

## About the Cover Art:

**Under God's Wing**  
by Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity  
Inspired by Psalm 27

Acrylic on raw canvas with digital drawing

The beauty of the psalms is that they are personal; they are prayers that are honest, desperate, and undeniably human. The psalms remind us that theology is not just something we think about—it's something that we live.

Scholars think the author of this psalm may have been seeking asylum in the temple, fleeing persecution. Learning that contextual detail expanded the psalm for me—it was no longer just my personal prayer, but the prayer of someone fighting for their life.

The day I began working on this image, I learned that 40 Afghan families would be seeking refuge in the city I call home. With that in mind, I read the psalm again, imagining the words spoken from the lips of one forced to flee their home. When I finished the psalm, I gritted my teeth and prayed my own desperate plea: "Please, make it so, God. May your protection expand to everyone. Please." I invite you to read the psalm again from a similar vantage point. When you do this, how does your faith grow fuller? How does this impact your sense of who God is?

When I began this image, I drew a young boy peeking out from the open folds of a canvas tent in a refugee camp. I added rugged stones lining the bottom hem of the tent, holding the flimsy fabric in place. But then I felt compelled to turn the tent flap into a wing with feathers lined in gold. At that point, all the details of the boy's setting no longer mattered. I erased them from the scene. I saw clearly the promise of this psalm: you are under God's wing. May you dwell there, surely and safely, all your days long.

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March 5, 2023

9:30am and 11am

# Wayne Presbyterian Church





Sharing the Ministry of Jesus Christ through Worship, Education and Mission



# Welcome! We're so glad to have you worshipping with us...

If you are visiting, we would love to get to know you! Please fill out the Fellowship Pad at the end of the pew with your contact information so we can be in touch. Our pastors would love to greet you as well, so please introduce yourselves.

## What to expect in worship...

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|  | <b>Liturgy</b>   | Liturgy literally means “the work of the people.” We think worship should be interactive. It is designed to engage the whole person—heart, mind, soul, and body. Therefore, we sing, speak, stand, sit, eat, watch, think, and sit in silence. If worship is a performance, it is the church’s performance for God. Each week we do our best to make sure that God is praised using everything we have. |
|  | <b>Prayer</b>    | Our lives are full of lament and celebration. We therefore come to God with honesty recognizing that God wants to hear our deepest pain and most pressing questions, and loves to see the Church joyfully celebrate God’s great gifts.  |
|  | <b>Offering</b>  | We give tithes and offerings as a response to God’s grace in our lives. Knowing that all good blessings come from God, the offering is an opportunity to joyfully spread that blessing throughout the world. Guests are not expected or obligated to give.  |
|  | <b>Childcare</b> | We love children. As a child-cherishing church, we provide a variety of educational opportunities for children. They are welcome in the worship service or in Sunday school. We also have a lovely nursery staffed by professional childcare workers if you need a break.   |

## Children & Youth today...

Children & Youth Sunday School ~9:30am

Preschool (2, 3, & 4 year olds)- Room 103

K/1st- Room 304

2nd/3rd- Room 301

4th/5th- Room 306

Grades 6 & 7- Room 208/209

Confirmation- Knox Room

Childcare is provided for infants and toddlers in Room 101/102 during both the 9:30am and the 11am services.

Youth Group will be meeting every 1st and 3rd Sunday.



## Announcements

**UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICES:** On Monday March 6th, there will be a memorial service for Cardy Crawford, Frone Crawford’s brother, at 11:00am. On Saturday March 11th, there will be a memorial service for Jean Fox at 10:00am.

**WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBER, JOHN PITOCHELLI:** John begins tomorrow as the church’s new Director of Finance and Operations. John will manage the day-to-day operations of the church, including financial management, care of the facility, and coordination of both staff and volunteer efforts. He brings extensive experience in the hospitality industry including serving as the general manager of Lookaway Golf Club and The Villanova University Conference Center. Join us in warmly welcoming John to our staff. He can be reached at john@waynepres.org or 610.688.8700 ext. 216. His office is in the first-floor office suite, next door to Rev. Liz Wagner’s office.

