



Washington Presbyterian Church Worship Celebration

October 11, 2020 | 10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Calling upon God in Prayer

*Call to Worship – Psalm 95:6-9

*Hymn – I Will Sing of My Redeemer (#309)

Responsive Reading – Ezekiel 34:1-5, 10-11

*Hymn – Ancient Words (see below)

Congregational Prayer

Assurance of Pardon – Lamentations 3:18, 21, 24

Children's Message

Message – **The True Shepherd's Compassionate Authority**

Matthew 9:35-10:4

Pastor Phil Amaismeier

*Hymn – Facing a Task Unfinished (see below)

*Benediction

Postlude

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Please scroll down for announcements, songs, and readings.

WELCOME members and guests. We're glad you joined us!

Today we continue public worship at the church building with full awareness that you are also worshipping with us at home. Even though we're not under the same roof, we are still worshipping the one true God with one another.

While viewing the worship service, we encourage you to sing along with the hymns, participate in the responsive reading, bow your head in prayer when we pray, etc. Also, share the link to the service with others if you can—it's a great way to get the gospel out to the world!

Children's sermon note sheets to help both older and younger children learn from the sermon at an age-appropriate level are available to print at washingtonpres.org/worship-bulletins.

Sermon recordings are available on Apple Podcasts under WPCA Sermons or on the Resources page of our website, washingtonpres.org. A **video recording** of today's live-streamed service is on our YouTube channel.

Sunday School

Adults – 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary, led by Cory Goehring. The same guidance for social distancing and masks during the worship service applies. Attendees are asked to sit in the same seat for both Sunday school and the service.

Children – 9:15-10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Households are asked to sit together at a table, and masks are required. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL began a new series this morning. The class has moved indoors to the fellowship hall. Households are asked to sit together at a table, and masks are required. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

PASTORAL OFFICE REFRESH – A team of volunteers is refreshing the pastor's study in the next few weeks, including new carpet, refreshed furniture, thorough cleaning, and painting. If you are willing to help, please contact Debbie Burtoft.

COVID-19 – Next week there will be no tape markers for social distancing in the church, and bulletins will be placed in the main entry and on the table in the narthex. Please continue to practice responsible social distancing and wear a face covering, such as a cloth mask or face shield, over your mouth and nose.

PASTORAL NOMINATION COMMITTEE – The PNC meets tomorrow, October 12, at 7:30 p.m.

YOUTH GROUP meets this Wednesday, October 14, 7-8 p.m., in the sanctuary. Masks and social distancing are in effect.

PIONEER CLUBS for children age 2 through 6th grade meets this Wednesday, October 14, 6-7:15 p.m. Masks and social distancing are in effect.

PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY meets on Saturday, October 17, at Greene Valley Presbyterian Church in Carmichaels.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY is suspended until further notice.

ELDER ON CALL – Beginning this month, each month will have a designated "Elder on Call" who will be the primary point of contact for pastoral care. You are always free to call any elder who you feel comfortable speaking with, regardless of who is on call. The elder on call is in place to make sure that congregants know there is someone ready to offer care at any time.

PASTOR PHIL will be on study leave October 18-24. He will still be available as Elder on Call.

SEPTEMBER GIVING

Going forward, finances will be reported monthly to more accurately reflect online and mailed giving.

Budget for the year	\$ 171,004.00
General Giving YTD	\$ 103,223.64

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Giving</u>
General	\$ 9,972.06
Deacons	\$ 175.00
Capital Building	\$ 320.00
Seminary Student Support	\$ 0.00

Call to Worship – Psalm 95:6-9

⁶ Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

⁷ For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

Today, if you hear his voice,

⁸ do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,

⁹ when your fathers put me to the test
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

Responsive Reading – Ezekiel 34:1-5, 10-11

¹ The word of the Lord came to me: ² “Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy, and say to them, even to the shepherds,

Thus says the Lord God: Ah, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep?

³ You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat ones, but you do not feed the sheep.

⁴ ***The weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the injured you have not bound up, the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought, and with force and harshness you have ruled them.***

⁵ So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd, and they became food for all the wild beasts. My sheep were scattered;

10 Thus says the Lord God, Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require my sheep at their hand and put a stop to their feeding the sheep.

No longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, that they may not be food for them.

11 “For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out.

Assurance of Pardon – Lamentations 3:18, 21, 24

18 so I say, “My endurance has perished;
so has my hope from the Lord.”

21 But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:

24 “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”

Scripture Reading – Matthew 9:35-10:4

35 And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. **36** When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. **37** Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; **38** therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

10 And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. ² The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

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I Will Sing of My Redeemer

I will sing of my Redeemer,
and His wondrous love to me;
On the cruel cross He suffered,
from the curse to set me free.

Refrain

Sing, O sing, of my Redeemer,
With His blood He purchased me.
On the cross He sealed my pardon,
Paid the debt and made me free.

I will tell the wondrous story,
how, my lost estate to save,
In His boundless love and mercy
He the ransom freely gave. ***[Refrain]***

I will praise my dear Redeemer,
His triumphant power I'll tell,
How the victory He giveth
over sin and death and hell. ***[Refrain]***

I will sing of my Redeemer,
and His heavenly love to me;
He from death to life hath bro't me,
Son of God, with Him to be. ***[Refrain]***

Ancient Words

Holy words long preserved
for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart
Oh, let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope
Give us strength, help us cope
In this world, where e'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home.

Chorus

Ancient words ever true
Changing me, and changing you.
We have come with open hearts
Oh, let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age.
Came to us through sacrifice
Oh heed the faithful words of Christ.

Martyr's blood stains each page
They have died for this faith
Hear them cry through the years
Heed these words and hold them dear.

Chorus

Facing a Task Unfinished

Facing a task unfinished
that drives us to our knees,
a need that, undiminished,
rebukes our slothful ease,
we who rejoice to know you
renew before your throne
the solemn pledge we owe you
to go and make you known.

Where other lords beside you
hold their unhindered sway,
where forces that defied you
defy you still today,
with none to heed their crying
for life and love and light,
unnumbered souls are dying
and pass into the night.

Chorus

We go to all the world,
with kingdom hope unfurled.
No other name has power to save
but Jesus Christ the Lord.

We bear the torch that flaming
fell from the hands of those
who gave their lives proclaiming
that Jesus died and rose;

ours is the same commission,
the same glad message ours;
fired by the same ambition,
to you we yield our pow'rs.

Chorus

O Father, who sustained them,
O Spirit, who inspired,
Savior, whose love constrained them
to toil with zeal untired,
from cowardice defend us,
from lethargy awake!
Forth on your errands send us
to labor for your sake.

Chorus (2x)

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