



- The Challenge of These Days

LET US WORSHIP

***PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW** (*stand in body or spirit & sing*)

***PSALM 96** (*CEV; all read the bold*)

Sing a new song to the Lord! Day after day announce

"The Lord has saved us!"

**Give honor and praise to the Lord,
whose power and beauty fill the earth.**

Announce to the nations "The Lord is King!"

The world stands firm and God will judge its people with fairness.

Tell the heavens and earth to be glad.

Command the oceans to roar with all its creatures!

Tell the fields to rejoice with all their crops.

Then every tree in the forest will sing with joy to the Lord!

***HYMN 32 "I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD"** (*stand in body or spirit & sing*)

Share the Peace of Christ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's time with the Pastors

Wycliffe
October 18, 2026

Rev. Dr. Garrett Bugg, pastor

Rev. Dr. Lyndsey McCall-Gilliam, associate

Hear these words from the Prophet Isaiah (45:2-7, NIV)



This is what the Lord says to his anointed, "I will go before you and level the mountains. I will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron, and give you hidden treasures; riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the Lord, the God of Israel, who summons you by name.

For the sake of Jacob, my servant, and Israel, my chosen, I summon you by name and bestow on you a title of honor, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other. I will strengthen you so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting, people may know that I am the Lord.

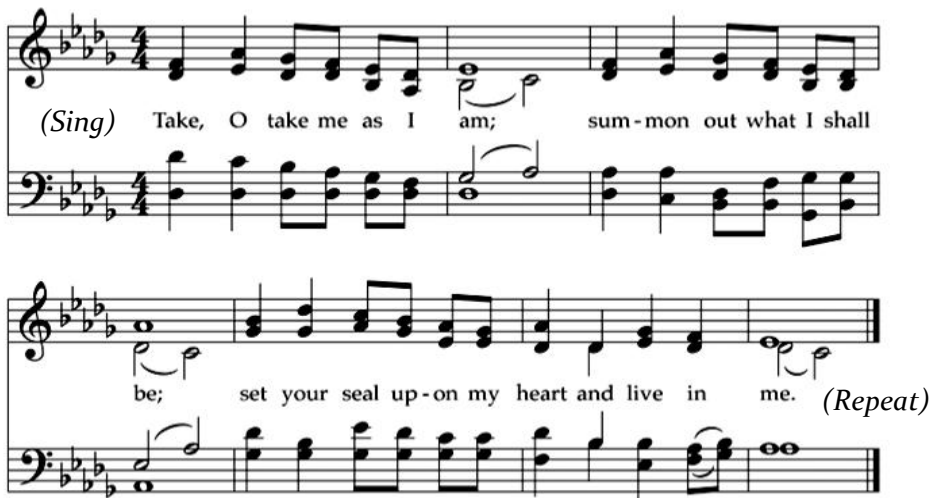
CELLO SUITE IN G MAJOR, BWV 1007: II (J. S. Bach) Jeff Phelps, cello

A TIME OF CONFESSION (all read the bold)

Creator God, who sets the stars in their places and directs the planets, who has robed the earth making it a place of beauty and life, who has breathed into us the breath of life, we thank you.

Forgive us for forgetting. Forgetting the gifts of it all, forgetting the fragility of it all, and our overwhelming laziness when we forget our place in the care of it all.

For all your blessings, summon from us a sense of wonder and gratitude for all to the honor and glory of your holy name.



(Sing) Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me. (Repeat)

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

SCRIPTURE ~ 1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-10
THE WORD OF GOD IS OPENED TO US
Rev. Dr. Lyndsey McCall-Gilliam

“Give to the Winds Your Fears”

Joseph Martin / Jeff Phelps, cello

*Give to the winds your fears. In hope, be undismayed.
God hears your sighs and counts your tears.
God shall lift up your heads.*



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

followed by THE LORD’S PRAYER (screen)

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH *(all read the bold)*

People of God, in whom do you believe?

We love and trust you, God, creator of the universe,
who brings light out of darkness and is in all things.

We love and trust you, Jesus, crucified and risen,
who healed the sick and fed the hungry,
who gave hope to the despairing and raises us to new life.

We love and trust you, Holy Spirit,
in whom we live as members of one Body;
in whom our mortal lives are given infinite life.

By your grace we die and rise daily, released from old ways,
and with joy and in service, we proclaim Christ as our Redeemer.

***HYMN 36 “FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION”** *(stand in body or spirit)*

***THE BENEDICTION**

*Join us for coffee & conversation in the fellowship hall
(to the right as you leave the sanctuary)*



*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*

Today's sanctuary flowers are given by Linda & Bill Wahab in celebration of Linda's birthday and the 24th wedding anniversary of daughter Barbara and husband Nicholas Kimpan.



This Week at Wycliffe

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

Oct 22 (Thurs, 7:00pm): Women's Bible Study

Oct 25 (Sun, 5:30pm) Reverse Trick-or-Treating

Looking Ahead

Oct 26 (Mon): Bunco! (Cindy Sweezy hosts)

Oct 27 (Tues): Submit names for All Saints

Nov 1 (Sun): All Saints' Commemoration

Nov 3 (Tues, 12:15pm): Pastors' Lunch

Nov 7 (Sat, 9:00am-1:00pm): Kids' Club and The Middle

Nov 8 (Sun, 4:00pm): Galatea String Quartet

Nov 15 (Sun, 1-3:00pm): Youth Pickleball @Palace of Pickleball

Service & Mission Opportunities

NOW through Nov 16 Thanksgiving foods or cash donations due. **Grocery list:** 1 large box mashed potatoes, 2 of EACH (15oz), 2 cans of corn, 2 cans of green beans, & 2 cans of fruit (or 1 large), 2 jars of gravy, 2 cans of yams/sweet potatoes, 1 large box of stuffing (or 2 smaller), 2 cans of cranberry sauce, 2 containers of fruit juice (64-96 oz), and 1 box of brownies or cookie mix. **Questions?** See Jennifer McNeill or Ashley Miller



Youth Group Reverse Trick-or-Treating! ~ All middle & high schoolers are invited to bring Halloween joy to our older or shut-in members by taking treats TO them! Meet at church at 5:30p (Oct 25) for pizza, wear a costume (not too scary!), and make it your mission to spread joy! **Questions?** See Christian Education elders Stephanie Harron or Joan Horton.

Church Office Volunteers ~ During this time of transition between church administrators, if you have a couple hours to spare, do sign up to share your cheerful smile! Duties include answering the phone, checking email, and greeting all who stop by the office. A sign-up sheet is on the desk countertop in the main entrance. **Questions?** See either of the pastors.



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