

# WAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 19, 2023



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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

*We come to sanctify ourselves.*

**We come seeking to be worthy of our call.**

*The Lord looks not at our outward selves,*

**but seeks to know what is in our hearts.**

*Let us learn what is pleasing to the Lord.*

**that we might live as children of the Most High.**

*Let us worship God.*

\*HYMN #15 All Creatures of Our God and King

(Glory to God)

OPENING PRAYER

*Holy God, why is it that we look, but do not see? Bring us again and again into your light until your ways become visible to us, and bear fruit in us. Touch us so that we are utterly changed, “before” and “after,” a “now” and “then”, that we may also say, “One thing I do know that though I was blind, now I see.” Lord, we believe; help our unbelief. In Christ’s light, we pray. Amen.*

CALL TO CONFESSON

*How do we know when our actions are right? When the fruits of our labors are good and true. Christ is the light that exposes all we keep hidden, but offers us healing and renewal instead of judgment. Therefore, let us hold up our sins to Christ’s gaze.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSON

**God of compassion and mercy, we sometimes fail to see what you are doing in the world. We want you to act in ways we predict, but we forget: you do what is good, not what is expected. Forgive us when we do not recognize your miracles. Forgive us when we doubt the wisdom of your actions. Most of all, forgive us when we do not respond to your call, ignoring what we need to do to show the world your love and grace.**

*Silent meditation*

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*Jesus restores our souls and leads us in right paths for his name's sake. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we will dwell in the house of the Lord our whole lives long.*

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 Christ be with you.*

**And also with you.**

PEACE RESPONSE #2171 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (The Faith We Sing)

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Gracious God, illumine our hearts and minds as the Scriptures are read and proclaimed, so that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may see what is good and right and true. And seeing, help us to do what is pleasing to you, so that your glory becomes visible in our words and deeds. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.*

## FIRST READING

1 Samuel 16:1-13

*The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king."<sup>2</sup> But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me." The LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'<sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate."<sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?<sup>5</sup> Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.*

*6 When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed stands here before the LORD."<sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."<sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either."<sup>9</sup> Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the LORD chosen this one."<sup>10</sup> Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The Lord has not chosen these."<sup>11</sup> So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."<sup>12</sup> So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one."<sup>13</sup> So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in*

*the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.*

## SECOND READING

### Psalm 23

*The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,<sup>3</sup> he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. <sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup> Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE The Lord is my Shepherd

\*HYMN #735 I Need Thee Every Hour

(Glory to God)

### 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

*Our lives overflow with the goodness of God. Sharing what we have so abundantly received, we bring now our tithes and offerings to God, with gladness and gratitude.*

RESPONSE #609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow

(Glory to God)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*In gratitude, O God, we come to your table, into your presence, into your house. For all that you have done for us, most especially, for bringing us into the light of Jesus Christ, we offer our thanks and praise. We long to live as children of light, doing what is pleasing to you and bearing the fruit of the light through Jesus Christ, who awakens those who sleep, and raises those who are dead to new life. In his name we pray.*

**Amen.**

\*HYMN #2279 The Trees of the Field

(The Faith We Sing)

**\*CHARGE**

*Live this week and in the weeks to come with a greater understanding of who your Good Shepherd is. Continue to learn His voice, walk in His ways, live under the shadow of His protection and be led with His provision and abundance towards everlasting life.*

**\*BLESSING**

*May the love of God pursue you, the light of Christ enfold you and the Holy Spirit keep you; as you dwell in the house of the Lord your whole life long, 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.**

**Worship Leader:** Becky Ventre, C.C.D. (Congregational Care Director)

**Worship Assistant:** Deb Tyler

**Musicians:** Bruce Decker, Mark Panfil

**Please join us downstairs** for coffee, goodies and fellowship!

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT WAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!**

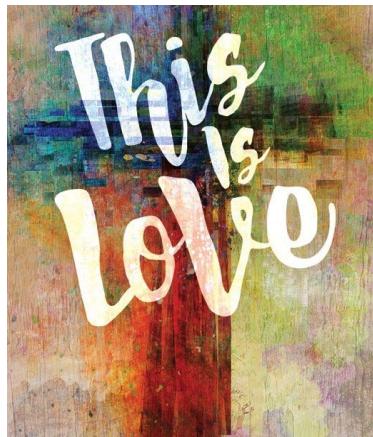
**If you, or a member of your family** are in the hospital please let the office know so we can arrange a visit and prayers.

**If you filled out a “Connect With Us” card**, you should have received the weekly email on Friday. If you did not, please call Julie, send her a text at 716-983-3888, or send the office an email at [waysidechurch@hotmail.com](mailto:waysidechurch@hotmail.com) and let us know .

**Mark your calendars!** The Buffalo Bluegrass Youth Ensemble made up of young fiddlers, banjo, mandolin, guitar, dobro and bass players from all over the great Buffalo area, are giving a free concert at Wayside Presbyterian Church on Monday, May 1st starting at 7 PM. Parents and members of the Youth Ensemble will also have a bake sale immediately following the concert downstairs in room 110. All are invited for the concert and bake sale. There will be a free will offering taken at the concert. All proceeds from the concert and the bake sale will go directly to the general fund of Wayside as a way of saying thank you for allowing us to meet at Wayside throughout the school year.

**It's time to order your Easter Flowers!** Please see any Deacon before or after service or during coffee hour to place your order.

## **Come Worship With Us!**



Good Friday Service  
April 7 @ 6PM

Easter Sunday Service  
April 9 @ 10 AM

**YOU are always welcome!**

## 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 few weeks unless otherwise requested.

All Military Personnel

Janet Evert

Carol Ranic

Bill Flick

Kayleigh S

Mary Bender

Margaret Anderson

Tracy Kalembkiewicz

Karen Durst

Dave DeLong

Lisa Glass

Claire & Charlotte Freid

Ainette Marshall

Ray Wise

Pike/Peiffer Family

Caleb Pelka

Rich & Judie Miller

Carol Sherer

Skip Chase

Ed Nendza & Family

Elaine Jabcuga

Doris Stein

Janice Leigh

Donald Minnick

Kimberly Borkowski

Wendy Ritchey

Marjorie English

Kristina Carlson

Jill Slighter

Jason Weldy

Kim Chase

Rhoda Peace

Bob Palyszeski

Victims of violence, & tragedy,  
their families & loved ones.

## WAYSIDER'S SCHEDULE

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

\*Please note: During the month of March, office hours will depend on Becky's availability, please make sure you call ahead if you plan to stop in. Thanks!

### **Sunday 03/19**

10:00 Worship

10:00 Sunday School

Coffee Hour and Fellowship

### **Monday 03/20**

Office hours (Please call ahead)

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

### **Tuesday 03/21**

Office hours (Please call ahead)

9:00-11:30 Lake Shore Pre-School

12:15-2:45 Lake Shore Pre-School

### **Wednesday 03/22**

Office hours (Please call ahead)

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

10:00 Women of Wayside (W.O.W.)

3:30 Preschool Art Show Set-up

### **Thursday 03/23**

Office hours (Please call ahead)

8:00 Preschool Art Show (110)

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

6:00 Girl Scouts

### **Friday 03/24**

Office hours (Please call ahead)

9:00 Lake Shore Pre-School

9:30 Bible Study

10:30 AA Support Group

12:15-2:45 Lake Shore Pre-School

### **Saturday 03/25**

### **Sunday 03/26**

10:00 Worship

10:00 Sunday School

Coffee Hour and Fellowship

# WAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*A safe, inclusive place for all people to worship.*



95 Years in Ministry  
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