



WEBSTER GROVES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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25th Sunday after Pentecost ♦ November 14, 2021 ♦ 9:30 a.m.

Our Mission:

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



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.

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

Gathering for God's Word

- PRELUDE "Amazing Grace" (My Chains Are Gone) arr. Tomlin/Giglio
Worship Band
- WELCOME AND COMMUNITY LIFE Rev. Ed Zumwinkel
- ✦ CALL TO WORSHIP Sherry Moschner
L: This is the day that the Lord has made;
P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
- ✦ OPENING HYMN #319 "Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing" SMITH
(see music in back of bulletin)
- ✦ CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Hannah Zyla
L: With the trust of beloved children,
let us confess our sins before God.
- ✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION
L: Let us pray:
**P: Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love.
We have not loved our neighbors,
and we have refused to be changed by the cry of the needy. Continued >>**

**Forgive us, we pray.
 Free us for joyful transformation,
 that we might grow more and more in your likeness and image.
 Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

✦ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Once we were no people, but now we are God's people.
 Hear and believe the good news!
 In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

P: Alleluia! Amen!

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

P: And also with you.

RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE "Gathered in God's Name"

Michael Burkhardt

Sing at the hand motion of the cantor.

Gath-ered from near and far, gath-ered in
 this ho - ly place, gath-ered as strang-ers and
 friends, gath-ered and gift - ed by grace.
 Gath - ered in God's name 'round the liv - ing
 Word. Gath - ered as one fam - 'ly
 in the name of love, in the name of
slowing
 love, in the name of love.

Proclaiming God's Word

SCRIPTURE CONVERSATION

Rev. Hannah Zyla

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sherry Moschner

L: Let us pray . . .

Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the Scriptures are read
and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 1:1-18

Pew Bible pgs. 244-245

L: Hear now the word of God . . .

¹ There was a man named Elkanah ² He had two wives named Hannah and Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

³ Now this man used to go up year by year from his town to worship and to sacrifice to the Lord at Shiloh. ⁴ On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her children; ⁵ but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. ⁶ Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her. ⁷ So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. ⁸ Her husband said to her, "Hannah, why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

⁹ After they had eaten at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple. ¹⁰ She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. ¹¹ She made this vow: "O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death."

¹² As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. ¹³ Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. ¹⁴ So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." ¹⁵ But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. ¹⁶ Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." ¹⁷ Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." ¹⁸ And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight."

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Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 2:1-10

Pew Bible pgs. 245-246

¹Hannah prayed and said,
'My heart exults in the Lord;
my strength is exalted in my God.
My mouth derides my enemies,
because I rejoice in my victory.

² 'There is no Holy One like the Lord,
no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God.

³ Talk no more so very proudly,
let not arrogance come from your mouth;
for the Lord is a God of knowledge,
and by him actions are weighed.

⁴ The bows of the mighty are broken,
but the feeble gird on strength.

⁵ Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.
The barren has borne seven,
but she who has many children is forlorn.

⁶ The Lord kills and brings to life;
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

⁷ The Lord makes poor and makes rich;
he brings low, he also exalts.

⁸ He raises up the poor from the dust;
he lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes
and inherit a seat of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's,
and on them he has set the world.

⁹ 'He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;
for not by might does one prevail. *Continued >>*

¹⁰ The Lord! His adversaries shall be shattered;
the Most High will thunder in heaven.
The Lord will judge the ends of the earth;
he will give strength to his king,
and exalt the power of his anointed.'

SERMON

Rev. Hannah Zyla

Responding to God's Word

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Fahima Band Ali

OFFERING INVITATION

Rev. Ed Zumwinkel

L: Let us return to God the offerings of our life
and the gifts of the earth.

OFFERTORY

"The Gift to be Simple"
Chancel Choir

Wood

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sherry Moschner

L: Let us pray...

P: Blessed are you, O God of change.

**Bless these gifts we offer back to you with grateful hearts;
bless our lives, that all we do may be for your service,
and bind us together as one family in the Holy Spirit,
no matter where our individual journeys take us.
We pray all this in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.**

Sending

CLOSING HYMN #540

"Farewell, Good Friends"

SHALOM CHAVERIM

Sung in a round. Sing at hand motion of cantor.

