

WAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 15, 2023



*We have
found
the*
Messiah

January 15, 2023

10:00 am

Order of Worship

Text in **bold** congregation reads together. *Indicates congregation standing, if able.
Please turn off cell phones & other devices.

We Gather to Worship

CENTERING MUSIC & LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come as seekers,

Unsured of what we seek.

We come as followers,

Not understanding the One we follow.

We come to worship,

Even though we don't know how.

Holy One, by your grace,

Meet us where we are. Meet us here. Meet us now.

*HYMN #645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

(Glory to God)

*OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, you sent your son to be the light of the world, so that all may know the brightness of your love. Fill us with your grace this day that we too may bear witness to his light and serve your coming reign. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Like the early disciples, we are curious about this Jesus, this Son of God. We may be tempted to stay away, for we know we are not worthy of him. But Jesus does not care about worth, wealth and power. Jesus seeks those who would follow honestly, willing to face their failures in order to grow closer to God. In that spirit, let us turn to Christ.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the ages, we do not always wait with patience. We do not always sing your praises. We do not always recognize your work in our lives. We would rather take the credit for ourselves. We would rather take the easy way out. We would rather step on others if it means more for ourselves. Forgive us for all the ways we forget you. Help us to delight to do your will. Help us to trust in you and return us to the path of righteousness.

Silent meditation

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The Lamb of God takes away the sins of the world. The Lamb of God takes away the sins of each and every one of us.

Christ has mercy on us, forgiving our sins. Alleluia!

***PASSING THE PEACE** *(Please share the peace however you feel comfortable)*

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***PEACE RESPONSE** *There's A Sweet Sweet Spirit*

There's a sweet, sweet, Spirit in this place,

And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord:

There are sweet expressions on each face,

and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove: Open our ears to the truth of your word, that the testimony of Christ may be strengthened among us and the glad news of deliverance revealed.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalms 40:1-11

1 I waited patiently for the Lord to help me, and he turned to me and heard my cry. 2 He lifted me out of the pit of despair, out of the mud and the mire. He set my feet on solid ground and steadied me as I walked along. 3 He has given me a new song to sing, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see what he has done and be amazed. They will put their trust in the Lord. 4 Oh, the joys of those who trust the Lord, who have no confidence in the proud or in those who worship idols.

5 O Lord my God, you have performed many wonders for us. Your plans for us are too numerous to list. You have no equal. If I tried to recite all your wonderful deeds, I would never come to the end of them. 6 You take no delight in sacrifices or offerings. Now that you have made me listen, I finally understand— you don't require burnt offerings or sin offerings.

7 Then I said, "Look, I have come. As is written about me in the Scriptures: 8 I take joy in doing your will, my God, for your instructions are written on my heart." 9 I have told all your people about your justice. I have not been afraid to speak out, as you, O Lord, well know.

10 I have not kept the good news of your justice hidden in my heart; I have talked about your faithfulness and saving power. I have told everyone in the great assembly of your unfailing love and faithfulness. 11 Lord, don't hold back your tender mercies from me. Let your unfailing love and faithfulness always protect me.

SECOND READING

John 1:29-34 (Jesus, the Lamb of God.)

29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! He is the one I was talking about when I said, 'A man is coming after me who is far greater than I am, for he existed long before me.' I did not recognize him as the Messiah, but I have been baptizing with water so that he might be revealed to Israel." Then John testified, "I saw the Holy Spirit descending like a dove from heaven and resting upon him. I didn't know he was the one, but when God sent me to baptize with water, he told me, 'The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and rest is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' I saw this happen to Jesus, so I testify that he is the Chosen One of God"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Follow Me

*HYMN #2129 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

(The Faith We Sing)

We Respond to God

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING OF TITHES & GIFTS

Our God has done wondrous things, too numerous to count. Through steadfast love and faithful care, God enriches us in every way. Therefore, do not delay! Let us offer to God ourselves this day, all that we have and all that we are, in praise and love of Christ.

RESPONSE #2071 Jesus, Name above All Names

(The Faith We Sing)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We give you thanks, O loving God, that you have placed in the hearts of your faithful people the gift of generosity and the desire to do your will. Use these gifts to proclaim good news to every nation and restore all people to Christ.

Amen.

*HYMN #839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

(Glory to God)

*CHARGE

Jesus called Simon and Andrew. No questions, they dropped their nets. James and John left their boats and left their father sitting in one. Jesus, we hear you calling us. We want to leave our boats and drop our nets. Help us let go.

