

WEBSTER GROVES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Service for the Lord's Day
November 1, 2020
9:30 a.m.

OUR MISSION
We seek to live Christ's love,
welcome all people and joyfully serve God.



Service for the Lord's Day

✦ *When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.*

~GATHERING FOR GOD'S WORD~

PRELUDE

"All Who Are Thirsty"
Shawn Portell, organ

Brown/Robertson

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY LIFE (Pulpit)

As the music begins, let us use this time for quiet reflection and prayer, so that we, individually and as a great crowd of witnesses, may prepare ourselves to reaffirm our faith as the people of God.

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP (Lectern)

Dave Morris, Liturgist

Look! A vast multitude -
citizens of every nation,
speakers of every tongue -
standing before the throne of the Lamb.

**See how they dwell within God's temple,
in the shelter of One who wipes away their tears.**

We join our voices with these saints
and with the choir of angels,
who forever sing God's praise:

**Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever!**

HYMN

"Bring Us Home"
Shawn Portell, organ

Light/Tate

✦ CALL TO CONFESSION (Font)

In the face of God's goodness we recognize our failings.
Hungry for God's mercy, let us tell the truth about our lives,
that we might receive grace in time of need.

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Lectern)

**Gracious God,
you call us your own children
and cover us with your love.
We would seek to be merciful as you are,
and to show compassion as you do,
but we fail to live the life to which we have been called.
Where we ought to forgive, we condemn;
the evil we should shun, we embrace.
Forgive our sinful ways,
tame our wayward wills,
and make us more like Christ,
until we are raised in perfection on the last day. Amen.**

✠ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and brothers,
no one who takes refuge in God will be condemned.
Believe the good news!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

✠PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

"Kum Ba Yah"
Ely Ringers

arr. John Wilson

~PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD~

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dave Morris, Liturgist

In your Word, O God, show us heaven.

By your spirit, show us truth;
through Christ, the Living Word,
in whom we see your face. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

I Thessalonians 2:9-13

Pew Bible, pg. 203

You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was toward you believers. ¹¹As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, ¹²urging and encouraging you and pleading that you lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. ¹³We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

I John 3:1-3

Pew Bible, pg. 240

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

SERMON (Pulpit)

Rev. Ed Zumwinkel

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

~RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD~

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Eternal God,
author of our past and promise of our future,
we lay before you our private fears and our concerns
for the world,
knowing that you hear our cries.

We call to mind before you all those who have died:

those who taught us the faith...
those who spoke your truth in the face of evil...
those who cared for the weak and the suffering...
and those whom we loved and cherished the most...
Thank you that their pain is ended
and their joy made complete.

Covenanting God,
in baptism you claim us and show us how to live.
Keep us in your care until that day
when all creation sings your praise
and you lead all your children
to the springs of the water of life.
Through Jesus Christ, our Brother, Redeemer, and Lord. Amen.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Julie Burchett

(Please note the video link to our pre-recorded stewardship message from the Roudebush family.
Please take a look after service.)

OFFERING INVITATION (Font)

How can we withhold our gifts of gratitude
in the face of such wondrous love?
With glad and generous hearts,
let us bring our offerings to God.

OFFERTORY

“All My Hope”
Shawn Portell, organ

Morgan/Ingram

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We magnify your name, O God,
and together exalt your name,
for you are so good to us
and gracious beyond measure.
In this life you lead us, comfort us, guide us,
and redeem us in countless ways.
In death you usher us to even greater blessing,

bringing us through the great ordeal,
embracing us in your endless light,
and welcoming us to your table of goodness and plenty.
These gifts we bring are but a token of our thanks,
seeds to be planted for the growing of your kingdom,
in which we have sure and certain hope.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE (Wide Table)

(Pastor Ed and Pastor Hannah)

*May The Holy Spirit strengthen us for the journey of healing and sustain us
in the memories we honor today.*

INTRODUCTION TO CANDLE LIGHTING RITUAL

(place candle to the rear of container)

For those worshipping in the Sanctuary:

*Please name the person for which you grieve on the card in your bulletin,
then offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the gift you received or have been inspired to offer the world.
Deposit the card in the offering plate as you exit at the end of the service.*

Ring Bell one time and let it peel

Hear these words from scripture:

God consoles us in all our afflictions, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ.

With thanksgiving we remember:

Born Into New Life

Virginia Coleman	December 11, 2017
Georgia Johnson	May 24, 2019
Irma Robinson	June 12, 2019
Janet Loth	November 5, 2019
William "Bill" James	December 7, 2019
John Hagar	January 9, 2020
Carol Fleisher	January 9, 2020
Elizabeth Smith	January 20, 2020
Ann Johanson	January 30, 2020
Shirley Clifton	January 22, 2020
Bernice Roemer	February 13, 2020
Sandy Buschmann	March 11, 2020

Mildred Kent	May 20, 2020
Rebecca Jane Ferger	May 27, 2020
Patti Jo Tappmeyer	June 1, 2020
Ruth Boothe	June 2, 2020
Harold "Hal" Jones	June 11, 2020
Freda Hanke	June 25, 2020
Jim Murphy	July 5, 2020
Rich Bailey	July 23, 2020
Marje Green	July 27, 2020
Harlan Tappmeyer	October 9, 2020

name red, bell rung

“And now with thanksgiving we remember those not named today but who we carry in our hearts”
after a moment ring the bell

HYMN “Shout to the Lord” Zscech
Shawn Portell, organ

Please be reminded that Zoom Coffee Fellowship begins shortly after the Postlude.

