

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of WYOMING - CONNECTING with GOD, EACH OTHER & the WORLD

February 4, 2018



Welcome to Sanctuary Worship!

*We are so glad that you have joined us for worship today.
Please take a moment to let us know who you are in the Friendship Pad.
If you need a hearing-assist device, a large-print hymnal,
or a Children's Worship Kit, please see an usher.*

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Please listen meditatively to the prelude to prepare yourself for worship.

PRELUDE 8 a.m.

11 a.m. "From God I Will Not Depart"

Henry Limouze, piano

J. S. Bach

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Come Sing, O Church, In Joy!"

WE WORSHIP OUR GREAT GOD

***CALL to WORSHIP** *(responsive)*

One: *Good people of the church
Lift up your eyes and see.*

Many: **Have you not seen?
Have you not heard?
Our God greets us here.**

*One: Good servants of the Most High,
Open your ears to hear.*

**Many: Have you not seen?
Have you not heard?
Our God meets us here.**

*One: Good children of the light,
Open your hearts and know what it means to delight in God.*

**Many: For we have seen, heard and known
From the beginning to the end,
Our God...is.**

***HYMN 482** *“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”*

(8 a.m., first/last verses; 11 a.m., all)

***PRAYER of CONFESSION** *(unison)*

Merciful God, the words in Isaiah about not knowing You and not hearing about You resonate within us as we link them with the words of Paul—“woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel!” We know that one of the greatest challenges today is to communicate the gospel so that people really hear it. Yet so often our persistence in clinging to old and familiar traditions, practices, and language block people from hearing and experiencing the good news of Jesus Christ. Woe to us all if we persist in proclaiming the gospel in words and ways which put people down rather than build them up.

Forgive us, O God, for clinging to the use of language which excludes people from hearing the great good news about Jesus. *(silent confession)*

Woe to us all if our lives and characters proclaim other than the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Forgive us, O God, for the times when our piety is visible on Sundays but hard to detect the rest of the week. *(silent confession)*

Woe to us all if the gospel is proclaimed only within these walls and not daily in the communities where we live or study or work.

Forgive us, O God, for earnestly praising and worshipping You in words and ritual whilst ducking for cover when it comes to performing deeds of mercy and service. *(silent confession)*

Woe to us all if we forget that proclamation of the gospel goes hand in hand with the belief that the hopes and dreams of the downtrodden and powerless can be transformed into reality when we risk stepping out in faith.

Forgive us, O God, if our zeal for mission and evangelism is shaped by the state of our finances rather than the promptings of the Holy Spirit. *(silent confession)*

Strengthen us with the Holy Spirit to do all for the sake of the gospel, so that we and all those to whom it is proclaimed may share in its blessings. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

***ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS**

Response: "Thanks Be to God"

***GLORIA PATRI 579**

***PASSING of the PEACE of CHRIST**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM *"We Are Called"*

David Haas/Mark Hayes

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING *1 Corinthians 9:16-23*

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

***HYMN 374** *"Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace"* (8 a.m., first/last verses; 11 a.m., all)

SERMON *"It's Not About You, Part Two"*

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *"Song of the Pilgrim"*

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

***DOXOLOGY HYMN 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.

***PRAYER of DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

***CLOSING HYMN 429** *"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"*

(8 a.m., first/last verses; 11 a.m., all)

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

RESPONSE *"Amen"*

POSTLUDE *"Praise You the Lord, the Almighty"*

Hans Micheelsen

**Please stand if you are able.*

*The Flowers Today Are Given by **Norm and Marilyn Thomas**
in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAPTISM

Today at the 9 a.m. Visions Worship service we will celebrate the baptism of Weston Beau Rice, son of Mandy and Bill Rice. Please congratulate the family and join them in prayer as they lead Weston to grow in faith.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NEXT WEEK

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on **Sunday, February 11**, following the single unified service in the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. Annual reports are available in the Gathering Area this week and next week, and are also available online.

