

# A Way in the Wilderness



Wayne Presbyterian Church

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



October 3, 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. or Zoom

For a full calendar of events in the life of our church visit our website at [www.waynepres.org](http://www.waynepres.org)

## this week

### WEDNESDAY - WORD BEFORE WORK - 10/13 -

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).

### WEDNESDAY EVENINGS CONTEMPLATIVE

**PRAYER TIME - 7:00-8:00PM VIA ZOOM**

### 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.



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, October 3, 2021 - 9:00 & 10:30 am Services

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

*Please silence electronic devices during worship.*

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

### Prelude

*Le Banquet Celeste*

TIM EVERS, ORGAN

Olivier Messiaen

### Introit

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

CHANCEL CHOIR 9:00 AM

Darke

*Praise the Lord!*

WESTMINSTER CHOIR 10:30 AM

Cameroon

### Call to Worship

(adapted from Psalm 28)

Blessed be the Lord, for he has heard the sound of my pleadings.

**The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts.**

The Lord is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

**O save your people, and bless your heritage; be their shepherd, and carry them forever.**

**Let us worship God!**

**+ Hymn 475** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

**+ Prayer of Confession** *(in unison)*

God, you call us to step out in faith, to place our lives in your care, and to commit to following you. We confess that we find these calls challenging. It is not always easy to follow where you lead—to turn away from our own wants and desires, to let go of what keeps us safe and trust that you will provide for us in all things. It is not easy to believe in your profound gifts and promises to us. Forgive us when we doubt you, God. Increase our faith and open our eyes to see past our interests and concerns to your broader vision for us and for our world. In Jesus' 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**

### ***God So Loved the World***

Libby Larsen

QUARTET

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that who so believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him we might be saved. [John 3:16-17; Composed 2006]

## **First Scripture Reading: Psalm 23**

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Prayer Concerns and Choral Orison**

### ***O Lord, Hear My Prayer***

Taize

CHANCEL CHOIR 9:00 AM

### ***Take, O Take Me as I Am***

Bell

WESTMINSTER CHOIR 10:30 AM

## **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.

## **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.

## **Minute for Nominating**

Chad Slate

## **Musical Offertory**

### ***There Shall A Star Come Out of Jacob***

Felix Mendelssohn

CHANCEL CHOIR 9:00 AM

There shall a star come out of Jacob and a scepter shall rise out of Israel with might destroying princes and cities. As bright the star of morning gleams so Jesus sheddeth glorious beams of light and consolation. Thy word, O Lord, radiance darting, truth imparting, gives salvation, thine be praise and adoration!

### ***Come Just As You Are***

arr. Benjamin Harlan

WESTMINSTER CHOIR 10:30 AM

"Come just as you are." Hear the Spirit call. "Come just as you are." Come and see. Come, receive Christ, the King. Come and live forevermore. Life everlasting, and strength for today, taste the Living Water, and never thirst again.

## **+ 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: Genesis 32:22-32**

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And

he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the thigh muscle that is on the hip socket, because he struck Jacob on the hip socket at the thigh muscle.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

*Just Before Dawn*

CASEY THOMPSON

**+ Hymn 183** *Come to Me, O Weary Traveler*

AUSTIN

## **Communion**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The table set before us belongs to our Lord Jesus Christ and is open to all who seek to know Christ. We welcome and invite visitors to join us in this sacrament. Individual and sealed communion packets are available from the ushers at the entrances.*

**+ Hymn 526** *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

LINSTEAD

**+ Benediction and Choral Response**

*Send Us Now Away*

CHANCEL CHOIR 9:00 AM

*Go With Us, Lord*

WESTMINSTER CHOIR 10:30 AM

Beck

Tallis

## **Postlude**

*Toccata in d (Dorian)*

TIM EVERS, ORGAN

J.S. Bach

## **LITURGISTS**

Richard Miller, Katy Shevel & Casey Thompson

## **FLOWERS**

The Chancel flowers today are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of D. Eric Greenhow on the observance of World Communion Sunday and in honor of Amanda Booz and Austin Hunt's marriage in our Sanctuary yesterday.

## upcoming events

### **VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED TO DO FLOWER DEDICATIONS**

We are in search of one or more folks that would be interested in compiling the weekly flower dedications we put in the bulletins. It actually could be something that is shared by more than one person, depending on how it would best work for anyone interested. If interested please email Mary Lou Kendus ([mkendus@waynepres.org](mailto:mkendus@waynepres.org)).

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

We are offering a "hybrid" format on Zoom and the Fireside room. Dr. Frederic Clarke Putnam, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies at Eastern University is our speaker for October.