(see music in back of bulletin)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

CHARGE

Rev. Hannah Zyla

BENEDICTION

Rev. Hannah Zyla

Welcome to WGPC

- **FRIENDSHIP PADS:** Please sign the friendship pads located at the end of each pew.
- **CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME:** Worship Activity Bags are located at each entrance to the Sanctuary.
- **ASSISTIVE DEVICES:** Hearing devices, large print hymnals, and cushions are available. One of our ushers will be happy to assist you.

Worship Notes

Those Who Serve Today

Greeters: Marilee and Craig Campbell

Ushers: Donna Bellows, Vicki Lane, Dave Morris,
Bill Schwartz, Allan Scott

Liturgist: Sherry Moschner

Tech Team: Lia Fairbanks, Tom McNeely, Rob Meyer,
Spencer Roudebush, Dennis Wacker

Chancel Flowers

The Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God, the gift of David and Leah Ann Fleisher.

Online Worship

Our worship services are live-streamed and video recorded for viewing on our website (wgpc.org) Facebook and YouTube pages. Children's participation in the Scripture Conversation indicates implied parental consent to be recorded.

Resources

Some prayers and liturgical texts for worship are provided by:

- Westminster John Knox Press from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 1 © 2012
- Westminster John Knox Press from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 2 © 2018

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319 Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing

Shout to the North

1 Men of faith, rise up and sing of the
 (2 Rise up,) wom - en of the truth. Stand and
 (3 Rise up,) church, with bro - ken wings; fill this

great and glo - rious King. You are strong when you feel
 sing to bro - ken hearts who can know the heal - ing
 place with songs a - gain of our God who reigns on

weak; in your bro - ken - ness, com - plete.
 power of our awe - some King of love.
 high; by God's grace a - gain we'll fly.

Chorus

Shout to the north and the south; sing to the

east and the west. Je - sus is Sav - ior to all, Lord of heav - en and

earth.

2 Rise up, earth.
 3 Rise up,

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This praise and worship song comes from Delirious?, an English Christian rock and worship band. Although the style is new, the message is an enduring one: God will provide the strength we need to proclaim the good news of salvation to all parts of the world.

Bridge

C#m A

We've been through fire; we've been through rain;

C#m A

we've been re - fined by the power of your name.

C#m A

We've fall - en deep - er in love with you.

A Bsus B to Chorus

You've burned this truth on our lips.

⊕ Coda

E A B Repeat as desired E

earth. He is Lord of heav - en and earth.

Sung in a round. Sing at hand motion of cantor.

540 Farewell, Good Friends!

Shalom, chaverim!

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a Dm chord and a melodic line starting on G4, with an asterisk above the first note. The second staff continues the melody with chords Gm, C7, and Dm. The third staff concludes the piece with chords Gm, A7, and Dm. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words split across lines.

Fare - well, good friends! Fare - well, good friends! Sha -
Sha - lom, cha - ve - rim! Sha - lom, cha - ve - rot! Sha -
lom, sha - lom! Till we meet a - gain, till we
lom, sha - lom! Le - hit - ra - ot, le -
meet a - gain, sha - lom, sha - lom.
hit - ra - ot, sha - lom, sha - lom.

TEXT: Hebrew blessing
MUSIC: Israeli melody

SHALOM, CHAVERIM
Irregular

November 14, 2021 Announcements

Celebrating Pastor Hannah!

Reception in Fellowship Hall

Following the Congregational Meeting

Today, we celebrate Pastor Hannah's ministry to the WGPC community, and we wish her many blessings on her next steps in life. **Please join us in Fellowship Hall for a reception following the Congregational Meeting at the end of today's worship.**

The meeting will be held to elect new officers and approve the dissolution of Terms of Call for Pastor Hannah.



Welcome Fahima Band Ali

Our Minute for Mission Speaker



This morning, Fahima Band Ali will be updating us on the situation in Afghanistan and the Afghan families due to arrive in St. Louis. Fahima is an immigrant from Afghanistan who is now a sophomore at Webster University majoring in political science and international studies.