**DEACON EASTER EGG TREE:** Please join the Wayne Presbyterian Deacons as they help provide food for those in need this Easter season. We will be helping families from Salt & Light Church in Philadelphia, The Salvation Army in Norristown, and St. John AME Church in Rosemont. Make your selection at our table in the connector during coffee hour each Sunday in March or by visiting the church website at waynpres.org/eastertree. Our website page also provides a detailed shopping list for Salt & Light. For more details, please see our FAQ page on the website. We also will gladly answer your question at our table during coffee hour. Drop off is in the church parking lot on Saturday, April 1st, between 8:00am and 9:30am.

**SUNDAE SUNDAY!** Calling all families! Good news, you don't have to scream for ice cream. Instead, join Children's Ministry on March 12 from 3PM-5PM in the Chapel for Sundae Sunday! Make your own sundae with all the fixins', BYO board game, partake in a chess tournament, laugh with friends, and take a load off. Email Kelli Masters at kelli@waynepres.org to let us know you'll be there!

**COFFEE HOUR:** We are excited to serve baked goods and treats at 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour Fellowship in the Connector on Sundays between the two services. Here is the schedule for the next several weeks: March 12 A-F; March 19 G-L. Thank you very much for helping to make our time together extra special! Please contact Marian Hollingsworth if you have any questions: mhhollings@gmail.com or 484-557-5733.

**COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY VOLUNTEERS:** Do you have a background in writing, marketing, communications, PR or digital media? The Communications Committee is looking for a few volunteers to join us to help spread the word about all the great things we do here at WPC! If you're passionate about using messaging, images, and traditional/digital media in strategic and creative ways, we'd love to meet you! Please contact Elizabeth Castleman at epcastleman@earthlink.net to learn more.

**WORSHIP TECHNOLOGY VOLUNTEERS:** If You Have Fun with Computers, How About This? The Communications and Technology Committee is looking for a few computer oriented volunteers to help run our Sunday Worship Services, both in-house and LiveStream. If you would like to be trained to run our digital audio console or the video production console, contact us. Just a few hours on a Sunday is all that would be required, after training. Contact MBurnham@waynepres.org.

**EASTER LILY DONATIONS:** The Easter Lily Dedication Program is now available online. The last day to participate is 3/26. A suggested donation is \$10. These beautiful plants are a wonderful way to memorialize a loved one, honor, or celebrate a special person in your life. Tributes will be included in the Easter Sunday insert. We prefer that you use the ONLINE form on our website (link to waynepres.org). If you feel more comfortable working with someone in person, please reach out to Betsy Mount in the Church Office 610-688-8700 (ext 212) and she will assist you. The office is open M-F 8:30-4:30.

**LIVESTREAMING TIME CHANGE:** Beginning next Sunday, March 12th, Wayne Presbyterian Church will be moving its livestream from the 11:00am worship service to the 9:30am worship service. If you would like to join us in worship online, please make a note that our livestream will now be at 9:30am. Please spread the word to anyone you know who regularly joins us from afar.

## Mission Partners of the Week

WPC Mission Partners of the Week: Jill Whitcomb and Karen McNamara – Jill is President and CEO of Surrey Services for Seniors and Dana is the Chief Advancement and Communications Officer. Surrey's mission is to help older adults live at home with independence and dignity and to continue as active members of the community. Services include transportation, in-home meals and personal assistance and center-based activities. Lunch is offered at most of the locations. For the year ending June 2021, Surrey served 572 seniors, providing 29,763 "Grab and Go" meals and 69,446 home-delivered meals. In the next quarter (ending September 2021), Surrey provided 1,837 Grab and Go meals and 6,553 home-delivered meals to area seniors.

Address: 60 Surrey Way, Devon, PA 19333

PC(USA) Mission Partners of the Week: Victor and Sara Makari's roots run deep in the soil of the Middle East. Both spent their formative years in the region, and there they experienced Christian nurture that set them on a path toward mission service. Victor provides consultative support for the Christian community in the Middle East's ecumenical and interfaith witness to churches in Israel / Palestine. Sara participates in the witness of presence through visitation and the outreach of the Palestinian church to the world. Victor served as an associate pastor at WPC from 1967-1972!  
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“Christianity did not begin with a confession. It began with an invitation into friendship, into creating a new community, into forming relationships based on love and service.”

