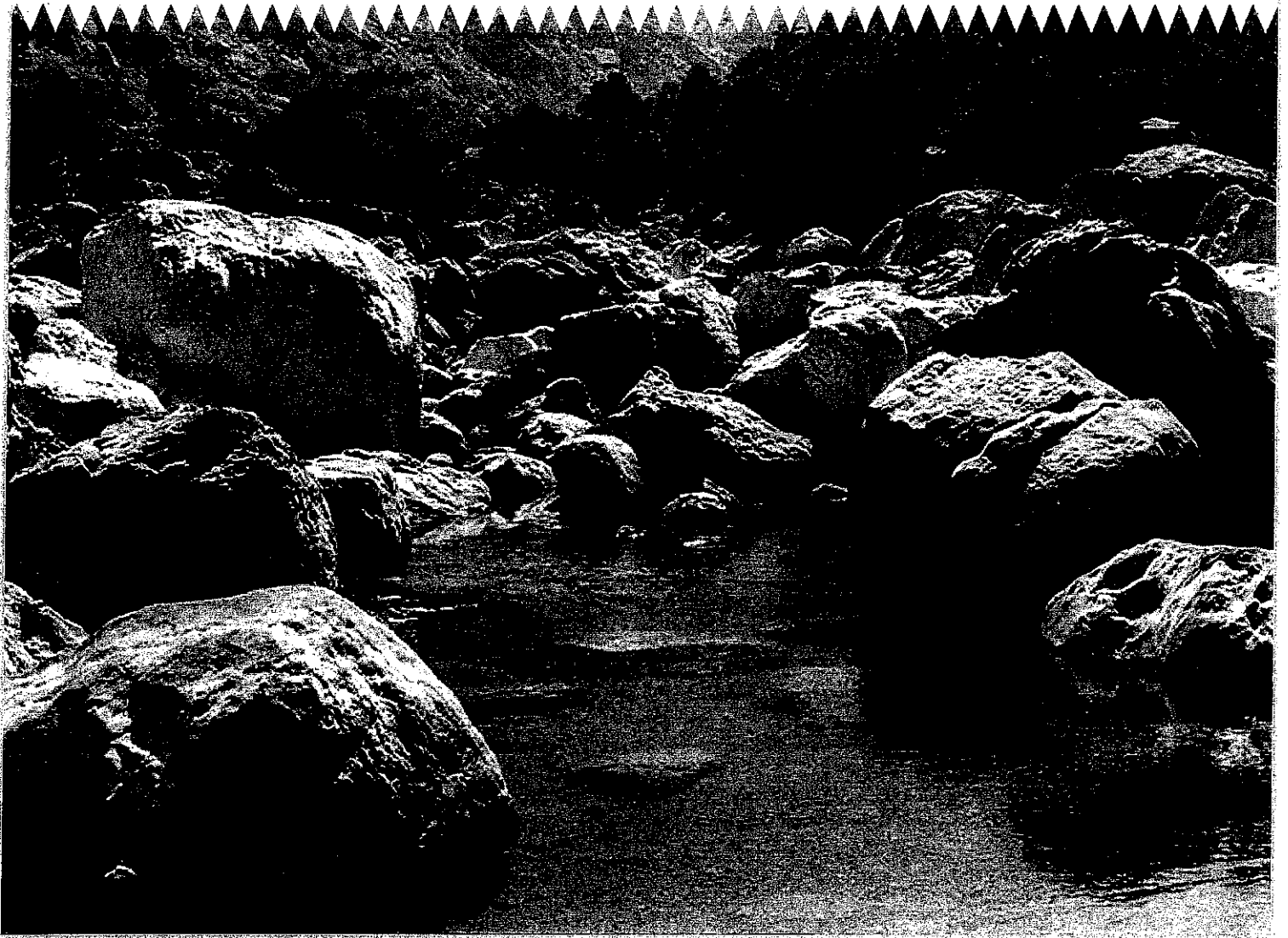


# A Way in the Wilderness



Wayne Presbyterian Church

Sharing the Ministry of Jesus Christ through Worship, Education and Mission



September 12, 2021

## Welcome! What to expect in worship

Thank you for joining us at Wayne Presbyterian Church. We are glad you are here. Worship is an opportunity to encounter God's grace. We receive grace in hearing God's Word, sacraments, music, liturgy, and in our relationships with each other. Grace also frees us from anxiety and perfectionism. Sing the wrong line of the hymn? Forget the name of the person next to you? Your child hollers during the prayers? Worry not. Here, grace abounds! Grace is God's free gift of love that sets us free, and we hope that you will feel the freedom of Christ in this service.