Tonight, she will share her culture and experiences in Afghanistan and as a new immigrant with our youth. To read more about Fahima in a *Webster-Kirkwood Times* article, visit <https://www.timesnewspapers.com/> and type "Fahima" in the search box.

Partnering with an Afghan Family

Informational Meeting

Tuesday, November 16, 7:00 p.m. by Zoom



If you are interested in supporting or partnering with an Afghan family, please plan to attend a Zoom meeting on Tuesday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m. See the Friday

Flash for a link to the meeting. If you are interested but unable to attend, please contact Julie Burchett at burchett.juliekay@gmail.com.

Upcoming Christmas Dates

- November 28: St Louis Metro Singers Concert
- December 5: Communion Service
- December 7: Christmas Luncheon (save the date – details are coming!)
- December 12: Christmas Pageant
- December 19: Lessons & Carols
- December 24: Christmas Eve Services (4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.)



Ingathering Sunday: November 21

The Stewardship Commission is encouraging WGPC members to prayerfully consider your financial support for the coming year. Ingathering of pledges for 2022 is set for Sunday, November 21 – just a week away. Your pledge cards are now being sent out. The money we raise from pledges, coupled with other church funds, will enable our church to continue our missions of helping others and fulfilling God's Word, while also paying for our church staff and operations. Many of you have already received letters from our various commissions outlining what has been done with your pledge dollars this year and what they hope to achieve in 2022.



TAX TIP From your Stewardship Commission

100% Limit on Eligible Cash Contributions Made by Taxpayers Who Itemize in 2021

Taxpayers who itemize can generally claim a deduction for charitable contributions to qualifying organizations. The deduction is typically limited to 20% to 60% of their adjusted gross income and varies depending on the type of contribution and the type of charity. The law now allows taxpayers to apply up to 100% of their AGI, for calendar-year 2021 qualified contributions. Qualified contributions are cash contributions to qualifying charitable organizations. The 100% limit is not automatic; the taxpayer must choose to take the new limit for any qualified cash contribution. Otherwise, the usual limit applies. The taxpayer's other allowed charitable contribution deductions reduce the maximum amount allowed under this election. Eligible individuals must make their elections on their 2021 Form 1040 or Form 1040-SR. *Source: COVID Tax Tip 2021-143 September 28, 2021 (IRS Web Site)*

Music in a Great Place:

St. Louis Metro Singers Christmas Concert

Sunday, November 28

7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

There are many sensations that recall wonderful memories of Christmases past. For most of us, it is music sung by choirs and carolers at our doors and on the street corner that gives this season its beauty, its majesty, its character, and its wonder. Join St. Louis Metro Singers, under the direction of Shawn Portell, for the initial program of popular and sacred music of the season - "Here We Come A-Caroling...Again!"





**“Stress and Resilience
in a Pandemic World”**

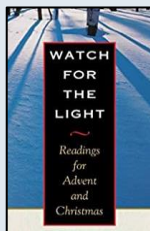
**Sunday, November 21, 10:50-11:45 a.m.
in the Church Parlor and on Zoom**

WGPC members Peter Putnam, MD, and Amy Escott, MS, LPC, will help participants learn how to name and understand pandemic stress, address the linkage between toxic/chronic stress and physical and mental health, and explore concrete strategies for building resilience in ourselves, our families, and our communities.

**Advent Book Study and Sharing
Sundays, November 28 through December 19
10:50 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
in the Church Parlor and on Zoom**

In this season of preparing for the coming of Christ, you are invited to join with others in a devotional study of daily essays and poems facilitated by Jeff Buck. These readings (40 in all!) are collected in a book entitled *Watch for the Light - Readings for Advent and Christmas* which can be purchased in the church office for \$10 or ordered from Amazon.

Writers include Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Dorothy Day, Madeleine L'Engle, Martin Luther, and Søren Kierkegaard, and many selections have a strong social justice focus. Participants are encouraged to gather each Sunday in person or by Zoom to discuss the week's readings and their impact on "holiday preparations."



