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Grace and Peace to you

West Hills Presbyterian Church's Worship - The Means of Grace

We have been considering the Biblical foundations and Reformed/Presbyterian heritage that shapes the worship at West Hills Presbyterian Church (WHPC). Last month, we reflected on the portion of the worship service called *Confession of Sin and Faith*. This month, we will look more closely at the portion of the service called *The Means of Grace*. This section is the centerpiece of the worship service.

After singing the *Gloria Patria* for God forgiving our sin, we enter into a time of Bible reading. At WHPC, we typically have an Old Testament reading if the sermon text is a New Testament passage and *vice versa*. It is desirable for the *Scripture Reading* to have direct bearing on the text used for the sermon.

This encourages both the Old Testament and the New Testament being read within the service as recommended in *The Directory for the Public Worship of God*. Since God's Word is the way that the Holy Spirit works in Christians, we should encourage the reading of extended passages of Scripture and take the public reading of Scripture very seriously (cf. 1 Timothy 4:13). WHPC has a high view of Scripture, and it shows in the prime place of the reading and preaching of the Scriptures in our worship.

We respond to God speaking to us through the Bible by giving thanks in unison and praying together during the *Pastoral Prayer*. Prayer is an important means of grace. In my humble opinion, it is an indictment on the condition of the Church today that very little time and very little thought is given to public prayer. A reoccurring theme among visitors from non-historically Reformed/Presbyterian churches is surprise at the amount of prayer in the service. This is an issue that causes me great personal sadness. The minister leads the offering of prayers of thanksgiving and prayers of intercession during this portion of the service. The five-fold outline of intercession in Scripture and in the early church is: 1) civil authorities; 2) Christian ministry and mission; 3) salvation of all mankind; 4) sanctification of the saints; 5) the afflicted. We conclude our time praying *The Lord's Prayer* in unison. The use of the *Lord's Prayer* in worship is recommended in all the Reformed liturgies, including *The Directory for Public Worship*.

Then, we transition to *The Collection*. The collection of "alms" was made "on the first day of the week" in the early church (cf. 1 Cor. 16:1-2), and is an appropriate element of worship. This is an expression of thankfulness and charity when we collect contributions for charitable purposes. This should not be confused with the dubious practice of "presenting" the offering on the "altar." That highly ceremonial offertory practice is theologically misleading at best.

The Musical Offertory is special music presented to adorn the time of *The Collection*. We conclude *The Collection* and *The Musical Offertory* with the congregation singing of *The Doxology*. The congregation thanks and praises God with our gifts and voices, and *The Offertory Prayer* dedicates these gifts to God and asks for His blessing.

Finally, we have *The Reading of God's Word* and *The Sermon*. This is the essential element that makes our time together a worship service. This is the most important part of the worship service. God's holy Word is read, explained and applied to the hearers. The preaching of consecutive texts of Scripture was the most common format for preaching in the historical church. Predominately, a book of the Bible or a major section of a book of the Bible is preached from the beginning and continuing through, chapter by chapter or even verse by verse, in such a way that the whole message of the sacred writing is presented in an orderly fashion over a series of weeks or months. This is the *lector continua* method of preaching.

This is the portion of the service we call *The Means of Grace*. It is the center of our worship service and *The Reading of God's Word* and *The Sermon* are the epicenter. As we gather to worship this Sunday, give your full attention to this portion of the service and receive the good things God has for you in worship.

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**Volunteers For Backpack Delivery Trip
to Stinnett Elementary School on August 25th**

10 volunteers are needed to deliver backpacks and school supplies to our Mission Of Hope School in Stinnett, KY. We need 10 adults to make this trip. Details are as follows for Friday, August 25th: Depart from church 6:00am. Arrive at school 9:00am. We will do 2 short assemblies followed by the backpack/school supply distribution. We anticipate being back in Knoxville by 7pm.

