



Wycliffe

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Today is World Communion Sunday, created in 1933 by Shadyside Presbyterian to celebrate global Christian unity through the shared practice of Holy Communion.

LET US WORSHIP

*God is good, God is great! Let us thank him for our food.
By his hands, we all are fed; give us, Lord, our daily bread!*

To the Table, We Come (*all read the bold*)

*May the door of this assembly be wide enough to receive
all who hunger for love, all who are lonely for friendship.*

**May it welcome all who have cares to unburden,
thanks to express, and hopes to nurture.**

*May the door of this assembly be narrow enough
to shut out pettiness and pride.*

**May its threshold be no stumbling block
to young or straying feet.**

May it be too high to admit complacency, selfishness and harshness.

**May this be a place for all,
and a doorway to a more meaningful life.**

Let us worship God!

***HYMN 301 "LET US BUILD A HOUSE"** (*stand in body or spirit & sing v.1 & 2*)

** Share the Peace of Christ with those around you
Welcome & Announcements
Children's Time with the Pastor*

*Thank you for the world so sweet, thank you for the food we eat.
Thank you for the birds that sing, thank you, God, for everything!*



Hear these words from the gospel of Luke (14:1, 7-11 NLT)



When Jesus went to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they watched him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.

“When you’re invited to a wedding banquet, don’t sit in the place of honor in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited; and the host who invited you both may come and say, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace, you’ll take the lowest place.

‘But instead, sit at the lowest place, so your host may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher;’ and then you’ll be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

A TIME OF CONFESSION *(all read the bold)*

Lord, tell me ~

When did we see you, Lord?

I was hungry, starving ~

And I was full.

Thirsty ~

And I was watering my lawn.

I had no road to follow, was without hope ~

And I called the police, and was relieved when they took you away.

I was barefoot, with ragged clothing ~

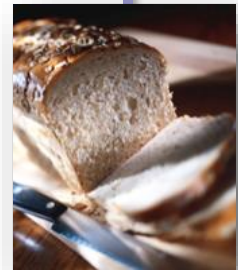
And I complained about nothing to wear this morning.

I was sick, and you asked ~

“Is is contagious?”

Lord, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on me.



All sing ~ “Take, O Take Me as I Am” (hymnal p. 698, or screen)

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE & PARDON . . . And all say Thanks be to God.

*Around this table, here to pray,
first we thank you for the day,
for our family and our friends,
gifts of grace that never end.
Living water, daily bread,
countless blessings our God sends.*

“Blessed be the Tie that Binds”

(arr. G. Pickett)

Dr. Johnathan Spence, violin



The Word of God is Opened to Us

Rev. Dr. Garrett Bugg

HYMN 301 “LET US BUILD A HOUSE” (*Remain seated & sing v. 3 only*)

A Preparation for Prayer (*all read the bold*)

Let me fast from discontent . . .

And feast on gratitude.

Let me fast from anger . . .

And feast on patience and peace.

Let me fast from worry . . .

And feast on faith.

Let me fast from complaining . . .

And feast on appreciation.

Let me fast from bitterness . . .

And feast on forgiveness.

Let me fast from differences . . .

And feast on unity.



THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *followed by* **The Lord’s Prayer** (*screen*)

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION



*This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord,
made ready for those who love him and who want
to love him more.*

*So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,
you who have been here often and you who have not
been for a long time, you who have tried to follow
and you who have failed.*

*Come, not because it is I who invite you: it is our Lord.
It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.*

*The Lord be with you. **And also with you.***

*Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.***

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

Loving God, Creator of all, we give you thanks.

The light of your love is the star by which we find our way,

All people are the work of your hands and the love of your heart.

*And so we come unhindered and free, and our aching will be met with bread
and our sorrow will be met with wine. We will open our hands without
shame, and turn toward each other without fear. And we will become
bread for a hungry world, and everywhere we go will be a feast.*



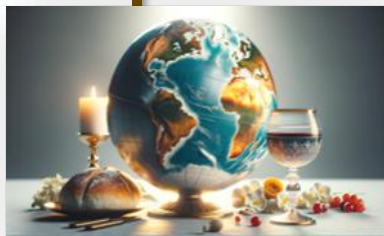
**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name,
in earth and sky and sea. Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

*Blessed are all who come in your name, and blessed is Jesus the Christ
who shone with your light, who taught and healed and blessed.*

*He, who proclaimed an Empire of Grace
not subject to the powers or rulers of this world,
included all people of every tribe and tradition,
and brings us together with all people through this meal.*

*Remembering Christ's gifts to us,
we open the treasure chests of our hearts
and offer ourselves as a living and holy sacrifice.*

 **Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!
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The Bread and Cup are Shared

*(You're invited to come forward at the direction of the usher
to receive the bread & cup*

(gluten-free bread is also available).

