

Join us for our Summer Preaching Series:

June 26th, 10am:	Puah & Shiprah
July 3rd, 10am:	Esther & Mordecai
July 10th, 10am:	Thief on the Cross
July 17th, 10am:	Anna
July 24th, 10am:	Judas Iscariot
July 31st, 10am:	Ethiopian Eunuch
August 7th, 10am:	Lydia
August 14th, 10am:	Eutychus
August 21st, 10am:	Joseph of Arimathea
August 28th, 10am:	Bartimaeus
September 4th, 10am:	Daughters of Zelophehad



About the Cover Art: I learned the story of Jonah as a child at summer Vacation Bible School. I was taught that Jonah was a young prophet called by God for a big task—a task so big that Jonah ran in fear. While some of that may be true, in recent years, I have learned another side to the story.

What I did not know as a child was that Jonah was not necessarily afraid of his call, but was reluctant to show his enemy grace. Jonah did not like the Ninevites—those to whom God had called him to prophesy. They were brutal people. Why would anyone want to give such brutal and violent people a second chance?

Jonah's hatred of the Ninevite people led me to include the figs, which are a biblical symbol for Israel, and the whale, a symbol of Jonah's deep resentment, encompassed by Jonah's testimony about God (Jonah 4:2). In this verse, Jonah confesses to God, "That is why I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love."

This story is about a man who was reluctant to forgive and a God who is so loving that grace and forgiveness are the only option. It's a powerful truth.

May this story, and Jonah's grudge, remind us of all the ways in which we need saving. May it remind us just how good and compassionate our God truly is, for not a day goes by when I don't need that same unrelenting grace that God showed Jonah and the Ninevites. —Sarah Are

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i knew you were
by sarah are
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JONAH 4:2







Wayne Presbyterian Church

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



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**
- Masks are now OPTIONAL for all services and events.

Announcements

COFFEE HOUR TODAY: Stop by for Coffee Hour and fellowship in the Connector after worship. Remaining Summer Coffee Hours are Sunday, July 17th, and Sunday, August 21st

VACATION: Tim Evers, our Director of Music, is on vacation through Tuesday, July 5th. Thank you, Matt Lista, for directing the choir this morning.

SUMMER CHOIR: Choir rehearsals will be at 9 a.m. in the Music Room for the summer.

BOOK CLUB: Book Club will meet next week, June 26th and 27th. Visit waynepres.org to register.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Wednesday, July 6th, 1-6 p.m. To sign up to donate, visit redcrossblood.org, hit "Find a Drive" and search "waynepres."

Please Join the Steering Committee for the Final Parking Lot Listening Session: Sunday, June 26 at 11 a.m. following worship in the Knox Room.

Register with the QR code or by visiting waynepres.org



Prayer Requests

- Prayers for all who are suffering from violence, particularly our Ukrainian siblings, the people of Buffalo, and the families and community of Uvalde. If you feel called to financially donate to help relieve the suffering of these communities, support for Ukraine can be sent to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance:

bit.ly/pres-ukraine

and support for Uvalde can be sent directly to Mission Presbytery:

www.mission-presbytery.org

- WPC Mission Partners of the Week: Rev. Byeong Lee serves as Missionary for the Mission to Chinese Seamen bringing the Word of Jesus Christ to the tens of thousands of merchant seamen that travel through the Port of Philadelphia each year. This ministry of WPC began and has continued for more than 50 years .Address: 107 Rolling Hill Drive, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462. The organization’s President is Janice Hill’s granddaughter, Hillary McLaughlin.4 Faggs Manor Lane, Paoli, PA.19301
- PC(USA) Mission Partner of the Week: Tracey King-Ortega. Tracey serves as regional liaison for Central America based in Managua, Nicaragua where she helps create better communication between World Mission, mission personnel, partner churches and PC(USA) congregations interested in ministry in Central America. She has a special focus on programs of reconciliation and peacemaking. Email: tracey.king-ortega@pcusa.org

