### **Westminster Presbyterian Church**

### Worship Guide—May 12, 2024

{▲ Designates times in the service when you may be invited to stand, in body or spirit.}





### Time of Quiet Prayer, Prayer of Blessing & Hymn

▲ Though I May Speak God of the Sparrow

The Presby Hymnal #335, see page 5 The Presby Hymnal #272, see page 6

### **Prayer of Humility**

Savior God, we invite you into our lives for a season, only to forget and neglect you once again. You beckon us, calling for our attention, but we are distracted and busy taking care of other priorities. Remind us, Holy God, that you are the source of our flourishing. You are the living water by which we have been planted. Forgive our neglect. Forgive our unfaithfulness. Focus us on you, your Word, and all that your Spirit provides. Hear us as we offer our silent confessions...

### **Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

# **▲** Our Response of Thanks to God

The Presbyterian Hymnal #579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### ▲ Passing of the Peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ

One: The peace of Christ be with you. All: And also with you.

As a gesture of peace, you may extend a handshake greeting or offer a verbal greeting while placing your hand over your heart.

#### Presentation of Student Bibles

see insert

### Ordination of a Ruling Elder

### Bible Reading & Children's Message

see page 3

After today's Children's Message & Anthem, children in Kindergarten through Grade 4 are excused for their own age-friendly worship and Christian formation. If you prefer, your children are welcome to remain with you for the entire service.

#### Children's Anthem & Choral Anthem

#### Sermon

# Offering of Our Life & Labor

Offering a material or spiritual gift of value from our lives is an act of worship made in devotion or gratitude to God. To our guests, we welcome you to participate with us in the ministry of giving without any expectation of your monetary gifts.

Want to give online? OR Code found on page 12.

# ▲ Response to the Offering & Prayer of Dedication

The PH #592

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

# Pastoral Prayer & 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

### **▲** Closing Hymn, Sending Prayer, & Pastoral Blessing

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

The Presby Hymnal #384, see page 8

### **▲** Congregational Blessing & Sending Music

While singing, you may hold the hands of your neighbors or place your hand over your heart as a gesture of communion.

May the good Lord bless and keep you, whether near or far away.

May the good Lord bless and keep you till we meet again.

May the good Lord bless and keep you till we meet, till we meet again.

Gathering Music: My Jesus, I Love Thee [Diane Bish]

Children's Anthem: Encourage One Another [Mark Burrows]

Choral Anthem: I Know He Watches Me [Joel Raney]

Incorporating What a Friend We Have in Jesus, His Eye Is on the

Sparrow, God Leads Us Along Saralyn Joiner, flute

Offering Music: Sentimentale [Claude Bolling] Saralyn Joiner, flute Sending Music: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling [Donald Hustad]

Please welcome Saralyn Joiner, a flute performance major from Youngstown State University. She just completed her junior year and is playing a piece this morning from her recent recital. She is a graduate of Lakeview High School and accompanied the Chancel Choir at the Shepherd of the Valley program last Thursday evening.

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# **Today's Bible Reading**

#### Acts 5:12-32

The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. They would come together regularly at Solomon's Porch. No one from outside the church dared to join them, even though the people spoke highly of them. Indeed, more and more believers in the Lord, large numbers of both men and women, were added to the church. As a result, they would even bring the sick out into the main streets and lay them on cots and mats so that at least Peter's shadow could fall on some of them as he passed by. Even large numbers of persons from towns around Jerusalem would gather, bringing the sick and those harassed by unclean spirits. Everyone was healed.

The high priest, together with his allies, the Sadducees, was overcome with jealousy. They seized the apostles and made a public show of putting them in prison. An angel

from the Lord opened the prison doors during the night and led them out. The angel told them, "Go, take your place in the temple, and tell the people everything about this new life." Early in the morning, they went into the temple as they had been told and began to teach.

When the high priest and his colleagues gathered, they convened the Jerusalem Council, that is, the full assembly of Israel's elders. They sent word to the prison to have the apostles brought before them. However, the guards didn't find them in the prison. They returned and reported, "We found the prison locked and well-secured, with guards standing at the doors, but when we opened the doors we found no one inside!" When they received this news, the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests were baffled and wondered what might be happening. Just then, someone arrived and announced, "Look! The people you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!" Then the captain left with his guards and brought the apostles back. They didn't use force because they were afraid the people would stone them.

The apostles were brought before the council where the high priest confronted them: "In no uncertain terms, we demanded that you not teach in this name. And look at you! You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching. And you are determined to hold us responsible for this man's death."