*BLESSING (Romans 16:25-27)

Now all glory to God, who is able to make you strong, just as my Good News says. This message about Jesus Christ has revealed his plan for you Gentiles, a plan kept secret from the beginning of time. But now as the prophets foretold and as the eternal God has commanded, this message is made known to all Gentiles everywhere, so that they too might believe, obey and follow him. All glory to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, forever. Amen.
And always remember...

The Light of God surrounds us, the love of God enfolds us, the power of God protects us, the presence of God watches over us. Wherever we are, God is! Alleluia! Amen.

Worship Leaders: Becky Ventre, C.C.D.

Worship Assistant: Kim Carlson

Musicians: Bruce Decker, Mark Panfil,

Please join us for coffee and fellowship immediately after the service.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT WAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

Bible Study - Prepare *Study Guide* Chapters 10 & 11 for January 6th and *Study Guide* Chapter 12 for January 13th.

Wayside's Annual Soup-A-Thon is back! Mark your calendars for February 5, 2023. Please see sign-up sheets downstairs on board outside of the main office.

Wayside's Annual Meeting to receive and review reports from 2022 is scheduled for Sunday, January 29, 2023. Learn all about what's been done, as well as the plans for the future. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to stay!

If you, or a member of your family are in the hospital please let the office know so we can arrange a visit and prayers.

We have an amazing opportunity as a church to travel to Choma, Zambia Africa, to partner with an incredible organization/church called Poetice. We will be a part of "Love Choma 2023" July 20-31 as we come alongside Poetice in meeting the incredible needs of the city. There's a meeting today, January 15, after service. You don't have to make a commitment this week, just come and ask questions and see how the Lord might ask you to be a part of this exciting outreach.

Interested in becoming a Member? We'd love to have you. All you have to do is give the office a call (716-627-2150) and let us know that you're interested. Everyone is welcome!

Have we missed your birthday or anniversary date? Please contact the office so we can get your information on file for the next time. We can only celebrate the dates that we have on record.

Do you not receive the *weekly email*? Please let Julie know if you do not, so she can add you to our contact list and keep you up to date on all things going on.

Coffee Hour Treats. We all love our treats with our coffee. Please consider signing up to bring in some treats one Sunday to share during coffee hour.

If you filled out a "*Connect With Us*" card, you should have received the weekly email on Friday. If you did not, please call Julie, send her a text at 716-983-3888, or send the office an email at waysidechurch@hotmail.com and let us know. If you didn't get a chance to fill out a card, please take the time to do so. You can find the cards on the table where we collect the offerings. Please put cards in the offering plate when you are finished.

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would like to be included on the prayer list, please call the church office. Remember to keep us posted with updates about these folks as well. Normally, if we have not heard any updates about a person, the name will be moved off the list after 30 days.

All Military Personnel
Claire & Charlotte Freid
Gordon Poecking
Ainette Marshall
Jamie
Ray Wise
Joan Kelly
Pike/Peiffer Family
Caleb Pelka
Rich & Judie Miller
Carol Sherer
Skip Chase

Ed Nendza & Family
Elaine Jabcuga
Doris Stein
Janice Leigh
Donald Minnick
Kimberly Borkowski
Wendy Ritchey
Marjorie English
Kristina Carlson
Jill Slighter
Jason Weldy
Kim Chase

Rhoda Peace
Bob Palyszeski
Victims of violence, and tragedy, their families and loved ones.

WAYSIDE'S SCHEDULE

*Subject to change. Please check Facebook and email for updates.

Sunday 01/15

10:00 Worship
10:00 Sunday School
Coffee Hour & Fellowship

Monday 01/16

9:00-1:00 Office hours
9:00-1:00 Lake Shore Pre-School closed
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Tuesday 01/17

9:00-1:00 Office hours
9:00-11:30 Lake Shore Pre-School
12:15-2:45 Lake Shore Pre-School
6:00 WOW Night Sewing Group

Wednesday 01/18

9:00-1:00 Office hours
9:00-1:00 Lake Shore Pre-School
10:00 Women of Wayside (W.O.W.)
10:30 AA Support Group

Thursday 01/19

9:00-1:00 Office hours
9:00-1:00 Lake Shore Pre-School
6:00 Girl Scouts

Friday 01/20

9:00-1:00 Office hours
9:00 Lake Shore Pre-School
9:30 Bible Study
10:30 AA Support Group
12:15-2:45 Lake Shore Pre-School

Saturday 01/21

Sunday 01/22

10:00 Worship
10:00 Sunday School
Coffee Hour & Fellowship

Monday 01/23

9:00-1:00 Office hours
9:00-1:00 Lake Shore Pre-School

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