Christian Education

today

PRESCHOOL & UNDER
Sunday School in Room 103
Childcare available in the nursery
CHILDREN K-5
10:00 am, following Children's Message -
Children’s Sunday School - Fireside Room

this week

WEDNESDAY PSAD GROUP (ZOOM only)
6:45 pm - Contact psadfacilitator@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY EVENING CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

7:00 - 8:00 pm- Fireside Room & Via Zoom
Contact Jeanne Kauffman jkauffman2853@gmail.com
or Buff Barnes buffbarnes@gmail.com

THURSDAY MORNING MEN'S MINISTRY (TM3)

7:00 am - Fireside Room & Via Zoom
June's Speaker: Dr. Walt Huddell, Eastern University
Contact Tim Pretz tpretz@eastern.edu or Sal Ambrosio sambrosio55@gmail.com

THURSDAY MOMS (Ministry of Motherhood)
9:30 am - Fireside Room; debbierothkopf@aol.com

Second Scripture Reading: Jonah 3:10-4:11

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. 7 But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. 8 When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?”

One: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon
Heather Shortlidge

Choral Orison
Spirit of God
Summer Choir
Lole

Prayers of the People and the 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 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 620 Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven

Lauda anima

+ Benediction
May God Bless You and Keep You
Summer Choir
Hamill

Postlude
Procession into Summer Meadows
Kirsten Santos Rutschman, Organ
Wilhelm Peterson-Berger

+ Please rise in body or in spirit.

Prelude
Allegro
Kirsten Santos Rutschman, Organ
Thomas Arne

Introit
We Come to Worship God
Summer Choir
Lewis

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

One: As we gather this day, each of us brings something to worship –
All: We bring the burdens of the week.
One: We bring prayers of hope, and prayers of anguish.
All: We bring our voices, and our offerings, and our questions.
One: We bring our faith, tattered or whole as it may be.
All: We bring all this to each other and to God, whom we worship today.

+ Hymn 463 How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

+ Prayer of Confession

One: Let us in silence, confess our faults and admit our frailty.
- Silent Prayer -

One: Before God, with the people of God,
I confess to my brokenness:
to the ways I wound my life,
the lives of others,
and the life of the world.
All: May God forgive you,
Christ renew you,
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

One: Amen.
All: Before God, with the people of God,
we confess to our brokenness:
to the ways we wound our lives,
the lives of others,
and the life of the world.

One: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.
All: Amen.

+ Assurance of God's Grace

One: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

+ Response of Praise: (Hymn 614)

Great are you, Lord: you are holy and just; by your power we trust in your love.

Great are you, Lord: you are faithful and true; by your mercy you prove you are love.

Great are you Lord, and worthy of glory! Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.

Great are you, Lord. We lift up our voice; we lift up our voice: great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!

+ Affirmation of Faith *The PCUSA, A Brief Statement of Faith*

All: We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

+ Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Time with the Children

Children will be invited to the chancel steps for a message and then dismissed to the Fireside Room for Sunday School. They will return to the sanctuary during the closing hymn.

Baptism

We celebrate the baptism of Julius Thompson-Castilleja: born on September 8th, 2021 to parents Julia Thompson and Julian Castilleja, and grandmother Donna Thompson.

Anthem

Just a Closer Walk
The Quartet

Harold M. Best

I am weak but Thou art strong; Jesus keep me from all wrong; I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to Thee. Just a closer walk with Thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea, daily walking close to Thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be. Through this world of toils and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my burden shares? None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee. When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more; guide me gently, safely o'er to Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.

Moment for Mission: "The Spirit of Hope in Southwest Philadelphia"

Rev. Ashley Rossi, Director of Donor Relations at The Common Place

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), or scan this QR code on your smart phone. 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.



Offertory Anthem

IV Acclamation
Summer Choir

Robert Ray

Hallelujah; Let us praise the Lord. Praise Him with stringed instruments. Praise Him with dance. Praise Him on the psaltery and harp. Everything that has breath ought to praise Him.

+ Doxology and Prayer of Dedication (Hymn 606)

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.

First Scripture Reading: Jonah 1:1-4, 17; 3:1-9

Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, “Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it, for their wickedness has come up before me.” But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord.

But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up. But the Lord provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: “By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. Humans and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.”

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.