Good News Club Volunteers Needed

Can you serve on Thursdays from 1:45pm-4:00pm during the school year?. Please join us for year 13 of ministry at **West Hills Elementary School**. Our first Club meeting is September 7, 2017. Fifteen volunteers lead the Bible Club activities which include: small group prayer and scripture memory time, music, Bible lesson, scripture memory review games, a missionary story, and snacks. The club utilizes teaching materials published

Wednesday Evening Nursery Caregivers:

Serve once every 5 weeks from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm.

Please contact Kati Hurst: Nursery Coordinator: 704-604-3669 katihurst@gmail.com



**Friday, September 29, 6:00pm till
Saturday, September 30, 9:00am**

(1st-5th grades) Cost \$5.00

*An overnight adventure of pizza, games, music,
prayer and being in God's Word*

Sign-up by Wed. September 27th.

Lunch with Mr. Mitch:

If your child is interested in having Mr. Mitch, have lunch with them, please contact him with their schedule and any other particulars. He would love to visit them at their school. You may e-mail him at: mitchwhpc@gmail.com

Elementary Students Activity Schedules

Mr. Mitch would like to get to at least one of your child's special activities this Fall. This could be a game, concert, recital, school assembly or something else that falls into the activity category. He has even been known to attend Girl Scout programs. Please make him aware of their schedules.

Back to School





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					Mark McNeil Sharon Chadwell	Prayer Gathering 10am Janet Mullins
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Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:50am WM Council Mtg Evening Worship 6:00pm	Church Office Closed 		Children Programs 6:00pm Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm	Good News Club 1:45pm WIC Night Circle 6:45pm		Prayer Gathering 10am Bob Hedrick
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Sunday School 9:30am *Communion/ Worship 10:50am Evening Worship 6:00pm	Monday Night CareGroup 6:30pm Session/Deacon Mtg. 7pm Cheryl Sowder	WIC Day Circle 10am	Children Programs 6:00pm Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm Don Jackson	Good News Club 1:45pm Taylor Vos Laura Brooks	Grandmothers at Prayer 11am	Prayer Gathering 10am
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:50am Evening Worship 6:00pm	Monday Night CareGroup 6:30pm Blue Star Moms 6:30pm		Children Programs 6:00pm Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm Bob Mills	Good News Club 1:45pm Becky Armstrong		Prayer Gathering 10am Robert Thio GNC Training 8:30am

24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:50am Evening Worship 6:00pm	Monday Night CareGroup 6:30pm Monday Moms Group 7:00pm		Family Dinner 5:30 Children Programs 6:00pm Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm	Good News Club 1:45pm	 Gaylan Lane	 Emilee Frincke Ron McCord Vivian Bruffey Communion is the second Sunday of every month.

.Did we miss your birthday? Please call the church office and let us know your date. 865-693-2130.

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Announcements & Prayer Needs:

Please remember that the church office needs to approve all note cards, articles, pamphlets, flyers, announcements, etc. before they are put on the foyer table, church bulletin board, or wall/door signs holders.

The 2017 Flower Calendar is available on the bulletin board across from the elevator. If you would like to provide flowers for the sanctuary, please sign your name on the designated date and note if you are giving the flowers "in honor" or "in memory" of a loved one. The cost is \$50. Please make your payment to the church marked "Flowers".

DIAPER "SHOWER"

There will be a "Diaper Shower" for Ben and Kristen Allender's baby girl. Just drop off the diapers in the church office to be delivered to the Allenders. The baby is expected September 20th or earlier, so please drop off by the end of August. Thank you!



Please Pray For: WHPC Family & Friends

Clara Abercrombie
Charlotte Anderton
Margaret Duggan
Betty Emery
Al & Beth Grant
Shirley Hedrick
Fay Hontz
Emalee McCord
Bob & Betty Mills
Bill & Mimi Morrison
Tammy Owsley
Irene Price
Alice Redman
Meg Rhyne
Claudette Starr
Robert Thio
Mary Zitzman
Our Elders & Deacons
Our Church
Our Missionaries
Our nation/President

