

WAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 21, 2023

*And when he had
said these things...*

HE WAS LIFTED UP

*and a cloud took
him out of their sight.*

ACTS 1:9, ESV

May 21, 2023

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 may not know the time or the place,

But we know that God is restoring the world.

We may not see the risen Christ before us,

But we know his spirit rests on us.

We may not know what God is doing next,

But we come together in faith, excited to discover it!

Let us Worship God.

HYMN #263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

(Glory to God)

OPENING PRAYER

*Redeeming God, you call us to be one with you, as you are one with Christ. As his perfect love casts out our fear, and changes it to love, unite us by your Spirit of peace, that we may be one with you, as you are one with Christ. **Amen.***

CALL TO CONFESSION

Brother and sisters, God not only desires our repentance, but longs to offer us forgiveness. Therefore, cast all your anxiety on God, because God cares for you eternally.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christ our Savior, as you ascended, you left the work to us. You called us to keep the movement going, to witness to the ends of the earth, to pray, to heal, to glorify you through our thoughts, words, and deeds, to show the world a glimpse of the goodness you have given us. We have fallen short of this call. We have hidden ourselves in fear, sought our own comfort, and resigned ourselves to the status quo. Forgive us, and strengthen us to do your will, that we may be signs of your coming reign.

Silent meditation

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, the Spirit of God is resting on you, to restore, support, and

strengthen you. Therefore, be at peace in the One who forgives and loves you; rise up and give God thanks.

Thanks be to God!

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 #288 Spirit of the Living God (Glory to God)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God Most High, reigning in glory, send down your Spirit of wisdom to shine in your heavenly Word, so that we may worship you with joy continually blessing your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

May God arise, may his enemies be scattered; may his foes flee before him.² May you blow them away like smoke— as wax melts before the fire, may the wicked perish before God.³ But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they be happy and joyful. ⁴ Sing to God, sing in praise of his name, extol him who rides on the clouds; rejoice before him—his name is the Lord. ⁵ A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.⁶ God sets the lonely in families, he leads out the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.⁷ When you, God, went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, ⁸ the earth shook, the heavens poured down rain, before God, the One of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.⁹ You gave abundant showers, O God; you refreshed your weary inheritance. ¹⁰ Your people settled in it, and from your bounty, God, you provided for the poor.

³² Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth, sing praise to the Lord, ³³ to him who rides across the highest heavens, the ancient heavens, who thunders with mighty voice.

³⁴ Proclaim the power of God, whose majesty is over Israel, whose power is in the heavens. ³⁵ You, God, are awesome in your sanctuary; the God of Israel gives power and strength to his people. Praise be to God!

SECOND READING Acts 1:6-14

⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside

them. ¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

¹² Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day’s walk from the city. ¹³ When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

*HYMN #268 Crown Him with Many Crowns

(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

Jesus said to the Father, All mine are yours, and all yours are mine. Therefore, let us offer to God this day our lives and labors in service of Christ’s love.

RESPONSE He Is Lord (See Insert)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Great God, to you we give our thanks; your steadfast love endures forever. With gratitude we bring our gifts to you. Bless us and our gifts, that our lives and our resources may be a source of healing and hope, of joy and justice in our world.

Amen.

*HYMN We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations (See Insert)

*CHARGE

Sisters and brothers, God loves and cares for each of us. Therefore, cast all anxiety on God, and keep alert, so that we may remain steadfast in faith with Christ, who supports and strengthens us in all things.

***BLESSING**

May the abundance of God bless you, the strength of Christ keep you, and the Spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, shine upon you forever.

...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.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT WAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

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

Worship Assistant: Mary Lou Zerby

Musicians: Bruce Decker, Mark Panfil

Please join us downstairs for coffee, goodies and fellowship!

Please keep Laura Glista, Tabitha and Matthew Stewart and the entire family in your thoughts and prayers as they mourn the passing of their beloved, Ray Wise. Family and friends will be received Monday, May 22 from 4-7 PM at Lakeside memorial Funeral Home, 4199 Lake Shore Rd, Hamburg. A Service will be held at Wayside on Tuesday, May 23 at 10 AM.

Please keep Jeff Ventre & his family in your thoughts and prayers as they mourn the loss of Jeff's aunt Debbie.