Liturgy

Liturgy literally means "the work of the people." We think worship should be interactive. It is designed to engage the whole person—heart, mind, soul, and body. Therefore, we sing, speak, stand, sit, eat, watch, think, and sit in silence. If worship is a performance, it is the church's performance for God. Each week we do our best to make sure that God is praised using everything we have.



Prayer

Our lives are full of lament and celebration. We therefore come to God with honesty recognizing that God wants to hear our deepest pain and most pressing questions, and loves to see the Church joyfully celebrate God's great gifts.



Offering

We give tithes and offerings as a response to God's grace in our lives. Knowing that all good blessings come from God, the offering is an opportunity to joyfully spread that blessing throughout the world. Guests are not expected or obligated to give.



Communion

Christ is the host of the communion feast. Everyone who is searching to know Christ is welcome at the table.



Childcare

We love children. As a child-cherishing church, we provide a variety of educational opportunities for children. They are welcome in the worship service or in Sunday school. We also have a lovely nursery staffed by professional childcare workers if you need a break.



Masks

With the increased rate of cases of the Delta variant, we are asking all congregants to mask while in the building for worship or other meetings.

## today | christian education

### CHILDREN THROUGH GRADE 5

9:00 am

Children's Program - 204

10:30 am

Children's Sunday School - Davidson Hall

*Childcare available in the nursery at all services*

### YOUTH GRADES 6 - 12

9:00 am

Confirmation Class - 208, 209

10:30 am

MS / HS Sunday School - 208, 209

### ADULT ED

9:00 am

One Book One Church - Chapel & Fireside Rm.

9:00 am

Bible Study w/ Joe Modica - Knox Rm.

## this week

### WEDNESDAY - WORD BEFORE WORK

(BI WEEKLY) - 6:45a - Fireside & Zoom - 6:45a /

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** - 9:30a - Fireside & Zoom

**WOMEN'S AFTER WORK** - 7:00p - Fireside & Zoom

### WEDNESDAY PSAD GROUP - 6:45 PM - Zoom

A support group for parents of adolescents and teens challenged by anxiety and depression (Parent Support for Anxiety & Depression - PSAD).

### THURSDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - 7:00a

- Fireside & Zoom - Our speaker is Darrell Pearson, Professor of Youth Ministry and Director of Online Youth Ministry Youth Leadership Program.

### THURSDAY MOMS (Ministry of Motherhood)

**GROUP** - 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Bi-weekly. Join us and enjoy great fellowship with other parents in the Fireside or via Zoom.

For a full calendar of events in the life of our church

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 12, 2021 - 9:00 & 10:30 am Services

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*Please silence electronic devices during worship.*

*+This sign is an indication to stand as you are able.*

## Prelude

*Adagio from Symphonie No. 5*

TIM EVERS, ORGAN

Charles-Marie Widor

## Introit

*We Come to Worship God*

CHANCEL CHOIR

Lewis

## Call to Worship

(adapted from Isaiah 43)

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

**When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.**

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

**Come, let us worship God!**

**+ Hymn 82 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus***

HYFRYDOL

**+ Prayer of Confession** *(responsively)*

Lord, we find it hard to love all those whom you love. We find it hard to act when you ask us to pray for our enemies or to bless those who would persecute us. We find ourselves wondering at just how wide your mercy might be. We are also grateful, Lord. We are grateful that your mercy is wide enough for us. We are grateful that you have commanded our enemies to love us. We are grateful that you love us and bring us through the waters into freedom. Continue to make us into the people you desire us to be. In your son's name, we pray, amen.