WHPC Active Duty Military Personnel

Eric Abercrombie
Jamie Morris wife of Rob Morris
Kevin Bell
Gabe Green

July 2017 Financial Report

Income

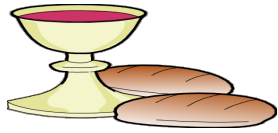
Actual Income for July: \$43,473.39
Actual Income for Year-to date: \$270,028.48

Expense

Actual Expense for July: \$40,250.10
Actual Expense Year-to-date: \$264,047.96

Summary

Current Month Income Exceeds Expenses by: \$3,223.29
Year-to-date Income Exceeds Year-to-date Expenses by: \$5,980.52



COMMUNION

Communion is normally served during worship hour on the second Sunday of each month. **This month Communion will be served on September 10th.**

**** **The Deadline for the newsletter** is the 15th of every month at noon. You may submit your article to church office or email at churchofficewhpc@gmail.com. Include your name with your submission. We reserve the right to edit for style, content and length. ****

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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.

II Timothy 3:16

WHO: Women with a desire to study God's Word
WHAT: Ongoing weekly Bible Study;
Facilitator, Dannell Harb
WHEN: September 13 – November 8
Wednesday, 10:00 - Noon
WHERE: WHPC, Room 106



THE BOOK OF HEBREWS *The Nearness of King Jesus* **A STUDY BY LISA HARPER**

- Jesus is Supreme
- Jesus is Our High Priest
- Jesus is Approachable
- Jesus is Our Sufficiency



- Each class includes a video segment and a discussion time.
- A study book with questions may be purchased for \$13 at the first class.
- A signup sheet will be located in the foyer.
- Bring a friend! Visitors always welcome!
- For more information, call Suzanne Fowler (584-2483) or Dannell Harb (584-3554).

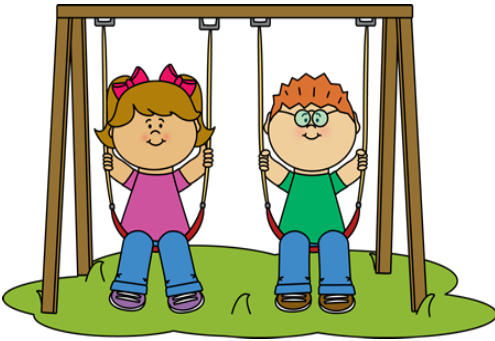
Did you know?

The Women's Ministry of WHPC has a limited number of scholarships available through the generosity of two of their former members.

Although Margaret Montgomery did not have children of her own, she had a special place in her heart for the children of missionaries. As a result, the **Margaret Montgomery Missions Endowment Fund** was established for missionaries and their immediate family or mission groups supported by WHPC. Acceptable uses include scholarships for missionaries and/or missionary children for either school on the foreign field, or any further education after high school on the foreign field or in the USA, and scholarships to aid the people who are served by the WHPC missionaries (priority will be given to children). Letters are sent to WHPC missionaries annually depending on funds available for scholarships at that time. Although funds are not available for this year, we anticipate they will be next year and letters will be sent at the appropriate time.

Because of her son's involvement in ministry, Becky Glass has been remembered with the **Becky Glass Scholarship Fund**. Any person enrolled in an approved theological seminary, Christian college or Christian university for the purpose of preparing for full-time Christian ministry, entering the mission field, or becoming a PCA pastor will be eligible to receive funds. Acceptable uses include tuition, room and board, or other necessary support while attending an approved theological seminary or Christian university or college.

We are blessed to have this opportunity to support Christian education for our children. If you have questions or need additional information, please let me know. Debbie Kinnard



