

Join us for our Summer Preaching Series:

- 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: Pharaoh's plan is a clever one. In an attempt to obliterate the Hebrews, he enlists midwives to pull a quick-handed maneuver by smothering any Hebrew baby boys seconds after birth so that their mothers will believe they are stillborn. The more this happens, the more the Hebrew people will believe that their fertility—their life-force—is diminished. Progeny was everything, for the ability to procreate determined the survival, legacy, and strength of a tribe. Pharaoh doesn't just want them dead, he wants to eradicate their identity, their resilience.

But, instead, two gutsy women throw a wrench in his plans. Shiphrah and Puah are the only women in this story to be named, which we know is a rarity in scripture, so when it happens, it's as if the author is flashing blinking lights on the page that say, "Pay attention to them!" What we see is the first known instance of civil disobedience in recorded history. They say no. These midwives, these lowest-of-the-low-status-women who likely had no husbands, who were simply glorified servants, who, themselves, may have been deemed infertile and therefore useless to a family system, risk everything to say no.

Through this simple but mighty act, they change the course of history so that, many, many years later, another baby boy born into a dark world of genocide might also survive and flourish and grow up to redeem the world. In this painting, these hands represent the women's resistance. They are the hands that said no to a power-hungry ruler but yes to a God of justice—to a God who transforms a story of massacre into one of liberation. The impact of their actions, like the waters of the Nile, ripples out far beyond them. —Lisle Gwynn Garrity

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They Said No
by Lisle Gwynn Garrity
Acrylic on canvas | inspired by Exodus 1:8-22

June 26th, 2022









Wayne Presbyterian Church

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



Welcome! What to expect in worship ...

-  **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

SUMMER CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: The church office is closed on Fridays through the summer. Our new office hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

COFFEE HOUR: Remaining Summer Coffee Hours are Sunday, July 17th, and Sunday, August 21st.

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

BOOK CLUB: Book Club will meet today after worship and tomorrow via Zoom. 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."

The PCUSA 225th General Assembly: The national church gathers over the next three weeks. Follow along here: ga-pcusa.org

BE A FAN OF CITYLIGHTS: CityLights is collecting new/gently used fans for families with young children, pregnant women, those with asthma, and seniors in SW Philadelphia. Our goal is 100 fans (or funds) by July 3. Bring your fans (or air conditioners) to the Reception in the Connector on Sunday mornings or drop off outside the Mission Room (next to the Library). A \$30 donation to Wayne Presbyterian Church is also appreciated- add Fan Collection for CityLights on the memo line of your check, Or give online at waynepres.org (under Giving), entering Fan Collection for CityLights in the Fund field. Contact Sally Hudson at 610-687-3530 or sally_hudson@verizon.net with questions.

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 Partner of the Week: Katie Mahon is Executive Director of Wayne Senior Center which provides services and activities to area senior citizens providing programs in health information and screening, fitness classes, cultural experiences at the center and excursions, computer education, and a hot luncheon weekdays. Address: 108 Station Road, Wayne, PA 19087
- PC(USA) Mission Partner of the Week: Cindy Corell – Cindy serves in Port au Prince, Haiti, as a Joining Hands program facilitator. She connects agricultural experts in Haiti with Haitian farmers to help farmers do what they do best—grow food for others. Haitians are seeking to produce more food locally and rely less on imports. Cindy went to Haiti sensing God’s call to empower the Haitian people. “Being a farmer’s daughter, I know the joy a farmer knows when his or her results are enjoyed by many.” Email: Cindy.Corell@pcusa.org
- Blessings to Graduates: We pray for you and bless you as you move through this new chapter in your lives. Among our graduates are Mika Miles Mossholder, Great Valley High School; Ben Ziegler, Aim Academy; Lauren Diehl, University of Delaware, BS in Exercise Science; Eliza A Elliott, University of Pittsburgh, BS in Emergency Medicine; and Sarah Ziegler, Vassar College, Bachelors in Physics and Economics.

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: Exodus 1:14-20

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, “When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live.” But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this and allowed the boys to live?” The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” So God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and became very strong.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Heather Shortlidge

Choral Orison

Turn Unto the Lord
Summer Choir

Thiman

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 817 We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight

Dunlap's Creek

+ Benediction

God Be With You
Summer Choir

Wood

Postlude

Liturgical Prelude No. 11
Kirsten Santos Rutschman, Organ

Gaston Litaize

Notes:

The Prayer of Confession comes from Iona Abbey Worship Book (2001).

The Lector for the First Scripture Reading is Connie Layman.

Tim Evers, Director of Music, Rev. Katy Shevel, Associate Pastor, Austin Ricketts, Director of Youth Ministries, and 9 members of the Westminster Choir (grades 6-12) will be attending the Montreat Conference on Worship and Music in North Carolina. Two conference leaders are former staff members at WPC, Pastors Aisha Brooks-Johnson, preaching & Sudie Niesen Thompson, liturgist. Thank you, Matt Lista, for conducting the Summer Choir.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, June 26th 2022

Proper 7

+ Please rise in body or in spirit.

Prelude

Preamble and Complaint
Kirsten Santos Rutschman, Organ

Louis Vierne

Introit

Blow the Trumpet in Zion
Summer Choir

Becks

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

If you come with fears and doubts, there is a place for you here.

**Here we welcome questions and uncertainties,
leaning on one another's faith.**

If you come with wounds and pain, there is a place for you here.

**Here we offer gentleness and comfort,
listening to one another's stories.**

If you come with joy and thanksgiving, there is a place for you here.

**Here we celebrate and sing,
rejoicing in the God who is present through it all.**

However you come, whoever you are, there is a place for you here.

+ Hymn 269 Lead On, O King Eternal!

Lancashire

+ Prayer of Confession

Let us in silence, confess our faults and admit our frailty.

- Silent Prayer -

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.

**May God forgive you, Christ renew you,
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.**

Amen.

**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.**

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

Amen.

+ Assurance of God's Grace

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.
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*

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

The peace of Christ be with you.
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 Anna Grace Cimino: born October 7, 2020 to parents William Thomas Cimino and Sarah Emmerth Cimino.

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

River in Judea
Summer Choir

John Leavitt

Oftentimes I dream of music, of the river that freely flows. And it sings a song sweeter than honey, one everybody knows. Late at night, I hear it singing then again when I wake at dawn. And it fills me up with hope and goodwill, the will to go on. There is a river in Judea that I heard of long ago. And it's a singing, ringing river that my soul cries out to know. I believe it keeps on traveling, but it rests on the Sabbath day. And the time when it pauses in stillness, I almost hear it pray. When I'm weary and downhearted, how I long for the song it sings, for the calm within its gentle blue, the peace that it brings. May the time not be too distant when we meet by the river shore. 'Til then, dream of that wonderful day as we sing once more. Hallelujah!

+ 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: Exodus 1:8-14

Now a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians subjected the Israelites to hard servitude and made their lives bitter with hard servitude in mortar and bricks and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Love, As Christ Would Love
The Quartet

Bob Burroughs

Do not shout at one who cries in the silence; Do not burden one who cares for rest; Do not sing to one who has no song; Do not eat near one who cries in hunger; Do not hurry one who longs for peace. Rather, love as Christ would love. See each need, and love as Christ would love. Do not shout at one who cries for silence; only love as Christ would love. Do not laugh near one who cries in sorrow; Do not hinder one who longs to learn; Do not boast while one still bows in failure; Do not run past one who longs to walk.