**+ Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**+ Gloria Patri (Hymn 581)**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

**+ Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

----- Seating Interval -----

## **Anthem**

### *O Spirit*

Robert Wetzler

QUARTET

Dear ocean high, 'neath open sky, a Spirit moves with mercy through each storm; the One who reigns with God on high will keep your spirit safe from harm. When joys descend, when woes ascend, a Spirit roams the landscape of the mind; the One at rest at mother's breast will bring God's peace to humankind. Be still my heart, God will impart a Spirit calm as nature takes each breath; the One with love from high above will be your breath in life, in death. Herbert Brokerin

## **First Scripture Reading: Matthew 3:1-6**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Prayer Concerns and Choral Orison**

### *Turn Unto the Lord*

Thiman

CHANCEL CHOIR

## **Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (in unison)**

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## **+ Hymn 484 *Out of Deep, Unordered Water***

RUSTINGTON

## **Announcements and Offering**

Giving by text is an easy way to give. Simply text the word GIVE (not case sensitive) to our church's Giving Number (610 819 4483). If it's your first time, you'll be prompted to register before completing your gift. If you've given before, you can give immediately without having to re-enter any of your information.

## **Musical Offertory**

### *Inscription of Hope*

Z. Randall Stroope

CHANCEL CHOIR

I believe in the sun, even when it is not shining. And I believe in love, even when there's no one there. And I believe in God, even when he is silent. I believe through any trial there is always a way. But sometimes in this suffering, and hopeless despair, my heart cries for shelter, to know someone's there. But a voice rises within me saying hold on my child, I'll give you strength, I'll give you hope, just stay a little while. May there someday be sunshine. May there someday be happiness. May there someday be love. May there someday be peace.

## **+ Doxology (Hymn 606) and Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

## **Second Scripture Reading: Exodus 14:19-29**

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The

Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

*Through the Waters into the Wilderness*

CASEY THOMPSON

**+ Hymn 65** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

RHONDDA

**+ Benediction and Choral Response**

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

CHANCEL CHOIR

Lutkin

## **Postlude**

*Toccata from Symphonie No. 5*

TIM EVERS, ORGAN

Charles-Marie Widor

## **LITURGISTS**

Richard Miller & Katy Shevel

## **FLOWERS**

The Chancel flowers today are given to the Glory of God.

## upcoming events

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY CLASSES THIS FALL

**WinGS** Bible Study offers an opportunity for the Holy Spirit to open our minds to the Word and to put that knowledge into our hearts to strengthen the daily walk with Jesus. Classes meet the women where they are on their spiritual journey. It is not uncommon for Seekers and Life-long students of Scripture to be in the same study. They provide more than a time for Christian education. Whether the format is weekly or bi-weekly classroom settings, ZOOM sessions, Wednesday mornings or evenings, or the Thursday MOMs program, we offer various ways for fellowship, prayer, and building lasting relationships.

**THERE'S ALWAYS A SEAT AT THE TABLE!** For more information on the Fall 2021 Classes, go to [www.waynepres.org](http://www.waynepres.org) women's ministries, bible study.

### THURSDAY MORNING MEN'S MINISTRY - 7:00 AM VIA ZOOM

We are offering a "hybrid" format on Zoom and the Fireside room in September. Darrell Pearson, D.Min., Professor of Youth Ministry and Director of the Online Youth Ministry Leadership Program, will be our guest speaker in September.

### AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE SIGN UP - SEPTEMBER 27 - 1:00 - 7:00 PM

We are late starting sign ups and hope you will join us. We have only a few spots left to fill and the need is so great as many corporate drives are still not being held. Please help by donating and passing this email along to five people (think old fashion chain letter....for a life sustaining cause.)

### LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS WITH THE YOUTH OF WPC

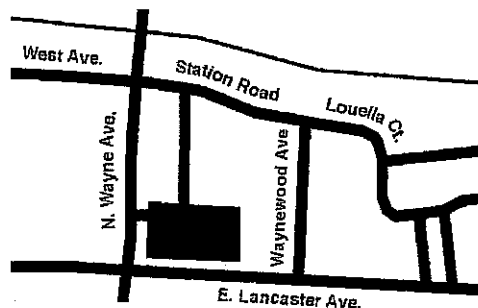
There are several openings to volunteer with the Youth Ministry this year. We have our Confirmation class (Sundays 9am), Sunday School class (Sundays 10:30-11:30am), and our Youth Group hangout (Sundays 6-8pm). If you want to help shape the next generation, to dive into the Bible, or just plain have fun—there's an opportunity for you! For more information, please contact Austin ([austin@waynepres.org](mailto:austin@waynepres.org)) for more details if you think this is may be of interest to you.