CHARGE (Pulpit)

This day, and every day,
O taste and see that the Lord is good.

BENEDICTION

May the God of hope keep you
until Christ comes to take us all home.

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POSTLUDE “Shout to the Lord” Zscech
Shawn Portell, organ

WORD OF WELCOME

The worship service is a special time for all our members, but there are necessary changes designed to keep all safe.

For the sake of all attending worship, **masks** are required while in worship.

During the **passing of the peace**, congregants should not leave their pews or offer handshakes or hugs. A smile and a nod or a friendly hello across the aisle can serve as a physically-distant sign of peace. We encourage creativity!

For the **offering**, we encourage everyone to give their contribution online. No plate will be passed during the service. Designated offering receptacles will be near sanctuary exits if you prefer to give in person.

If you have any **questions** about the procedures as outlined, please see one of the pastors or Betsy Wacker.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY VESPERS BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1

With the change in season and the coming dark evenings, MiniMeets and Gospel Medicine are on pause until the spring. Instead, join us for Vespers (a traditional evening service celebrating light) on Zoom each Sunday at 7pm beginning today, November 1. The zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83756833793?pwd=L0RDdmNVbDd6VVQwN29yRWRiNjZz09>

POLLS OPEN THIS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020 from 6AM to 7PM

If you have any questions about the ballot or where your polling place is, go to <https://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/govotemissouri/>

“Reinhold Niebuhr’s aphorism that “[human] capacity for justice makes democracy possible but [human] capacity for injustice makes democracy necessary” is a fair summary of the possibilities of our political life as we strive to make it as participatory, just and accountable as possible.” From Lift Every Voice: Democracy, Voting Rights, and Electoral Reform, approved by the 218th General Assembly of the PCUSA.

Please remind your family and friends to vote! Every voice is important!

EDUCATION HOUR with BEYOND HOUSING NOVEMBER 8, 11:00AM

Mark your calendars to join us for an inspiring presentation by Chris Krehmeyer, President and CEO of Beyond Housing on November 8th at 11:00am via Zoom. In looking at the initiatives of WGPC Mission and Advocacy, Beyond Housing’s programs address the full spectrum. Beyond Housing’s 24:1 initiative is a nationally-recognized program that addresses fundamental challenges within the municipalities in the Normandy school district in North St Louis County, partnering with other non-profits and working with the government to create a safer, healthier community where residents can thrive. The Zoom link will be sent in next week’s Friday Flash.

NICARAGUA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP—“Seguir Adelante—Go Forward!”

Our presbytery’s covenant relationship with the community of Plan Grande #2 Nicaragua has been active for 20 years, Gracias a Dios! Despite economic downturns, political unrest, and social disruptions in both countries and the global impact of COVID-19, and we remain committed to our promises of mutual love and support. **“Seguir Adelante—Go Forward!”**

COVID-19 forced the cancelation of our annual fund-raising dinner, but the needs of 34 high schoolers and 7 college students have not stopped! WE ARE COMMITTED TO THE STUDENTS of Plan Grande #2. We want to share their stories to engage and inspire you to “seguir Adelante—go Forward” - even in these challenging times. We hope to raise the funds necessary to provide the support they and their families need in order to continue focusing on education and their futures. **Our goal for the remainder of 2020 is \$5000!**

Join us for a Zoom Gathering on Monday, November 9th from 5:30—6:30pm for stories and updates. No tickets, no admission, no meal (sorry!) - but plenty of opportunity for you to learn and to share in the mission to support the community of Plan Grande#2 and these great young people.

RSVP to pg2nicaragua@gmail.com **and you will be sent the Zoom link to join the event.** Let us know if you have any questions!

Donate online at www.glpby.org between Nov. 1-30 or anytime at www.wgpc.org/give (select "Nicaragua" from the "select a fund" menu). Checks made to "Giddings Lovejoy Presbytery" may be mailed c/o Harriet Hall to 20 North Maple Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63119.

SOCIAL ADVOCACY FILM CLUB

Join the Advocacy Team for another Film Club discussion on Wednesday, November 11 at 7pm. The November film discussion will cover the PBS American Experience film "*Freedom Riders*", about groups of white and African American civil rights activists who participated in Freedom Rides, bus trips through the American South in 1961 to protest segregated bus terminals. The Zoom link to the discussion will be in the Friday Flash and the bulletin immediately prior to the event.