Ongoing Study Groups

- Wednesday Evening Book Study (3rd Wednesday of each month) at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom. Contact: Betsy Wacker at wacker.betsy@att.net.
- Thursday Disciple Bible Study at 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Parlor and on Zoom. Contact: Diane McCullough at dmccpae@sbcglobal.net.
- Men's Bible Study. Every other Thursday morning at 7:00 a.m. Contact: Frank Bloemke at 314-962-0584.

Sunday School will not be held today.

Youth Classes

Sunday evenings, Youth Lounge

- 4:00-5:30 p.m. Celtics Middle School Fellowship
- 5:00-7:00 p.m. Agape High School Fellowship
- 5:00-5:30 p.m. Family meal for all youth

Christmas Pageant: We Need You!
Sunday, December 12, 9:30 a.m. Worship
Rehearsals: November 21 and December 5



Want to be part of telling our favorite story? Animals, angels, shepherds, babies – all are welcome to join in this joyful endeavor! The Pageant will take place during worship on December 12 with

rehearsals on November 21 and December 5 during Sunday School (it's okay if you can't make both!) We have speaking and non-speaking parts with roles for all ages. And nothing has to be memorized! Email Cherstin Byers at chb@wgpc.org if you can participate and let us know if you have a speaking/non-speaking preference.

**Month of Grace & Prayer:
An Advent Retreat in Everyday Life
Starting Sunday, November 21**

Get ready for Christmas by praying on your own 20 minutes each day and meeting one-on-one with a



spiritual companion one hour each week for four consecutive weeks. All meetings will be by Zoom or phone. Weekly meeting times will be set around your schedule. This is an individually directed retreat tailored to your own deep desires; committed

couples have the option to participate as a couple. As an ecumenical ministry, all adults are welcome regardless of denomination or affiliation. For more info, visit momentsofgraceandprayer.org and to register contact Clarence Heller at clarenceheller@gmail.com.

Masks in Worship

The CDC guidelines have been updated to reflect new data on the Delta variant of the coronavirus. Data suggests it is more potent and contagious than the Alpha variant and now much more common. COVID cases are rising and the positivity rate has increased in our area. Children in our congregation 12 and under as well as some immunocompromised individuals are unable to be vaccinated. For the sake of these in our church family, we are at this time asking all vaccinated and unvaccinated worshippers to please wear a mask during worship and as you move around the church. We ask you to also remain "socially distanced." While the risk remains relatively low for vaccinated individuals, we believe making this sacrifice for others in our church is a faithful action to take to express our love for one another. Thank you for your kindness, understanding and patience. Encourage those you know who are not vaccinated to be vaccinated so we can get back to normal! Thank you. – Pastor Ed

Meeting of the Congregation to Elect New Officers

Sunday, November 14, 2021

- I. Call the Meeting to Order
- II. Opening Prayer – Pastor Hannah
- III. State Purpose of the Meeting
 1. For the purpose of electing officers
 2. For the purpose of giving consent to the request of Rev. Hannah Zyla that the presbytery dissolve the pastoral relationship between Webster Groves Presbyterian Church and Rev. Zyla.
- IV. Confirm quorum with Clerk of Session
- V. Report of the Nominating Committee
- VI. Dissolution of Pastoral Relationship

Elder Bill Richards:

Let us give thanks for our journey together in this place:

For friendships made,
for joys celebrated
and for times of nurture and growth,
thanks be to God.

For wounds healed,
expectations met,
gifts given and promises kept,
thanks be to God.

For our fellowship in Jesus Christ,
and for the love of God, which has sustained us,
thanks be to God.

Rev. Liz Kanerva:

Do you, the members and friends of Webster Groves Presbyterian Church,
release Pastor Hannah from service as your pastor?

We do with thanks to God.

Do you, Rev. Zyla, recognize and accept the completion
of your ministry with this congregation?

I do with thanks to God.

...In every time and place,
may we offer you our highest and our best;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Alleluia!

- VII. Charge and Benediction