SPECIAL GUEST VOCAL ENSEMBLE

On Sunday, **February 11th**, we will welcome SUAVE (Saint Ursula Academy Vocal Ensemble) to sing at our single worship service. Saint Ursula Academy is an all-girls Catholic high school located in East Walnut Hills. This award-winning vocal ensemble competes in regional competitions and is led by Kathy Backherms. You may recognize our own Olivia Haines as a member of this vocal group.

LENT

Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday will all be held at PCW this year. Ash Wednesday service will be February 14th at 7 p.m.

A BIGGER TABLE

Wednesday evenings during Lent we will be joining with our community for Lenten dinners at Reading-Lockland Presbyterian Church. Please join us as we celebrate God's love through food, fellowship and music every Wednesday from 6:30-8 p.m. on the following dates: Feb. 21st, Feb. 28th, March 7 (PCW will host), March 14th, and March 21 (PCW will host).

PCW will host two of the dinners, but please plan to come every Wednesday. Reading-Lockland Presbyterian Church is located at 125 Cooper Ave.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Do you have young children (fourth grade or younger)? Do you need to get away for a few hours and breathe? Take a night off or go see a movie as we care for your kids on **Friday, February 16th**, from 6-10 p.m. Snacks will be provided, but please send your kid(s) with a full tummy! Sign up in the Gathering Area ASAP. This is a free event

VALLEY CONCERT - THE TWI-LITES

Cincinnati's "The Twi-Lites" invites you to an afternoon of love songs from the Great American Songbook to pop hits familiar to audiences of a certain age. This eclectic sextet features singer Karie-Lee Sutherland, Amy Dennison on winds, Greg Sayles on guitar, bassist Bill Reid, drummer Tim Stanforth and keyboardist/guitarist Bruce Martin. **Sunday, February 18th, at 4 p.m.** in the Great Room at PCW.

YOU ARE INVITED

Please join us as we celebrate and share our appreciation for Pastor Ed's ministry at PCW and the many contributions of the Goode-Snow family. We will gather in the Great Room for a celebratory brunch on **February 18th** following the 10 a.m. single service. We encourage you to share your personal reflections of what Pastor Ed's ministry has meant to you in a card, letter or note. We will have a basket in the Gathering Area to collect these personalized well-wishes. If you wish to contribute to a farewell gift, please make your check out to "PCW" with the memo line indicating "Pastor Ed Farewell Gift." Send your contribution to the attention of Ron Stoerker, PCW Finance/Administrator.

MEN'S RETREAT

All PCW men and friends: The 11th Annual Men's Retreat is scheduled for **February 23-25** at the Bartels' Farm. Our planning team is working on a great slate of activities, fellowship, Bible study, prayer, guns and the usual menu of great food and libation. For some early inspiration read Ephesians 6:10-18 and then mark your calendars. Get ready for some hand-to-hand combat with God, our faith, and your own search for a spiritual life. Cost: \$50. Make checks to PCW and drop in Ron Stoerker's box - mark "Men's Retreat". Sign up in Gathering Area.

KEENAGERS IN FEBRUARY

We are headed to the Cincinnati Art Museum on **February 28th**. Please sign up in the Gathering Area if you would like to join us to see the Saul Steinberg Mural of Cincinnati and other exhibits. We will meet at the PCW parking lot at 10 a.m. and gather for our tour at 10:30 a.m. Following the tour we will have lunch in the Terrace Café at the Art Museum. Salads and sandwiches range from \$10-\$15. See Pastor Lisa if you have any questions.

YOUTH AUCTION DINNER - SAVE THE DATE

The Youth Auction Dinner will be held on Sunday, **March 18th**. Save the date and plan to attend. We are looking for some cool items or services to auction off that night. If you have something you would like to donate, please contact Adam Hayden at ahayden@pcwyoming.org.

