

Join us for the rest of our Summer Preaching Series, Faces of Our Faith:

July 3rd, 2022

July 10th: Thief on the Cross

July 17th: Anna

July 24th: Judas Iscariot

July 31st: Ethiopian Eunuch

August 7th: Lydia

August 14th: Eutychus

August 21st: Joseph of Arimathea

August 28th: Bartimaeus

September 4th: Daughters of Zelophehad

Announcements & Notes:

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

Rev. Dr. Heather Shortlidge is away for continuing education. She will return Tuesday, July 5th.

The church is closed tomorrow, July 4th for Independence Day.

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 HOURS: 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.

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."

WE ARE COLLECTING KITS FOR OUTLEY HOUSE men's shelter in Philadelphia. Kits should include: deodorant, soap, toothbrush/paste, disposable razor, foot powder, wash cloth, & 2 pairs of socks. Other items greatly needed (new) are: towels, t-shirts, boxers. Please place items in plastic bags, label "Outley House" and bring to the City Lights Table in the Connector on Sunday mornings or the church office during office hours. More info: contact Carmela Curatola at cncuratola@yahoo.com or Susan Aggarwal at vnsagg@aol.com.

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FACES
OF OUR
FAITH
BOLD & UNTOLD STORIES









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.

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

Support for Uvalde can be sent directly to Mission Presbytery: www.mission-presbytery.org

Mission Partners of the Week:

- WPC Mission Partners of the Week: Donna Henry and Lorraine Thomas - Donna Henry is Director and Lorraine Thomas is Operations Manager of the Southwest Community Development Center (SWCDC) which seeks to improve the quality of life in Southwest Philadelphia through economic development and support services to the community providing job search help, housing assistance, emergency utility help, and a variety of other programs. Address: 6328 Paschall Ave., Philadelphia, PA 18142
- PC(USA) Mission Partner of the Week: Thomas Goetz – Tom is a long-term volunteer serving as a Professor of English on the Faculty of Social Welfare at Hokusei Gakuen University in Sapporo, Japan. He is also English Language Coordinator at Hokkaido Christian Center. Hokusei Gakuen University is a four-year liberal arts school founded more than 100 years ago by Presbyterian missionary Sarah Smith. Email: tom.goetz@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: Esther 4:1-17

When Mordecai learned all that had been done, Mordecai tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes and went through the city, wailing with a loud and bitter cry; he went up to the entrance of the king's gate, for no one might enter the king's gate clothed with sackcloth. In every province, wherever the king's command and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting and weeping and lamenting, and most of them lay in sackcloth and ashes. When Esther's maids and her eunuchs came and told her, the queen was deeply distressed; she sent garments to clothe Mordecai, so that he might take off his sackcloth, but he would not accept them. Then Esther called for Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs who had been appointed to attend her, and ordered him to go to Mordecai to learn what was happening and why. Hathach went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate, and Mordecai told him all that had happened to him and the exact sum of money that Haman had promised to pay into the king's treasuries for the destruction of the Jews. Mordecai also gave him a copy of the written decree issued in Susa for their destruction, that he might show it to Esther, explain it to her, and charge her to go to the king to make supplication to him and to entreat him for her people.

Hathach went and told Esther what Mordecai had said. Then Esther spoke to Hathach and gave him a message for Mordecai: "All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that, if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law: to be put to death. Only if the king holds out the golden scepter to someone may that person live. I myself have not been called to come in to the king for thirty days." When they told Mordecai what Esther had said, Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this." Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai, "Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish." Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Richard Miller

Orison

Let the Words of My Mouth
Summer Choir

Hamill

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 307 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

CWMRHONDDA

+ Benediction

To Do the Work of God
Summer Choir

Lewis

Postlude

Variations on America
Kirsten Santos Rutschman, Organ

Ludwig van Beethoven

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 3rd 2022

Proper 9

+ Please rise in body or in spirit.

Prelude

Variations on America
Kirsten Santos Rutschman, Organ

Ludwig van Beethoven

Introit

Lord, Thou Hast Been Our Dwelling Place
Summer Choir

Thiman

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship *Thomas Merton*

When we gather for worship we do not always know precisely what is happening,

Nor do we know exactly where it is all going.

We strive to recognize all the possibilities and challenges offered by the present moment.

And, to embrace them with courage, faith, and hope.

Let us worship God.

+ Hymn 331 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

NATIONAL HYMN

+ 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.

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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 *Excerpt from A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and re-newer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit, who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in the Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

+ 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.

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

Once to Every Man and Nation
Summer Choir

David Stanley York

Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide, in the strife of truth and falsehood for the good or evil side. By the light of burning Martyrs, Jesus' bleeding feet I track, toiling up new Calvaries ever with the cross that turns not back. Though the cause of evil prosper, yet 'tis truth alone is strong. Truth forever on the scaffold, wrong forever on the throne. Yet the scaffold sways the future, and behind the dim unknown, standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above His own. Amen.

+ 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: Esther 1:1-5; 9-10a, 11-13a, 15-18

In those days when King Ahasuerus sat on his royal throne in the citadel of Susa, in the third year of his reign, he gave a banquet for all his officials and ministers. The army of Persia and Media and the nobles and governors of the provinces were present, while he displayed the great wealth of his kingdom and the splendor and pomp of his majesty for many days, one hundred eighty days in all. When these days were completed, the king gave for all the people present in the citadel of Susa, both great and small, a banquet lasting for seven days, in the court of the garden of the king's palace. Furthermore, Queen Vashti gave a banquet for the women in the palace of King Ahasuerus.

On the seventh day, when the king was merry with wine, he commanded to bring Queen Vashti before the king, wearing the royal crown, in order to show the peoples and the officials her beauty; for she was fair to behold. But Queen Vashti refused to come at the king's command conveyed by the eunuchs. At this the king was enraged, and his anger burned within him. Then the king consulted the sages who knew the laws "According to the law, what is to be done to Queen Vashti because she has not performed the command of King Ahasuerus conveyed by the eunuchs?" Then Memucan said in the presence of the king and the officials, "Not only has Queen Vashti done wrong to the king, but also to all the officials and all the peoples who are in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus. For this deed of the queen will be made known to all women, causing them to look with contempt on their husbands, since they will say, 'King Ahasuerus commanded Queen Vashti to be brought before him, and she did not come.' This very day the noble ladies of Persia and Media who have heard of the queen's behavior will rebel against the king's officials, and there will be no end of contempt and wrath!"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Christ the Way of Life Possess Me
The Quartet

K. Lee Scott

Christ the Way of life possess me, lift my heart to love and praise; guide and keep, sustain and bless me, all my days. Well of life, for ever flowing, make my barren soul and bare like a watered garden growing fresh and fair. May the Tree of life in splendor from its leafy boughs impart grace divine and healing tender, strength of heart. Path of life before me shining, let me come when earth is past, sorrow, self and sin resigning, home at last.