

WAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“Reach out and bring people to meet, know, and follow Jesus.”

March 02, 2025



**“This is
my Son,
whom I have
Chosen;**

LISTEN TO HIM!”

LUKE 9:35

March 02, 2025

Transfiguration of the Lord

10:00 a.m.

Wayside's mission is to reach out and bring people to meet, know, and follow Jesus.

Order of Worship

*Text in **bold** congregation reads together. *Indicates congregation standing in body or spirit.*

Please turn off cell phones & other devices.

CENTERING MUSIC & LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *(please share announcements not reflected in the bulletin)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us worship God,

singing joyful songs of praise!

For the glory of the Lord shines upon us,

and calls us forth with thanksgiving.

Let us turn to the mountaintop,

and let us give God the glory.

Come, let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER

*Holy God, present in our midst yet beyond all comprehension, by your light, we see light; by your healing, we are made whole; by your mercy, we know your greatness. Turn your gaze upon our weakness and show us the way of your love that we may live with unveiled faces, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.***

*HYMN #339 Lift Every Voice and Sing

-Glory to God

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Visiting Pastor, Rev. Reece

(Following the sermon, the children are excused to attend Sunday School Class.)

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

There are varieties of gifts but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Statement on Ordination

Presentation

Representing the one holy catholic and apostolic church, the session of Wayside Church now ordains MaryAnn Miller to the ministry as deacon & Thomas Miller to the ministry as ruling elder, and installs them to active service in this congregation.

*The session also installs to active service those who have been previously ordained:
Deacon Tracy Kalembkiewicz.*

Affirmation of Faith (Apostles' Creed, page 35, Glory to God)

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 Spirit; 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 living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; The Holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Constitutional Questions of the Candidates

Questions of the Congregation

Do we, the members of the church, accept MaryAnn and Tracy as deacons and Tom as an Elder chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

Prayer of Ordination

(Those who have previously been ordained as an Elder or Deacon are encouraged to come forward and lay their hands during this prayer.)

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

CALL TO CONFESSION

In trust, let us call upon God's holy name, confess our sins, and receive forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and gracious God, we bow before your unending compassion, the measure of our falling short. We have not loved as you command. We have not spoken truly. We have not cared for creation, including ourselves, according to your will. What we intend, we have not pursued; what we mean to avoid, we embrace. Help us to know the mind of Christ, that in all thoughts, words, and deeds, our lives might come to honor you. Amen.

(Silent Meditation)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

When one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by the authority of the Holy Spirit working among God's holy people, I declare your sins forgiven. Turn now with unveiled faces, and see to the health of all creation as newborn children of God. Amen

PASSING THE PEACE (*Please share the peace however you feel comfortable*)
Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PEACE RESPONSE #406 We Are Standing on Holy Ground

-Glory to God

OFFERING OF TITHES & GIFTS

We serve the Lord with freedom; we worship God with joy. In freedom and in joy, let us present the offerings of our lives to the Lord.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #711 Lord of All Good (vs 1)

-Glory to God

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy are you, O Lord! We praise your great and awesome name. Use us, and these our gifts, in your service, to establish justice, righteousness, and equity, all for the good of your people and the glory of your eternal realm. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

By your Spirit, O God, enlighten our hearts, open our minds, fill our vision with your radiance, and give us life, as we hear your Word today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 9:28-36 *The Transfiguration*

²⁸ About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹ As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰ Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. ³¹ They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. ³² Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. ³³ As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.) ³⁴ While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

2 Corinthians 3:12-18

¹² Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. ¹³ We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. ¹⁴ But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵ Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. ¹⁶ But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And we all,

who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

*The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

MESSAGE

HYMN #12 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

-Glory to God

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Holy Communion

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

This is the joyful feast of the people of God! People will come from north and south and from east and west to sit at the table in the kingdom of God. According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at the table with his disciples, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. This is the Lord's Table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast that he has prepared.

Great Thanksgiving

*The Lord be with you. **And also with you.***

*Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.***

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, creator and ruler of the universe. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. You set us in this world to love and serve you, and to live in peace with all that You have made. When we turned from you, you did not turn from us. When we were captives in slavery, you delivered us to freedom, and made covenant to be our sovereign God. When we were stubborn and stiff-necked, you spoke to us through prophets who looked for that day when justice shall triumph and peace shall reign over all the earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name.

SANCTUS #2039 Holy Holy

-The Faith We Sing

Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty; and we lift our hearts before you as a token of our love, Holy, holy, holy, holy.