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.

Stay in the loop with our weekly newsletter! Our newsletter is emailed every Friday right to your inbox, so you won't miss a thing. To subscribe just call 716-627-2150, text 716-983-3888 or email waysidechurch@hotmail.com Don't miss out on the latest news, announcements and updates from Wayside. Anything to share? Let us know and we'll help get the word out.

Times running out for your chance to win one of these amazing prizes. Support Our Team's Trip to Zambia Fundraiser! Purchase your tickets today, during coffee hour.

Prospective New Members Class will be offered ***TOMORROW Monday, May 22 (4-6)*** for adults interested in becoming members of Wayside, who do not have membership in another PC(USA) church. Free childcare is available if requested. The

new members are officially received into membership at our Sunday Worship Service the week following class. Classes will focus on intentional commitment you are making to God by becoming a church member. Additionally, classes focus on “What it means to be a Christian” and “What it means to be a Presbyterian.” A brief history will be presented on the Presbyterian Church and on our own congregation. **If you’re interested, it’s not too late! Let Becky know today after the service.**



Youth Night! We want to see S’more of you. Calling all kids grades 3 and up. Join us tonight, Sunday May 21 from 6:30-8PM at the Ventre House for games, youth group planning and of course s’mores! Call or text Becky at 716-310-8152 and let her know you’ll be coming. Bring your friends, everyone is invited.

Wayside’s Labyrinth We are offering the opportunity to remember and honor loved ones in the setting of Wayside's Labyrinth. The Labyrinth is an ancient symbol representing our faith as we journey through life. It is NOT a maze. There are no dead ends, no attempt to confuse or lose you; nor to mislead you, nor to hide things.

The Labyrinth has only one path, and it will take you in and guide you so that you will see all there is to see and go everywhere there is to go. It brings you into the center and takes you back to where you entered. Hopefully....with a little more wisdom or understanding from the journey. Perhaps with a bit more peace and joy, or just a little calmer or relaxed.

You can add a brick to this memorial path for \$50.00. **You are allowed a maximum of three lines with sixteen letters per line.** You can visit the Labyrinth to see samples of bricks already done. Your brick will take the place of a blank brick.

Our Labyrinth is dedicated to Jo Osbourne who was Wayside's beloved choir director for many years. She always enjoyed and encouraged quiet meditative walks.

Any questions, give the office a call. Please make checks out to Wayside P.C.



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
Russ Salerno
Kevin Hejna
Danette Wiedenbeck
Denise Scoma
Carol Ranic
Bill Flick
Kayleigh S
Mary Bender
Margaret Anderson
Tracy Kalembkiewicz
Karen Durst
Dave DeLong

Lisa Glass
Claire & Charlotte Freid
Ainette Marshall
Caleb Pelka
Rich & Judie Miller
Carol Sherer
Ed Nendza & Family
Doris Stein
Janice Leigh
Donald Minnick
Kimberly Borkowski
Wendy Ritchey
Marjorie English

Kristina Carlson
Jill Slighter
Jason Weldy
Kim Chase
Rhoda Peace
Victims of violence, & tragedy,
their families & loved ones.

WAYSIDE'S SCHEDULE

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

Sunday 05/21

10:00 Worship
10:00 Sunday School
Coffee Hour and Fellowship
6:30 Youth Night @Ventre's

Monday 05/22

9:00-1:00 Office hours
4:00 New Members Class

Tuesday 05/23

9:00-1:00 Office hours
10:00 Service for Ray Wise
6:00 Women of Wayside evening sew

Wednesday 05/24

9:00-1:00 Office hours
10:00 Women of Wayside (W.O.W.)

Thursday 05/25

9:00-1:00 Office hours

Friday 05/26

9:00-1:00 Office hours
10:30 AA Support Group

Saturday 05/27

Sunday 05/28

10:00 Worship
10:00 NO Sunday School this week
Coffee Hour and Fellowship

Monday 05/29

Memorial Day office is closed

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A safe, inclusive place for all people to worship.

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Giving has NEVER been easier. Just scan the QR code and “open”. This will take you to our secure link. Any questions, please see Julie or call the office at 716-627-2150.