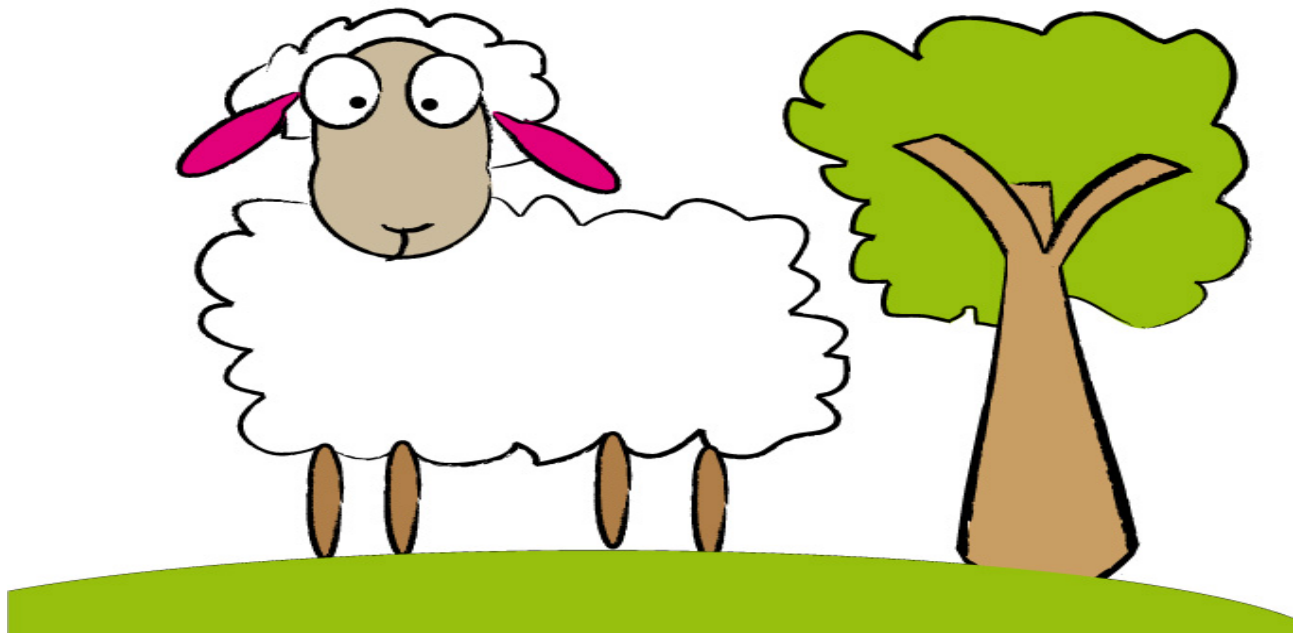
CHECK OUT THE NEW SWINGS

We have new swings for the children on the WHPC play ground. Take the kids to try them out. These were furnished by the Women's Ministry.

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY FALL RETREAT

WHEN: OCTOBER 21, 2017

WHERE: The LEGENDS AT FAIRFIELD GLADE, CROSSVILLE, TN

THEME: "ALL WE LIKE SHEEP"

SPEAKER: SUZANNE FOWLER

COST: \$10.00 (INCLUDES LUNCH) TO BE PAID AT REGISTRATION IN CHURCH NARTHEX: OCTOBER 1, 8, AND 15.

TIME: LEAVE WHPC AT 9:45PM, RETURNING BY 3.30PM

TRANSPORTATION: CHURCH VAN WILL BE USED AS WELL AS CAR POOL.

WHO: ALL WOMEN WHO ATTEND WHPC AND OUR VISITORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO INVITE FRIENDS TO THIS DAY OF FUN AND INSPIRATION.

CUBA MISSION TRIP NEEDS

Visa applications are into Havana and awaiting approval. The Cuba team hopes to leave October 17th for the little island. Please consider donating any of the following items for the team to carry down to our Cuban brothers and sisters in Nueva Gerona. Items may be left in the box in the Mission Hallway marked for Cuba.

Infant clothing - 0-12 month
Baby blankets and caps

Ibuprofen 200 mg tabs
Acetaminophen 500 mg tabs

WHPC Staff/ Office Hours 9-4

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John E. McKenzie, PastorM-TH (9:00-4:00)
Fred C. Fowler, Assistant Pastor to Seniors
Mitch Townley, Director of Children's Ministry..... M-TH(9:00-4:00)
Faye Poston, SecretaryM-TH (9-3:30) F (9-1)
Ruth Melton, Financial Secretary.....M-TH (Various hours)
Sarah Dockery, Choir Director