*Please consume the elements as you receive them &
discard the empty cup in the receptacles
as you return to your seat.*

*If you prefer to receive the elements in your pew,
let the usher know.*

*All sing the refrain
at the direction
of the soloist.*

Refrain

B All E E/G# A2 Bsus B

and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and

E E/G# A2 Bsus B

joy, com-pas - sion and peace: yes,

C#m C#m/B A2

God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,

Bsus B (E) Fine A2 E Bsus B

jus-tice and joy!

The Kingdom *(all read the bold)*

*The kingdom of God is like a seed planted in a heart
slowly, silently stretching it
beyond family and friends, church and nation,
until one day that heart bursts open revealing
a Table
**wider than the world,
warm as an embrace.***

*To this Table everyone is invited,
no one is a stranger, no one unfit.
Each brings a gift, work of one's own hand
- a morsel for the Table -
and there is always enough.*

*Enough,
**because no one keeps hidden
the bread of the morrow;**
enough, because in the sharing is the
miracle of multiplication.*

*And from this Table each rises
strengthened by a morsel and a sip,
**with hearts newly seeded
with Christ's love.***



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***THE BENEDICTION**

*All are invited to the fellowship hall for coffee & conversation
(to the left as you leave the sanctuary)*



GIVING TO THE MISSION & MINISTRY OF WYCLIFFE

*Giving is a natural overflow of a heart that is grateful for Jesus, who gave everything for us.
A basket is available on the table as you leave the sanctuary for contributions of checks
or cash. A secure link for electronic giving is available on the church's website at
www.wycliffepresbyterian.org*

This Week at Wycliffe

Today: New Member Class (immediately following worship)

October 6 (Tues, 12:15pm): Pastors' Lunch at Condesa

October 9 & 10 (Fri, Sat, office hours) Cookie Drop-Off (for Fall Festival)

October 10 (Sat, 7:30am) Men's Breakfast & Bible Study (Sunrise Café)

Looking Ahead

October 11 (Sun, after worship, 11am-2pm): FALL FESTIVAL

October 11 (Sun, during worship): Blessing of the Animals

October 12 (Mon): LifeLine Screening (make appt through the church website)

October 15 (Thurs, 3:30pm): Grief Support Group

October 15 (Thurs, 7:00pm): Women's Bible Study (book of Joshua)

October 20 (Tues, 12noon): Ladies' Lunch Out! (C.P. Shuckers)

October 23 (Fri, 7:30pm): Concert - Princeton Chapel Choir

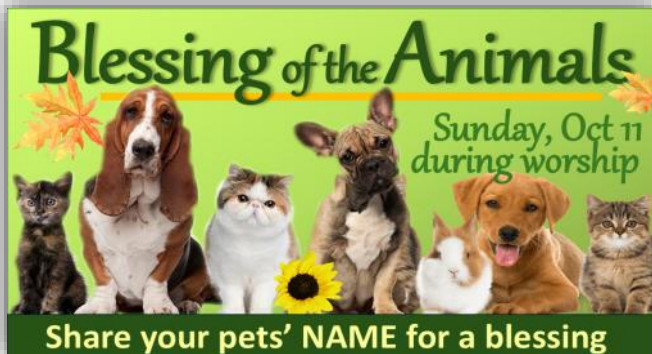
Service & Mission Opportunities

Children's Sunday School Teachers (a rotating Sunday opportunity) -

See Christian Education Elders Joan Horton or Stephanie Harron.

Thanksgiving & Christmas Holiday Baskets (see "Events/Opportunities" on church website for Food list & due-dates. Monetary contributions also welcomed. Questions? See Christian Service & Mission elders Jean Holcombe or Patrick Blake.

Sanctuary Flowers (schedule available to view in weekly E-News) Celebrate an occasion or remember a loved one with the contribution of sanctuary flowers for weekly worship Questions? See Worship elders Kelley Gangwer or Margaret Felts.



Next Sunday
you'll find cards in the
narthex to share
your pet's name
so it may be
remembered & blessed in
prayer during the service.

Next Sunday!



Bounce House
Inflatable Obstacle Course
Petting Zoo
Balloon Artist
Veggie Toss
Photo Booth
Chips, Cookies, Cider

Flying Spider
Eyeball Toss
Pumpkin Ring Toss
Bean Bag Toss
Cake & Cupcake Walks
Chili, Hot Dogs, Soft Drinks
& more - All FREE!

With music by the Elizabeth River Boys



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