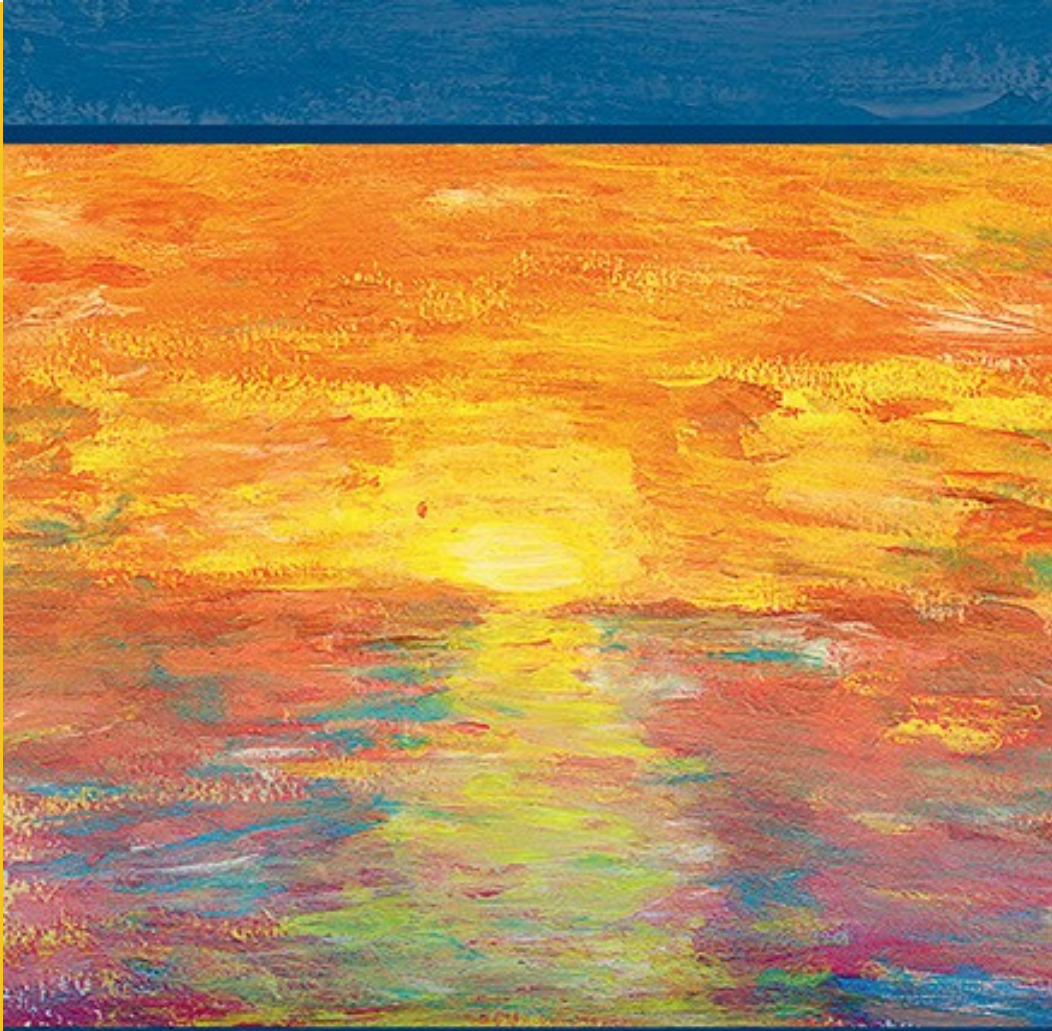


WAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 11, 2022



*There will be
more joy in heaven
over one sinner
who repents*

September 11, 2022

10:00 am

Order of Worship

*Text in **bold** congregation reads together. *Indicates congregation standing, if able.
Please turn off cell phones & other devices.*

We Gather to Worship

CENTERING MUSIC & LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice with me, people of God.

God has gathered us in from the wilderness.

Rejoice with me, people of God.

God has swept away the darkness of the night

Rejoice with me, people of God.

Today, there is joy in the presence of the angels.

Let us worship God together.

*HYMN #667 When Morning Gilds the Skies

(Glory to God)

*OPENING PRAYER

Merciful Lord, in Christ we see the lengths and depths to which you go to save us. Make us glad in our salvation, so that we may share this good news with friends and neighbors and with all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

The grace of our Lord overflows for us through the faith and love that are ours in Christ Jesus. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin, saying, Create in us a clean heart, O God; put a new and right spirit within us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator of the universe, we imagine that we are in familiar territory, that we know what to expect of this hour, that we will leave much the way that we came. Do not abandon us to our foolishness. In judgment, illumine our darkness. In mercy, bear us home until we recognize your presence wherever evil is confronted, truth is spoken, and life is restored.