### **CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER TIME - WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 7:00-8:00PM VIA ZOOM**

Would you like to open more fully to God in your daily life and enrich your experience of Sunday's worship service? Join us Wednesday evenings at 7:00 for a guided group experience with the Christian spiritual practices of Lectio Divina and Centering Prayer. Sunday's sermon scripture text will be the focus of each week's prayer time. Come as you are. No particular background or knowledge is needed. All are welcome. Contact Buff Barnes [buffbarnes@gmail.com](mailto:buffbarnes@gmail.com) or Jeanne Kauffman [jkauffman2853@gmail.com](mailto:jkauffman2853@gmail.com) for the weekly Zoom link. ***Be Still and Know that I am God***

### **WALK WITH WinGS**

WinGS is launching a new program called "Walk with WinGS" which will happen every Tuesday morning meeting up at 9:30am. Our time together will be a mix of hiking and walking trails around our area. Contact Robin Herbert for more details at 267-474-7173 or email [RobinE225@hotmail.com](mailto:RobinE225@hotmail.com) to RSVP.

### **NEW AND "NEWISH" MEMBER CLASS: SUNDAY, OCT. 17 FROM 1-4 P.M. - FIRESIDE RM.**

Are you interested in joining our church? Are you already a member, but would like to learn more about our faith and what we believe? Do you want to connect with one of the many ministries and program areas we have to offer in the life of our vibrant congregation? Perhaps you're interested in meeting some other new and "newish" members! Join us! Whether you've just started worshipping with us, or have been worshipping with us for a while, this will be a time to meet new people, to learn a little, to laugh a lot, and to become a member of our church family. Childcare will be available upon request. Registration online will be available soon. If you have any questions, please contact Katy Shevel ([katy@waynepres.org](mailto:katy@waynepres.org).)

### **STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2022**

We have seen how the global economy can impact humankind in many positive ways. Whatever wealth we have in this world, needs to be stewarded with the teachings of Christ in mind. Since many people in the world are poor and their conditions of living are poor; how will they ever flourish as God intended? Money and investments play a powerful role within our society. We can keep on using that power to grab and get more, or we can shape our giving and our letting go in ways that help others flourish.

We can't necessarily fix all that is needed but we need to do what we can and then a little more. "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me". (Matthew 25:40)." Doing for the least" is one of the most powerful mandates Jesus has for his followers. And, giving is concrete evidence of our gratitude to God for all the blessings in our lives.

**The Stewardship campaign is underway so please give generously on Dedication Sunday, November 7.**

## 2021-2022 NOMINATING COMMITTEE CANDIDATE REFERRAL

The Nominating Committee encourages members and friends of Wayne Presbyterian to assist in nominating our officers each year by submitting names for consideration to the committee.

Our congregation is called on to annually elect members who are compassionate in spirit and demonstrate leadership to three-year terms as Elders (7) and Deacons (14 + two youth), six members to a one-year term on a Nominating Committee representative of the congregation, and Stewards, also to three-year terms, who are responsible for the counting of our weekly offering.

More detail about these roles are available in the Leadership section of [www.waynepres.org](http://www.waynepres.org)

If you have any questions about these roles or are interested in getting involved at Wayne Presbyterian but are uncertain how, please reach out to any member of our 2021-2022 Nominating Committee: Meg Rosecky, Chair, Chad Slate, Co-Chair, Lindsay Belzer, Hans Coetzee, Terry Jarman, Lisa Packer, Ron Race, Chuck Rueger, Mike Sieger and Debbie Vogel.

I suggest \_\_\_\_\_ for nomination to the office of:

Elder Class of 2025: (\_\_\_\_\_ Committee)

Deacon Class of 2025

Steward Class of 2025(Counting Team)

2022-2023 Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee appreciates additional information to help us consider this person's qualifications. On another sheet of paper please attach relevant comments regarding the candidate and their:

*Christian Living in Daily Life* - within the family & in the community

*Church Involvement* - participation in church activities & committees

*Personal Characteristics, Skills, and Interests*

*Professional Experiences*

And, yes, you may self-nominate!

Thank you for returning this form to our mail slot outside the office, emailing Meg Rosecky at [jmrosecky@verizon.net](mailto:jmrosecky@verizon.net) or giving it to one of our committee members by October 3, 2021.

# Where is God in difficult times?



Marie Monville, author of "One Light Still Shines" will speak about redemption through forgiveness.

**OCTOBER 23rd 9:00-10:30 a.m.**

Sign up by calling the church office at 610.688.8700

or by registering online: [waynepres.org](http://waynepres.org)

A registration table will also be in the connector on October 3, 10, & 17

## preaching schedule

October 3	Casey Thompson
(World Communion Sunday)	
October 10	Katy Shevel, Austin Ricketts & Richard Miller
October 11	Casey Thompson

## 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 am every Sunday morning!

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