Peter and the apostles replied, "We must obey God rather than humans! The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God has exalted Jesus to his right side as leader and savior so that he could enable Israel to change its heart and life and to find forgiveness for sins. We are witnesses of such things, as is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

During which part of the service did you feel the presence of God most closely? What is one memory of the worship service you are going to take with you today?

# Though I May Speak

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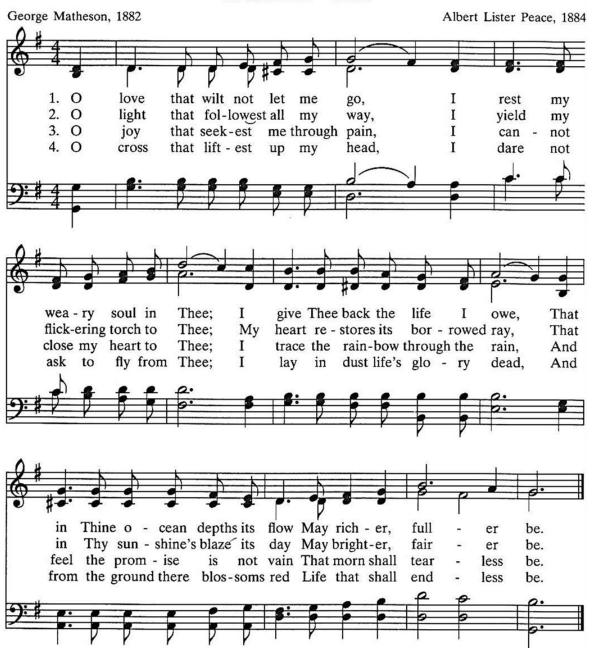


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# WELCOME! GENERAL INFORMATION...

#### **Connection Cards**

If you're comfortable doing so, complete one of our Connection Cards and place it in an offering plate OR hand it directly to a greeter at the visitor's desk outside the atrium.

### Take a Deep Breath and Relax

At our church, we take our worship seriously, but not ourselves. This is a SAFE SPACE for you to be yourself. May you experience God's presence and God's grace today!

#### Sit Wherever You Want

Don't worry about sitting in someone else's seat. HOSPITALITY is important to us, so you're not going to offend someone if you happen to sit in "their" seat.

### Have a Question?

Look for one of our Ushers wearing a BLUE LANYARD or one of our Hospitality Deacons wearing a YELLOW LANYARD. They're waiting and wanting to help you.

### Have Young Children? Nursery is Open Today

Want a break from your little ones? We have a NURSERY. Ask an Usher or Hospitality Deacon, and they'll walk you there. Want your children to stay with you? No problem. The sights and sounds of children are welcome throughout the service.

#### Can We Pray for You?

Have a joy? Let us celebrate with you. Have a concern? Let us support you. Prayer cards are in the atrium. Completed cards can be placed in the wooden collection box also located in the atrium. If you check the bottom box on the prayer card, your note will be shared publicly today. If you do not check the box, the privacy of your prayer request will be honored. You can also send a text message to Pastor Adam, 724-893-6244.

#### Join Our Prayer Network

Send an email note to: rgibbs22@zoominternet.net to become part of our fellowship of prayers, who hold in prayer both the joys and concerns of our faith community.

#### **Contact Us**

**Church Office**: 330-758-4513, westch2@zoominternet.net (M-F, 8a to 2p) **Pastor Adam**: 724-893-6244 (call/text), adamjosephrodgers@gmail.com **Congregational Care & Visitation**: Deacon Pam Batt, 330-716-3960

Bereavement Care: Deacon Anna Baker, 330-881-7724

**Student Ministry/Discipleship**: Bevin: 330-774-0809, bevin.k.flaugher@gmail.com

Music Ministries: Kathy: 330-921-9960, kdavison37@gmail.com



### Recognizing our Graduates—May 19

We're honoring students who will be graduating from all levels of education this spring. If you have a student in your family who is graduating, please send a note to Bevin Baker, so your student can be recognized during our May 19 worship service (10:30AM). Email to bevin.k.flaugher@gmail.com or text 330-774-0809

### The Sacrament of Holy Communion & Day of Pentecost—May 19

Join us as we eat and drink in union with the crucified and risen Christ on the Day of Pentecost. In observance of the holy day, you are invited to wear the color RED, which is the color most often associated with the Holy Spirit.

SMALL GROUPS...