THE HEALING SPACE

HOW TO BE YOUR OWN BEST FRIEND

How do you treat the beloved people in your family or relationships? Do you keep in touch, listen to them, enjoy light-hearted times together? This week's question: Do I treat myself as I treat my best friends? Paraphrasing the words of Jesus, the great commandments: Love God, Love your neighbor as yourself. If I am commanded to love my neighbor as myself, I am commanded to love myself and share that with my neighbor. Consider going to www.TheHealingSpaceCincinnati@gmail.com to find options on becoming your own best friend.



Sermon Notes

FOR PRAYER

PRAISE!!

Norm and Marilyn Thomas' 65th Anniversary.
Westin Rice's Baptism today at 9 a.m.

THIS WEEK

**Rev. Dr. Edward Goode, Rev. Amy Snow, Zach,
Zoe, and Zephan** - Pastor Ed's resignation

PCW - for God's guidance in this time of transition
and change

Officers - **Adrienne Palermo**, Elder
John Stickney, Deacon

Church Staff - **Rev. Lisa Bernheisel**

CANCER

Bob Thomas - Norm and Marilyn Thomas' son,
cancer

Kristen Hurd - recovery from breast cancer
surgery

Rev. Harold (Chappie) Chapman - pancreatic
cancer, friend of Tom and Debi Haines

Meredith - cancer treatment, friend of Brian
Bonner

Missy - cancer treatment, Dee Dee Uhle's cousin

Debbie Matthews - recovering from breast
cancer, friend of Scott and Sue Ellis

Paul Wilbur - cancer treatment, son of Irv Wilbur

Jackie Foster - blood cancer, Tom Haines' mother

Cindy Robinson - special prayers

Susan Osha - successful treatment

Cynthia Towne - brain tumor treatment

CONTINUED PRAYER

Sue Knox - recovering from surgery

Julie Woodside - recovering from surgery

Bill and Mandy Rice - welcomed a new baby
boy on January 6th

Chantelle Ellis - daughter of Sue and Scott Ellis,
is expecting twins in June

Marjorie Smith - recovering from heart surgery

Our Missionaries - Benadums and Myhres

Prayers for all with ongoing situations

REMEMBERING

Sue Brown - mother of Chanda Harris (Howard
Constable's caregiver). Please lift her family
and friends in prayer. A memorial service was
held at PCW yesterday.

Barbara Gottling - Please lift her family and
friends in prayer. A memorial service will be
held on March 3 at 11 a.m. here at PCW.

PRAYER SCRIPTURES

Psalm 23:4

*Even though I walk through the darkest
valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff - they comfort me.*

Psalm 46:1

*God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.*

John 14:27

*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give
to you. I do not give to you as the world
gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled,
and do not let them be afraid.*

*It is a privilege to hold you in prayer.
Names will remain on the prayer list
for three weeks .*

PCW EVENTS for THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 8 & 11a.m. **Sanctuary Worship Service**
- 9:00 a.m. **Visions Worship Service**
- 10:00 a.m. Adult Ed, Founders' Rm.
- 10:10 a.m. JEDI HS/MS Talks, Bell Tower
- 10:15 a.m. Youth Empowered, Downstairs
- 10:15 a.m. Upper Room Class, Rm. 305
- 7:00 p.m. HS Youth Group, Youth Café
- 7:00 p.m. MS Youth Group, Youth Room

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee, Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee, Library
- 7:45 p.m. Boy Scouts, Cabin Hall

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Parlor
- 9:15 a.m. Prayer Meeting, Library
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Library

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- 7:30 a.m. Owen Study Group, Parlor
- 8:00 a.m. Health Rhythms, Choir Room
- 7:30 p.m. Visions Worship Rehearsal, Great Rm.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 8:00 a.m. Health Rhythms, Choir Room
- 8:30 a.m. Bible Study, Parlor
- 3:00 p.m. Organ Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. Alanon, Founders' Room

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 6:15 a.m. Bible Study, Library

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- 10:00 a.m. **Unified Worship Service**
- 11:00 a.m. Annual Congregational Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. HS Youth Group, Youth Café

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up-to-date calendar of events
on the PCW webpage.*