Silent meditation

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

**PASSING THE PEACE (Please refrain from shaking hands)
Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. May the peace of Christ be with you.*

And also with you.

PEACE RESPONSE #2152 Change My Heart, O God (The Faith We Sing)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, by the gift of your Spirit, show us the truth that you desire and teach us wisdom in our hearts. Let us hear with joy and gladness the Word that you speak today; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

FIRST READING Psalm 119

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Philippians 3:7-10

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Why Knowing God Matters

ANTHEM Knowing You (All I Once Held Dear)

**All I once held dear, built my life upon
All this world reveres and wars to own
All I once thought gain I have counted loss
Spent and worthless now compared to this**

**Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You
There is no greater thing
You're my all, You're the best
You're my joy, my righteousness
And I love You Lord**

**Now my heart's desire is to know You more
To be found in You and know as Yours
To possess by faith what I could not earn
All surpassing gift of righteousness**

**Oh to know the power of Your risen life
And to know You in Your sufferings
To become like You in Your death, my Lord
So with You to live and never die**

*HYMN #2182 When God Restored Our Common Life (The Faith We Sing)

We Respond to God

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 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.

OFFERING OF TITHES & GIFTS

RESPONSE #2195 In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful (The Faith We Sing)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We rejoice and give you thanks, O God, for the lost have been found, sinners have received mercy, and the dead have been restored to life. Send us out in your service to tend your sheep and show the riches of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #822 When We Are Living (Glory to God)

*CHARGE

Go now in the strength of the Lord Jesus Christ, who appoints us for service and makes us faithful.

*BLESSING

May the Ruler of the ages, the immortal and invisible one, go with you, this day and every day.

And 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.

Leader: Becky Ventre, C.C.D.

Musician: Bruce Decker, Mark Panfil

Assistant: Kim Carlson

Coffee Hour: Thank you to the Deacons for hosting this week.
Please join us for coffee and fellowship immediately after the service.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT WAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

If you, or a member of your family are in the hospital please let the office know so we can arrange a visit and prayers.

Interested in becoming a Member? We'd love to have you. All you have to do is give the office a call (716-627-2150) and let us know that you're interested. Everyone is welcome!

Have we missed your birthday or anniversary date? Please contact the office so we can get your information on file.

Coffee Hour Treats. We all love our treats with our coffee. Please consider signing up to bring in some treats one Sunday to share during coffee hour. Call the office or talk to the Deacons to find out more!

Presbyterian Women are gathering again and Becky is going! If you would like to share a ride with Becky let her know. Join her on Saturday, September 24 at 10:15 AM. Join us at Chestnut Ridge Park, Shelter #3 where you will enjoy a boxed lunch, worship and laughter! Come, "Laugh and Sing: for God is With Us." If you have any questions, please see Pam Decker.

Did you know that September 18, is National Back to Church Day? Join us as we kickoff our Sunday School program, gather for worship and join each other for coffee and fellowship! See you there!

We're gearing up for another wonderful year of Sunday School. Registration will take place on Sunday, Sept. 18. Please register in the Fellowship Hall before service or during coffee hour.

Undie Sunday! Starting September 4th through October 16th, we will be collecting new underwear, socks and T-shirts. There is a hamper in the hallway next to the office for your donations. Please consider purchasing extra while shopping for your family. If you have any questions, please see Pam Decker.

Do you not receive the *weekly email*? Please let Julie know if you do not, so she can add you to our contact list and keep you up to date on all things going on.

The Deacons will be hosting a Gift Card Calendar Fundraiser! We are currently soliciting gift card donations from our congregation and local businesses. If you have a gift card you would like to donate, please contact Kris Passinault at 716-860-9830 or Julie in the office. The calendars will go on sale in October, for \$10.00 each. Starting November 1st, you'll have an opportunity to win a gift card each day. Your name remains in the drawing throughout the month. The normal Monday-Saturday win will be a gift card totaling \$25.00 and Sunday it increases to \$50.00. Our calendar will be customized to fit the donations we receive and you will be able to review the prizes before purchasing the calendar.

Starting Friday September 23, our Congregational Care Director, Becky will be leading a bible study. We hope you can join us at 9:30 AM at Wayside. The study will run about 12 weeks and each class runs about an hour or so. We're looking into the possibility of adding another date and time to the schedule to accommodate everyone that is interested. We'll keep you posted.

