

WAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 10, 2024



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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.

CENTERING MUSIC & LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

A love that never ceases,

A creativity that designed the universe,

A hope that cannot be quenched,

A pursuit of reconciliation no matter the cost:

These are the things that are of God,

Then let us worship God.

*HYMN Come, Now is the Time For Worship

Chorus

Come now is the time to worship

Come now is the time to give your heart

Come just as you are to worship

Come just as you are before your God

Come

Verse 1

One day every tongue will confess You are God

One day every knee will bow

Still the greatest treasure remains for those

Who gladly choose You now

Verse 2

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives

Willingly our knees will bow

With all of our heart soul mind and strength

We gladly choose You now.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, through Jesus Christ you bring salvation to the world. Give us strength to believe in him that we may share in his victory over the power of death and fulfill the purpose for which you have made us, for he dwells with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

CALL TO CONFESSION

This is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, for people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. Let us uncover our sin before the liberating light of Christ.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess the folly of our sin and the hypocrisy of our complaints. We grumble about the evils in our world, even as we commit injustices and profit through deceit. We fret about the scarcity of resources while hoarding earth's goods and cheating the poor. We protest the problems of our world, but we do not actively work to address them. Merciful God, expose our sins before the light of your grace. Heal our sin and free us from our foolish ways that we may know the joy of eternal life in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silent meditation

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. 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 #2227 We Are the Body of Christ (The Faith We Sing)

OFFERING OF TITHES & GIFTS

People of God, let us offer our sacrifice of thanksgiving, telling of God's deeds with songs of joy.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE #2036 Give Thanks (The Faith We Sing)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Merciful God, we thank you for your wonderful works among humankind. Accept this offering with the dedication of our lives and help us be for the world an emblem of your steadfast love, in Jesus Christ. Amen

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, open your Word and illumine our darkened world, that we may see clearly and live faithfully by the light of your truth in Jesus Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 15:5-18 (Covenant made with Abram. Righteousness comes through faith. God will ultimately fulfill the covenant even if man does not keep his end of the bargain.)

⁵Then the LORD took Abram outside and said to him, “Look up into the sky and count the stars if you can. That’s how many descendants you will have!” ⁶And Abram believed the LORD, and the LORD counted him as righteous because of his faith. ⁷Then the LORD told him, “I am the LORD who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to

give you this land as your possession.”⁸ But Abram replied, “O Sovereign LORD, how can I be sure that I will actually possess it?”⁹ The LORD told him, “Bring me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.”¹⁰ So Abram presented all these to him and killed them. Then he cut each animal down the middle and laid the halves side by side; he did not, however, cut the birds in half.¹¹ Some vultures swooped down to eat the carcasses, but Abram chased them away.¹² As the sun was going down, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a terrifying darkness came down over him.¹³ Then the LORD said to Abram, “You can be sure that your descendants will be strangers in a foreign land, where they will be oppressed as slaves for 400 years.¹⁴ But I will punish the nation that enslaves them, and in the end they will come away with great wealth. ¹⁵ (As for you, you will die in peace and be buried at a ripe old age.) ¹⁶ After four generations your descendants will return here to this land, for the sins of the Amorites do not yet warrant their destruction.”¹⁷ After the sun went down and darkness fell, Abram saw a smoking firepot and a flaming torch pass between the halves of the carcasses.¹⁸ So the LORD made a covenant with Abram that day and said, “I have given this land to your descendants, all the way from the border of Egypt to the great Euphrates River.

Genesis 22:1-14 (God provides a substitute sacrifice on the mountain range that Jesus was likely crucified on some 2000 years later.)

Some time later, God tested Abraham’s faith. “Abraham!” God called. “Yes,” he replied. “Here I am.”² “Take your son, your only son—yes, Isaac, whom you love so much—and go to the land of Moriah. Go and sacrifice him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains, which I will show you.”³ The next morning Abraham got up early. He saddled his donkey and took two of his servants with him, along with his son, Isaac. Then he chopped wood for a fire for a burnt offering and set out for the place God had told him about.⁴ On the third day of their journey, Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance.⁵ “Stay here with the donkey,” Abraham told the servants. “The boy and I will travel a little farther. We will worship there, and then we will come right back.”⁶ So Abraham placed the wood for the burnt offering on Isaac’s shoulders, while he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them walked on together,⁷ Isaac turned to Abraham and said, “Father?” “Yes, my son?” Abraham replied. “We have the fire and the wood,” the boy said, “but where is the sheep for the burnt offering?”⁸ “God will provide a sheep for the burnt offering, my son,” Abraham answered. And they both walked on together.⁹ When they arrived at the place where God had told him to go, Abraham built an altar and arranged the wood on it. Then he tied his son, Isaac, and laid him on the altar on top of the wood.¹⁰ And Abraham picked up the knife to kill his son as a sacrifice.¹¹ At that moment the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!” “Yes,” Abraham replied. “Here I am!”¹² “Don’t lay a hand on the boy!” the angel said. “Do not hurt him in any way, for now I know that you truly fear God. You have not withheld from me even your son, your only son.”¹³ Then Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught by its

horns in a thicket. So he took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering in place of his son. ¹⁴Abraham named the place Yahweh-Yireh (which means “the LORD will provide”). To this day, people still use that name as a proverb: “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.”