You are Holy, God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. You sent him into this world to satisfy the longing of your people for a Savior, to bring freedom to the captives of sin and to establish justice for the oppressed. He came among us as one of us taking the lot of the poor, sharing human suffering. Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service. Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. As this bread is

Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

Hear us now as we lift our voices together...

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF THE INSTITUTION

On the night Jesus sat at the table with his disciples, he took bread, and after giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: This is my body, broken for you. As often as you shall do this, do this in remembrance of me. In the same way after supper He took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you, for the forgiveness of sins. As often as you drink it, drink this in remembrance of me. Come to the table, the meal is ready.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Jesus said: I am the bread of Life. Come to me and never be hungry;

Jesus said: I am the vine, you are the branches, believe in me and never thirst.

*The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.***

*The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.** The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.***

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Gracious God, you have gathered us at this table with all the company of your people in heaven and on earth. In your mercy we have been nourished and we have been refreshed by the power of your Holy Spirit. May we, who have shared this holy meal, go out as glad disciples of our Lord, following in his way, proclaiming his truth, and living his love for the world.

*HYMN #193 Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

-Glory to God

*CHARGE

Since we have such hope, live and act with boldness! Love and serve the Lord in the freedom of the Spirit.

*BLESSING

May the glory of the Lord shine upon you, the Word of the Lord live within you, and the Spirit of the Lord give you peace. Always remember...

The Light of God surrounds us, the love of God enfolds us, the power of God protects us, the presence of God watches over us. Wherever we are, God is! Alleluia! Amen.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please call the church office to have a name placed on here. Please remember to keep us updated. Names will be removed after a **TWO** weeks unless otherwise requested. If you would like your name on our list, please contact the office.

All Military Personnel
A.H.
Megan & Hazel
Karen Eppolito
Morgan Popple
Tracy Kalemekiewicz
Kathy Kelly
Madison
Ainette Marshall
Kathy McHugh
Joy Boccolucci
Bob Hurd

Brady
John Persons
Kiersten
Joan Kelly
Rebecca Herbert
Jessie Kohlmann
Dean Aschenbrenner
Jennifer Anderhalt
Joe Matjuchin
Sara Chase
Linda Forti
Lisa Bermingham

Doris Stein
Kimberly Borkowski
Wendy Ritchey
Kim Chase
Caleb Pelka
Carol Sherer
Doris Stein
Donald Minnick
Kristina Kaminski
Rhoda Peace
Victims of violence, & tragedy,
their families & loved ones.

WAYSIDE'S SCHEDULE

*Subject to change. Please check Facebook and email for updates.

***Please note:** During the month of March, our office will be closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays. During the week, Becky will be available by appointment. Any questions, please don't hesitate to call Julie (716) 983-3888, or Becky (716) 310-8152. Thank you!

Sunday 03/02

Prayer in the Parlor (Resumes next Sunday)
10:00 Worship & Communion
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Coffee and Fellowship

Monday 03/03

Office Hours by appointment only
9:00-1:00 Lake Shore Pre-School
6:30 Buffalo Blue Grass

Tuesday 03/04

Office Hours by appointment only
9:00-11:30 Lake Shore Pre-School
12:15-2:45 Lake Shore Pre-School
5:30 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
6:30 Ash Wednesday Service
6:30 AA Big Book

Wednesday 03/05

Office Hours by appointment only
9:00-1:00 Lake Shore Pre-School
10:00 Women of Wayside (W.O.W.)
10:30 AA Group
12:00-3:00 Drive-up Ashes

Thursday 03/06

Office Hours by appointment only
9:00-1:00 Lake Shore Pre-School

Friday 03/07

Office Hours by appointment only
9:00-11:30 Lake Shore Pre-School
10:30 AA Group
12:15-2:45 Lake Shore Pre-School
1:00 Bible Study w/ Rev. Molly

Saturday 03/08

Spring ahead-turn your clocks forward

Sunday 03/09

9:40-9:50 Prayer in the Parlor
10:00 Worship
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Coffee & Fellowship

Monday 03/10

Office Hours by appointment only
9:00-1:00 Lake Shore Pre-School

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2025 WAYSIDE
Elders

Kim Carlson
Dave English
Laura Glista
Brian Horwood
Deb Hurd
Lisa Laffrado
Barb Marino
Thomas Miller
Barb Rickard

*Clerk of Session
Maria Glass



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Joy Boccolucci
Barb Boquard
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Tracy Kalemkiwicz
MaryAnn Miller
Mark Panfil
Michelle West