We have an opportunity this fall to partner with a couple of incredible local churches/organizations in Hamburg to serve the youth of Wayside. Both offerings will take place on Tuesday nights, with Young Life being for High Schoolers, and the Hub for Middle School and High School. *What is Young Life?* Young Life is a Christian ministry that reaches out to middle school, high school, and college students in all 50 of the United States and in more than 100 countries around the world. Young Life goes to kids, build bridges of authentic friendship, and introduces them to Jesus Christ. Through adventure, fun and community YL presents the gospel in ways that teenagers can understand and respond to. Their Ecumenical approach to ministry allows for collaboration with followers of Christ from various traditions and local churches worldwide.

What is the HUB? The Hub is a 26,000 square foot facility designed with teenagers in mind, located on the campus of Revive Wesleyan, 5999 McKinley Pkwy, Hamburg. Their Tuesday night program for Middle School and High Schoolers is filled with fun and games, worship and teaching, and opportunities for small group breakouts.

Wayside Youth



***Communication for participation in these events (and if you or your teen needs transportation) will be done through Group Me App. Reach out to Becky to join! (716) 310-8152 or use this code.

Here are a couple of upcoming dates in September...
September 13th - All Area Young Life Club 7:30pm Poplar Hill Estate, 1216 Quaker Rd, East Aurora
September 13th - Parents night at the HUB
September 20th - Young Life Backyard movie at Becky and Jeff Ventre's house 7:30pm-9pm 5607 Juno Drive, Lake View
September 20th - HUB 6-8pm
September 27th - Young Life "Mario Kart" at the Defensive Arts Dojo in Hamburg 7:30-9pm
September 27th - HUB 6-8pm

PRAYER REQUESTS

To be included on the prayer list, please call the church office. Remember to keep us posted with updates about these folks as well. Normally, if we have not heard any updates about a person, the name will be moved off the list after 60 days.

All Military Personnel	Fran & Fred Mintrey
Coby & Elizabeth	Scott Slater
Joyce Kelly	Kimberly Borkowski
Ernie Pike	Wendy Ritchey
Tori Glass Sawyer	Sara Chase
Jameson Lindstrom	Lisa Glass
Brooks family	Heidi May McCready
Matthew Porack	Kimley Brooks
Susie Owen	Daren Drzymala
Giff Swyers	Jan Evert
Gordon Poecking	Pat Nickerson
Sharon Hanson	Charlotte Sumner
Anna Perry	Jeff Morris
Landon Pendrak	Brad Geisler
Arlene Key	Robert McDougall
Elaine Jabcuga	Colleen Brawdy
George Privateer	Carol Fronczak
Michelle Pietruszewski	Reta Rauker
Al & Karen Peiffer	Linda Smerka
Doris Stein	Marjorie English
Judie Miller	Kristina Carlson
Tanya Grupner	Jill Slighter
Claire & Charlotte Freid	Jason Weldy
Ernie Siemaszko	Sandra McCleary
Janice Leigh	Kim Chase
Donald Minnick	Rhoda Peace
Michael Braymiller	Victims who lost their
Bobby Pirowski	lives to acts of violence,
Gary Patter	their families and loved
Ellie Rose	ones.
Bob Yerke	
Mike Mackey	
William Pompa	
Linda Banks	
Gina Rogers	
Laura Hanley	
Paul Tomaka	

WAYSIDE'S SCHEDULE

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

Sunday 09/11

10:00 Worship
Coffee & Fellowship

Monday 09/12

9:00-1:00 Office hours
9:00-1:00 Lake Shore Pre-School

Tuesday 09/13

Julie out of the office
9:00-11:30 Lake Shore Pre-School
12:15-2:45 Lake Shore Pre-School
6:00-9:00 Women of Wayside (W.O.W.)

Wednesday 09/13

9:00-1:00 Office hours
9:00-1:00 Lake Shore Pre-School
10:00 Women of Wayside (W.O.W.)
10:30 AA Support Group
12:15-2:45 Lake Shore Pre-School

Thursday 09/15

9:00-1:00 Office hours
9:00-1:00 Lake Shore Pre-School
6:00 Adult Children of Alcoholics

Friday 09/16

9:00-1:00 Office hours
9:00-11:30 Lake Shore Pre-School
10:30 AA Support Group
12:15-2:45 Lake Shore Pre-School

Saturday 06/17

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Sunday 09/18

National Back to Church Day!
10:00 Sunday School Kick-off
10:00 Worship
Coffee & Fellowship

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please call
Julie in the
office so we
can get you set
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