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE How did we get here?

*HYMN #175 Seek Ye First

(Glory to God)

*SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

*THE 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.

*HYMN # 340 This Is My Song

(Glory to God)

*CHARGE

Church, we have received the immeasurable riches of God’s grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. Go forth to share this gift with others.

*BLESSING

May the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the light of the Spirit bless you and keep you in the way of truth, 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.

Special Thanks to...

Becky Ventre, C.C.D. (*Worship Leader*)

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Mirella Ventre, Myla Ventre, Sophia Matson (*Sunday School*)

Deacons & Helpers (*Coffee Hour*)

All the passionate volunteers that make up Team Wayside

EXPERIENCING GOD

Some studies help you know the Bible. This one helps you know the Author.




YOU ARE CORDIALLY

invited to join our session members for an incredible opportunity that can lead to stronger faith, increased obedience, and profound transformation in your life. We offer morning and evening sessions for your convenience:

Sign-up for class & purchase your Study Book (cost \$25.00) See Becky or Contact Julie (716) 983-3888

Morning class meets
Every Friday
9:30-11 am
(Started March 1)

Evening class starts March 25
(2nd & 4th Monday monthly)
from 6:30-8 pm



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT WAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall, immediately after service, for coffee, goodies and fellowship!

If you would like to become a member or have any questions about it, please call the office or see Becky Ventre, C.C.D. after the service.

Please notify our office if you or a family member are in the hospital, so that we may arrange a visit and offer prayers.

Alpha Youth Film Series meets at Wayside, every Sunday evening at 6:45 PM. Youth, grades 6-12 come and join us!

On Saturday, April 13 (10-1 pm) Wayside will host the Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering. We would love to have a show of support for this event. We're also looking for volunteers as we host these women of Western New York.

If you're interested in attending gathering, RSVP Olga at (716) 310-6456.

Want to volunteer, please sign up outside the office

Join us on March 29 at 7PM for our Good Friday Service

LAST DAY TO ORDER



Easter Flowers

Please use this form to order your Easter flowers. Be sure to have your orders into the office by Sunday, **March 10.** Checks should be made out to Wayside Church.

Order your Flowers Today!

PRICE LIST	
Daffodils (6 bulbs)	\$ 8.00 _____
Tulips (7 bulbs)	\$ 8.00 _____
Hyacinths (3 bulbs)	\$ 8.00 _____
Your Name _____	TOTAL DUE \$ _____

IN LOVING MEMORY

IN HONOR OF

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.

All Military Personnel
Joy Boccolucci
Sara Chase
Chuck Nicholson
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Marjorie English
Kristina Carlson
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.

***Please note:** During the month of March, the office will be closed on Tuesdays & Thursdays. Becky is always available by phone in an emergency on those days and by appointment during the week.

Sunday 03/10

Easter Flower Orders Due Today!

10:00 Worship
10:00 Sunday School
Coffee Hour and Fellowship

Monday 03/11

*9:00-1:00 Office hours-Office
9:00-1:00 Lake Shore Preschool
6:30 Session

Tuesday 03/12

Office is closed
9:00-11:30 Lake Shore Preschool
12:15-2:45 Lake Shore Preschool
6:00 Evening Sew/Craft Group

Wednesday 03/13

*9:00-1:00 Office hours
9:00-1:00 Lake Shore Preschool
10:00 Women of Wayside (W.O.W.)
10:30 AA Support Group

Thursday 03/14

Office is closed
9:00-11:30 Lake Shore Preschool
12:15-2:45 Lake Shore Preschool

Friday 03/15

*9:00-1:00 Office hours
9:30 Experiencing God Bible Study
9:00-1:00 Lake Shore Preschool
10:30 AA Support Group

Saturday 03/16

Sunday 03/17

10:00 Worship
10:00 Sunday School
Coffee Hour and Fellowship

Monday 03/18

*9:00-1:00 Office hours-Office
9:00-1:00 Lake Shore Preschool
6:30 Buffalo Blue Grass



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