

PREPARATION

Silent Meditation *Proverbs 1: 20-30*

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.

Prelude "Lento" C. H. RINCK

Greetings and Announcements

Introit "There's A Spirit of Love in This Place"

Call to Worship (In Unison)

One: "Who do you say that I am?" Jesus asked,

All: and Peter answered, "The Messiah."

One: Let us worship the One who is our savior

All: and follow in Christ's path of love.

Hymn 727 "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

THE SERVANT SONG

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on the road. We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christlight for you in the nighttime of your fear. I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony, born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Unison Prayer of Confession

O Lord, you have called us to take up our cross and follow you: to carry the truth of your justice like a banner and bear the yoke of life as your servant. We are hesitant, O God, to serve anyone but ourselves. We draw away from the imagery of the cross. Forgive us, O God, and call us once more to set aside our selfishness and follow in your way.
(Time of Silence)

Assurance of Pardon

Response of Praise No. 581 *Gloria Patri*

Exchange of Christ's Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you. P: And also with you.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Sermon and the Lord's Prayer

Anthem "Jesus, I Adore Thee" Stephen Caracciolo

Scripture Reading **Mark 8: 27-38**

L: This is the Word of the Lord. P: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon "Taking Up Your Cross" Rev. Vanessa Winters

Hymn 718 "Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said" BOURBON

Take up your cross, the Savior said, if you would my disciple be; take up your cross with willing heart, and humbly follow after me.

Take up your cross; let not its weight fill your weak spirit with alarm; Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up and brace your heart and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross; heed not the shame, and let your foolish pride be still; the Lord for you accepted death upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, and calmly every danger brave: it guides you to abundant life and leads to victory o'er the grave.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR September 12-19, 2021

<u>TODAY</u>	16th Sunday after Pentecost – Reunion Sunday
10:00 AM	Worship Service
<u>MONDAY</u>	
7:00-9:00 PM	Senior Choir Rehearsal
<u>TUESDAY</u>	
6:00 PM	Session Meeting
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	
9:15 AM	Mission Committee Meeting
10:30 AM	Staff Meeting
<u>THURSDAY</u>	
7:00 PM	Nominating Committee Meeting
<u>FRIDAY</u>	
5:15 PM	Music & Worship Meeting
<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>	17th Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 AM	Worship Service



Church Treasurers Email: For all church financial inquiries, please email: wpctreas@gmail.com

Deacon's Medical closet: Please contact the church office to set up a time for pick up or drop off.

*We welcome you as we would welcome
Christ Himself!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS for September 12, 2021

*An offering plate is available in the entryway of the sanctuary on the Westhampton Side entrance. Please also take a bulletin to follow along during the service.

*Please record your name in the pew pad or sign the guest book so that the church can stay connected with you.

*Large print hymns as well as large print Bibles are available. Ask an usher for assistance.

*Prayer Concerns

Recent: Meryle King and family; Pat Bebon, St. Charles hospital; Louise Smith; Chic Hedberg, Home; Debbie (recovering from surgery, friend of Margery Qua); Madeline Hackworth (recovering from fall and hip surgery. Vern Hackworth's mother); Nancy Hama (recovering from knee surgery); Dee Dee Brumsey (sister of a close friend of Pete Seidler); John & Sherry Gillin (John Gillin's parents); Pat Hipp (Mother of Mike Hipp); Dick Herzing; Janet Mafera Galea, Cancer (friend of Mimi & Stu Wood); Erica Fernandez, (Hanne Manker's grandson's fiancé); Inda Lawson, (Diane Perry's niece); Kathleen Rogers (Kimberly Rogers Murawski's mother); Maureen Nelsen; Bob Wetter (Nancy & Wes Winters brother-in-law), pancreatic cancer; Robyn DeLorenzo, Ruth Duvall's granddaughter; Patrick J Knight, PLI Treasurer; John Lowe & Roberta Williams, friends of Vern Hackworth; Susan Sullivan, friend of Mary & John Hull; Kimberly Rogers Murawski; Dana Barrett, friend of Nancy Miller; Jay Sears
Long Term: Chelsey Carter Collins, Southampton Care Center; Gene Hubbard; Dorothy Evans; Paul & Ellen Pfaff; Rev. John Kloefer, home

Flowers

In celebration of our grandson, Lorenzo John Vigorito's first birthday! Given by Nancy & Gabe Vigorito

Christian Sympathy

We give our deepest Christian sympathy to Meryle King and her entire extended family on the death of her mother, Daphne Horton on Monday, September 6, 2021.

Scrap Metal Drive!

The Scrap Metal Drive will take place on Saturday, September 25th from 9am-2pm. Contact Tom Rogers or the church office if you have large items to be picked up.

We Are Live!

Click on “Live Church WebCam” in the right hand corner of the homepage.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

If you do not see yours in Tidings, please email the church office. WPC would always like to acknowledge all members and friends during these special days during the year!

Wanted: Sunday School Teachers!

Looking for Sunday School teachers for the 2021-2022 school year. I'd like to have at least 4 teachers (PreK-K, 1st & 2nd, 3rd & 4th, 5 & 6th) and a few substitutes. Please email or speak with Kathy Tureski @ whpresbyterianss@gmail.com or 631-653-6209.

PayPal Fees

I am grateful for everyone who continued their pledge during the pandemic and church closure. PayPal is one of the choices to submit your pledge. They have a policy of charging a fee for each transaction of 3% of the dollar amount given. Those who chose PayPal for their giving have received full credit for their giving amount. The church absorbs the fee and is documented in expenses. So far this year the PayPal fee comes to a total of \$463.78. Now that we are returning to some normalcy, I am suggesting to those who chose PayPal to consider returning to sending a check or drop your envelop in the offering plate. Thank you for your continuation of giving.

Janet Hann, Treasurer

Announcements and Articles

Bulletin announcements are due by noon on Wednesdays. Committee members and congregation are invited to submit articles for the monthly Tidings, due on the 20th. Bulletins and Tidings newsletters are readily available and updated weekly on our website!

Website Photo Gallery

Be sure to check the website for updates to the photo galleries! If you would like to add some photos in, please send them as .jpg files.