# DIANA BUTLER BASS, Ph.D.

author, popular speaker, inspiring preacher, and one of America's most trusted commentators on religion and contemporary spirituality

Sunday, March 26, 2023

Worship at 9:30am | Sanctuary

Brunch & Learn at 11:00am | Chapel

Please note, we will only have a 9:30 service on the morning of March 26.



## ORDER OF WORSHIP Sunday, March 5, 2023

Second Sunday of Lent  
Full to the Brim: Under God's Wing

+ Please rise in body or in spirit.

### Prelude

*O World, I Now Must Leave Thee*  
Kirsten Santos Rutschman, Organ

Johannes Brahms

### Introit

*O Come, Let Us Sing*, Chancel Choir

Nelhybel

### Words of Welcome

### Call to Worship

If God is like a mother hen,  
**we are under God's wing.**

If God is like a long table,  
**we each have a seat.**

If God is like a house,  
**we are safe from the storm.**

If God is like a party,  
**we're invited to dance.**

If God is like a sweet melody,  
**our names are the lyrics.**

This is God's house,  
**where all are welcomed, all are loved, all belong.**

Let us worship Holy God.

+ Hymn 81 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

AUSTRIAN HYMN

+ Call to Confession: Hymn 698: Take, O Take Me As I Am

*Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me.*

+ Prayer of Confession

When the Pharisees tried to stop Jesus,  
Jesus said to them, "I will keep on."

I will keep on healing.

I will keep on teaching.

I will keep on preaching.

I will keep on flipping the tables of injustice.

I will keep on treating every person like a child of God.

I will keep on believing that this world can change.

I will keep on and keep on and keep on until God's promised day.

Forgive us, God, for the times when we stop.

-Silent Prayer-

+ Assurance of God's Grace

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## + Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

## Moment for Mission: Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC)

### Offering

Text the word GIVE (not case sensitive) to our church's Giving Number (610 819 4483), or scan this QR code on your smart phone. Please feel free to give in-person as well.



### Offertory Anthem

*The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me*, Chancel Choir

Edward Elgar

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord; to give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord that He might be glorified. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; So the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all nations.

## + Doxology and Prayer of Dedication (Hymn 606)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## Prayer for Illumination

### First Scripture Reading: Psalm 27: 1-5;11-14

*Lector: Connie Layman (9:30); Lee Pretz (11:00)*

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh— my adversaries and foes— they shall stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident. One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence. I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

## + Hymn 819 *Be Still, My Soul*

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## Second Scripture: Luke 13:31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, ‘Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.’ He said to them, ‘Go and tell that fox for me, “Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.” Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.”’

## Sermon

Rev. Dr. Heather Shortlidge

## Quartet Anthem

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Thomas A. Dorsey, arr. Jack Schrader

## + Affirmation of Faith

The Lord is my light.

The Lord surrounds me like a warm, familiar quilt, in layers upon layers of grace.

Whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the sturdy foundation and the roof over my head.

I am not afraid.

When the world is at its worst—

when grief clings to my bones, when fear eats at my confidence,

when loneliness moves into my house—

God sets the table, turns on the lights, and invites me to dance.

So even though there are days that feel like too much to bear,

I know—I am not alone.

So I ask the Lord, I seek and I pray—

let me live in your house all of my days.

Amen.

## Orison

*Hear, O Lord, When I Cry*, Chancel Choir

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## Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## + Hymn 741

*Guide My Feet vv. 1-4*

GUIDE MY FEET

## + Benediction

*God Be in My Head*, Chancel Choir

Briggs

## Postlude

*Cortège*  
Paul Fleckenstein, Organ

Louis Vierne

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**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Sunday, March 12, 10:30 a.m. Please plan to attend a brief congregational meeting in the sanctuary immediately following 9:30 a.m. worship on Sunday, March 12 to vote to approve the Terms of Call for Associate Pastor for Congregational Life, Rev. Katy Shevel, and to elect two additional elders.**