Information About Amendment 3

On October 11, David Kimball, **Professor**, and Interim Chair of Political Science at UMSL, discussed Amendment 3 during the Education Hour. Following David's presentation the Advocacy Team voted to endorse and share their support of the "No on 3" campaign, feeling that the Amendment 3 language is deceptive in stating gifts and donations will be reduced without indicating that these limits would be minuscule given the major changes made through the prior adoption of Clean Missouri and also that the primary purpose of the Amendment is to overturn fair and competitive redistricting of voting districts. The redistricting would reduce representation for communities of color and urban and suburban areas, which would go against our commitment to ending racism as a Matthew 25 church as well as reduce fairness across Missouri. A comparison of the Clean Missouri, passed by 62% of Missouri voters in 2018, and Amendment 3, placed on the November 3 ballot by the legislature, can be found below:

Amendment 1 – Clean Missouri	Amendment 3
<p data-bbox="126 739 711 877">(Placed on the 2018 ballot by citizen petition, passed by 62% of voters in 2018, including a majority in every voting district in the state)</p> <ul data-bbox="126 915 711 1612" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="126 915 711 1016">• Reduced lobbyist gifts to legislators to \$5, down from a previously unlimited amount. <li data-bbox="126 1058 711 1226">• Reduced individual contributions to legislators to \$2500 for state senate candidates and \$2000 for state house candidates, down from a previously unlimited amount. <li data-bbox="126 1268 711 1402">• Called for re-districting by a non-partisan demographer in such a way that districts are more fair and create politically competitive districts. <li data-bbox="126 1444 711 1520">• Bans political fundraising on state property <li data-bbox="126 1562 711 1612">• Requires legislators to wait 2 years before becoming lobbyists. 	<p data-bbox="750 747 1318 814">(On the ballot November 3 and placed on the ballot by the legislature)</p> <ul data-bbox="750 856 1318 1520" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="750 856 1318 890">• Eliminates gifts to legislators. <li data-bbox="750 932 1318 999">• Reduces individual contributions to state senate candidates to \$2400. <li data-bbox="750 1041 1318 1520">• Guts the re-districting portion of Clean Missouri in many respects, calling for redistricting to be made based upon the number of voting age citizens. Current redistricting guidelines are based upon the number of people living in an area. This new definition of redistricting guidelines eliminates children and non-citizen immigrants from the count, reducing the representation in urban and suburban areas. If approved, Missouri would be the only state that does not include all persons in re-districting formulas.

RECURRING EVENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP—SUNDAYS FOLLOWING ONLINE WORSHIP

Put the coffee on; grab a sweet treat; and be ready to see your friends, make new friends and enjoy the comfort and laughter of fellowship. See the Friday Flash for the Zoom link.

THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS: A WEBINAR FROM INTERFAITH PARTNERSHIP OF GREATER ST. LOUIS-MONDAYS AT 7PM

For our Fall Adult Education we will be joining this great opportunity to explore the religions of the world with Interfaith Partnership of Greater St. Louis. Dr. David Oughton, president of the Board of Interfaith Partnership and retired professor of the world's religions at Saint Louis University, will be teaching a weekly fifteen part lecture series on the World's Religions via Zoom. The course is free and open to all, and participants are encouraged to come to as many or as few sessions as they are able. If you have any questions about this programs, feel free to contact Interfaith Partnership. Register here and let Pastor Hannah know once you're registered.

BLACK LIVES MATTER VIGIL

Our Black Lives Matter vigils with other churches along Lockwood continue on Friday nights from 6:00-6:30pm. Meet in the WGPC parking lot, wear a mask, and bring your chair if you need one.

VOTER INFORMATION

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch and the League of Women Voters of Metro St. Louis are publishing the Voters Guide earlier in the election cycle to assist voters who plan to cast absentee or mail-in ballots. The print edition of the Voters Guide was published on Oct. 15.

This is the link: <https://lwv.thevoterguide.org/v/stlouispd20/build.do>

NON-PARTISAN CONTACTLESS ELECTION PROTECTION VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Sign up for Election Protection at ProtectTheVote.net . Volunteer opportunities—including legal support, poll monitor, roving monitor and social media monitor—are contactless or remote.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND POLITICS



Are you aware that the PCUSA has an Office of Public Witness which is the public policy information and advocacy office of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)? Through the office of Public Witness, PCUSA participates in direct advocacy with members of Congress and the administration through in-person meetings, letters and phone calls and administration on matters of conscience and faith, as well as advocate for the less fortunate.

In the coming weeks, the Advocacy Team will be working hard to make sure that all voters know and are able to exercise their voting rights by sharing information about new voting procedures and deadlines, making notaries available for those voting by mail, and encouraging people to get out to vote. But why are we doing this? Isn't voting political and left to areas outside of the church? Doesn't this muddy up the separation between church and state? The Presbyterian Church believes that this answer is "No". Values can be reflected through a nation's public policies, which is why the PCUSA Office of Public Witness exists.

WRHM  **Lend a hand!**

Webster-Rock Hill Ministries
is seeking office and program
volunteers.

If you have a few hours to give each week or time to help with specific programs, we would love to have you. No prior experience necessary. We will provide all the training you need to help meet our clients needs.

For more information, email us at wrrhm@wrrhm.org or call 314-961-5082.