### Youth (Grades 5-12) Sunday Morning Small Group, 9:15AM

Meet in the Youth Room for Relaxed Conversation & Imaginative Prayer Led by Pastor Adam, 724-893-6244 (call or text) (Youth Donuts and Fellowship, Sunday Morning, 10AM, Youth Room)

# Help Sort Books—Helping with the Annual Book Sale

Volunteers are needed and appreciated as we do the ongoing work of sorting donated books for our yearly sale. All are welcome to help dust, categorize, and price books. Use the lower level parking lot and entrance doors. Sorting Dates: May 20

# Young Adult Women's Group—Wednesday Evenings

Panera Bread (7121 South Avenue, Boardman)
Book Study/Bible Study led by Lindsay Rodgers, 724-893-6243 (call or text)

# Young Adult Men's Group—Tuesday Evenings

Starbucks (7680 Market Street, Boardman) Book Study/Bible Study led by Pastor Adam, 724-893-6244 (call or text)

# Sunday Morning Small Group, 9:15AM

Meet in the Parlor Room for Fellowship, Prayer, & Previewing the Day's Sermon Various Leaders. Church Office 330-758-4513

# Women's Circle of Love—3rd Tuesday of Month, 10AM, Hearth Room

Fellowship, Lessons, Food, & Laughs. Led by Patti Ward, 330-398-1449 (call or text) The May Meeting of the Circle of Love is May 21, 10AM. More info to come.

### "God Talk, Guy Talk" Men's Small Group

Fridays, 6:30AM (1st, 3rd, & 5th Fridays) Perkins on Rt. 224 (804 Boardman-Poland Rd.) Bible Study/Book Study led by Tim Meehan, 330-758-7535 (call or text)

### **Older Adult Women Small Group**

The Smiling Singles gather each month at a local restaurant after the 10:30AM Sunday morning worship service. Both the hostesses and the restaurant may vary. In May, the group will be meeting for lunch Sunday, May 19, 12PM at Stonebridge. Reserve your spot by contacting Karen Kalcic (330-770-5214, kkalcic@zoominternet.net) or you may sign up on the form in the church office.

### **Volunteer Opportunity: Our Community Kitchen**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month we're needed to help serve lunch to hungry people at Our Community Kitchen (515 Mahoning Avenue). Each month we need 2-3 people who can assist from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. It's worth the effort, for them and for you! If you're interested, please call the office. Next date: May 13

#### Mark Your Calendars—Vacation Bible School 2024

July 8-11 this year at Bethel Lutheran Church from 10am to 12:30 pm

#### Tell It Like It Is" Booklet Series

Booklet #3: "Why Church? How I First Came to Church and Why I Stay" Coming May 19

# Summer Small Group Opportunity—"Why Presbyterians Are Like That"

You're invited to join a small group in a series of Bible studies intended to help folks think about why Presbyterians are the way we are. We don't claim to be the only Christians who emphasize certain elements of Christian faith, but we do believe that certain emphases and themes mark us as distinctive in the Christian family. More info about these seasonal small groups located on the display table in the atrium.



### **Music Notes from Kathy Miller**

Thank you to all the children and their parents that helped make singing, choir chimes and rhythm instruments a part of their gift to the church this year. Bravo for a wonderful year!

There is a sign-up sheet on the piano in the choir room for summer musicians and interest in forming a small bell choir. There is also a sheet for interest in singing in the summer pick-up choir, easy 2-part anthems prepared on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am. Submit favorite hymn ideas as well for the summer months.

# COMMUNITY GROUPS...

WPC partners with Community Groups by providing rooms and space for folks to gather.

All Community Groups have their own unique guidelines/rules/fees for participation.

Please contact the groups directly for clarifying questions about involvement.

#### Aerobics

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 8:30AM & Tuesdays, Thursdays, 5:30PM Fellowship Hall, Contact Brenda Hughes, 330-402-1654 (call or text)

#### **Balance Class**

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:30 a.m. in Hearth Room Contact Missey DiMattio, 330-885-2040 or Patti Ward, 330-398-1449 (call or text)

### Recovery

- Al-Anon, Sundays, 7PM, Hearth Room or Pavilion (weather permitting)
- Overeaters Anonymous (OA), Mondays, 7PM, Preschool Entrance
- <u>Alcoholics Anonymous</u> (AA), Wednesdays, 7PM (Closed Meetings) Fellowship Hall or Pavilion (weather permitting)
- Gamblers Anonymous (GA), Fridays, 7:30PM (Closed Meetings)
   Lower Level of Church or Pavilion (weather permitting)

#### **Scouting**

- <u>Cub Scout Pack 114</u>, Mondays, 6:30PM, Fellowship Hall
- Scout Troop 60, Tuesdays, 7PM, Fellowship Hall

### Preschool—CCW Academy

Contact Janet Petro, Administrator, 330-755-7041, CCWAcademy@yahoo.com CCW Academy is enrolling students for the 2024-2025 school year, offering structured classes for children aged 2.5-5 years (9am—12pm) and childcare (7am—5:30pm).

Give Your Offering Online—Scan the QR Code

