY MISSION THANKSGIVING FOOD BAGS

Your response has been amazing! We not only met our goal of filling 50 bags, we actually had to get another 25! Erie City Mission distributes 1200 of these Thanksgiving turkey baskets every year. Though we have filled all the bag, we are still accepting donations to the turkey fund. We are hoping to help purchase 20 turkeys.

### BAKERS NEEDED

- Our superb bakers are asked to help provide baked goods for the PW General Election Bake Sale to be held on Tuesday November 7. Bring your bake goods pre-packaged and clearly labeled **as "PW Election Day" to the church no later than noon Monday November 6.**
- Monday, October 30, 2017 is Wayside's day to provide desserts to the Emmaus Soup Kitchen. Please bring your desserts to Wayside when you have time and put them in **the freezer in the kitchen, clearly marked "Emmaus Soup Kitchen Dessert"**. All desserts will be delivered to the Soup Kitchen by Wayside Deacons on Monday October 30 by 10:00 AM. Thank you in advance for helping to care for others.

Signup sheets for both events are on the Information Table in the Lobby.

### CARING CLOSET

Like other congregations throughout the area, **Wayside is collecting "Coats for Kids."** Waysiders are encouraged to bring in gently used coats, jackets, mittens, scarves, gloves, hats, and boots (any outerwear for Erie winters) of any size infant through adult. These items will be **distributed as needed through the "Caring Closet" of the Erie City School District.** Items should be left on the coat rack just inside the ramped entrance by the parlor.

## OVERFLOW SHELTER TOILETRIES COLLECTION

The overflow shelter at First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant provides facilities and toiletries for showers for their clients. We are still collecting trial size items such as shaving cream, shampoo, combs, deodorant, toothpaste, disposable razors and feminine products to help fill this need. A basket is in the Lobby next to the West Millcreek Food Pantry basket. Please remember these folks as you travel and shop.

## 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)*

### REFORMATION CELEBRATION

In celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation, our congregation is sending a letter of gratitude to the churches and religious communities who have enriched our faith with their own. Along with the letter, **we will send a children's book that was written by two Jewish scholars. They have offered their understanding of three of Jesus' best-known parables.** Their conclusion is that everyONE in the world is important. We invite you to help us mark this anniversary with gratitude.

We are looking for suggestions of recipients, donations for the book, and folks to deliver the book and card the week of Reformation Sunday. We will hold a congregational intergenerational event on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday School hour.

## **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. October 18 we will go bowling. October 25 we will discuss the Reformation and prepare for the celebration by creating a parament for the pulpit.**

## WAYOUTH

Good conversation, service opportunities and fellowship are available twice a week for our teens on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening. The focus is always on how we live our faith in the world. Youth are urged to stop in when they have the time. Jill and Matt McCullough and Keith will be there to welcome and to catch up on life.

**A new "Wayside Youth Group" Facebook page has been set up by Jill. She will be on line each Monday at 9:00 PM to share a spiritual devotion. If you can't be on line at that time, listen to the recording any time during the week. Jill will make you a member by request.**

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

The Confirmation class participated in a Presbytery-wide retreat this weekend. The regular class will meet next Sunday, October 22.

## ISSUES OF FAITH

This week, October 15, Mary Ann Owoc, Ph.D, Anthropology/Archaeology, Mercyhurst University will talk about **"Graveyards and Grief Rituals"**. October 22 Tyler Titus, LPC will help us learn about Supporting the Trans Community.