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

We are in need of one more Sunday school teachers and a bunch of volunteers to assist in the nursery in the Fall. Please, consider this joy-filled ministry opportunity. As one volunteer teacher told me recently, "It is an honor to uphold the vows the congregation makes when a child is baptized!" Contact Kelli to learn more.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE RADNOR FALL FESTIVAL - SUNDAY 9/19 FROM 12-4P

We are in need of volunteers for this year's festival! If you feel called to help represent Wayne Presbyterian Church at this local event, please reach out to Rev. Katy Shevel ([katy@waynepres.org](mailto:katy@waynepres.org)).



### Radnor Fall Festival closes North Wayne Avenue NEXT Sunday, September 19

North Wayne Avenue will be closed from Lancaster Avenue north to West Ave. Please enter the church parking lot that morning using Station Road at the light next to the train station or Waynewood Ave. next to the Wayne Hotel.

What's going on at Wayne Presbyterian Church - come be a part of it!

### **Children's Ministry**

Children Program	K through grade 5	9:00 am
Sunday School Classes	Age two through fifth grade	10:30 am

### **Youth Ministry**

Confirmation	Sunday	9:00 am
MS / HS Sunday School	Grades 6 - 12	10:30 am
Youth Group	Wednesday	6:00 pm (dinner provided)

### **Adult Education**

Sundays	Bible Study w/ Joe Modica	9:00 am
Mondays	Bible Study Class w/ Casey,	9:30 am
Wednesdays	Women's Bible studies groups	6:45, 9:30 am & 7:00 pm
Thursdays	Men's Thursday Morning Fellowship	7:00 am

### **Music Ministry**

Chancel Choir Adults	Thursdays	7:30 pm
Wayne Oratorio Society	Adults, Tuesdays	7:30 pm
Te Deum Bell Choir	Adults, Mondays	7:30 pm
Selah Bell Choir	Adults, Tuesdays	9:00 am
WPC Orchestra	Youth / Adults, Wednesdays	7:30 pm
Westminster Choir	Youth grades 6-12, Sundays	5:00 pm

### **Mission Outreach**

For information about outreach opportunities, see our church newsletter or visit <http://www.waynepres.org/aboutmission>.

### **Other Ministries**

Deacon Ministries - outreach through the Angel Tree, Easter Egg Tree, Compassion Fund, Career Networking and Blood Drive.

Spiritual Direction - for individuals and groups.

WinGS - Women in God's Service, supports and promotes mission, fellowship and Bible study.

Wayne Presbyterian Nursery School - Weekday developmental program, 2½ to 5 year olds.

### **One Book One Church Program**

All-church book read of *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger.

Sundays 9:00 am and 10:30 am

September 12 - Book Club discussions

September 19 - Carlisle Indian School Project Presentation

September 26 - Zoom with author William Kent Krueger

October 3 - "A Presbyterian Talks Revivals" with Rev Katy Shevel

For complete staff contact information, see our church website at [www.waynepres.org](http://www.waynepres.org).



**Music Transforms**  
presents

# David Kim

Concertmaster of The Philadelphia Orchestra

**Sunday, September 19, 2021**  
**4:00 pm**

**Wayne Presbyterian Church**

125 E. Lancaster Ave., Wayne, PA 19087  
610-688-8700 / [www.waynepres.org](http://www.waynepres.org)



## preaching schedule

September 19	Casey Thompson
September 26	Casey Thompson
October 3	Casey Thompson
October 10	Katy Shevel, Austin Ricketts & Richard Miller

## coffee hour

Join us for a time of fellowship and coffee in between worship services. Meet us in the parking lot under the tent at 10 a.m. every Sunday morning!

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