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REFLECTIONS

And if I only could
I'd make a deal with God
And I'd get him to swap our places

~ Kate Bush, "Running Up That Hill"

The true saint wears the wedding garment, but he owns that the Lord of the feast provided it for him, without money and without price... They do not ascend the hill of the Lord as givers but as receivers, and they do not wear their own merits, but a righteousness which they have received.

~ Charles Spurgeon

Dear reader, it is possible that you are saying, "I shall never enter into the heaven of God, for I have neither clean hands nor a pure heart." Look then to Christ, who has already climbed the holy hill. He has entered as the forerunner of those who trust him. Follow in his footsteps, and repose upon his merit. He rides triumphantly into heaven, and you shall ride there too if you trust him.

~ Charles Spurgeon

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groanings? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest... All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads... I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

~ Psalm 22:1-2,7,14-15

Paul encourages... believers to sing and address *one another*. As we worship alongside others, we don't just stand *with* them. We sing *to* them. We pray *for* them. Our eyes are not only meant to look forward and upward on Sundays—we're supposed to look around.

~ Clint Watkins, Just Be Honest

April 14, 2024 | Third Sunday of Easter

▲ CONGREGATION STANDS▼ CONGREGATION SITS

Hearing-assisted headsets are available through the Sound Technician. For a large-print edition of the bulletin, please call the church office.



O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

▼ P R E L U D E







LEADER: Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to

the LORD.

PEOPLE: This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter.

LEADER: I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my

salvation.

PEOPLE: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

UNISON: the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

▲ Christ's Church Shall Glory in His Power his pow'r and grow to his per - fec -1. Christ's church shall glo - ry in tion. 2.Christ's peo -ple serve his way- ward world to whom he seems a stran - ger; 3. Christ's liv - ing lamp shall bright-ly burn, and to our earth-ly cit 4. Christ's bo - dy tri - umphs in his name; one Fa-ther, sov-ereign giv - er, our rock, our migh -ty tow'r, our life, our res -ur - rec tion. knows its wel - come from of old, he shares our joy, our dan for - got - ten beau - ty shall re - turn, and pur - i - ty and with his love a - flame, one Lord, the same for - ev by his skill-ful hand the church of Christ shall stand; the mas - ter-build - er's So strong, and yet so weak, the church of Christ shall speak; his cross our great-est give th'opressed their right, the church of Christ shall fight; and though the years seem you, O God, our prize, the church of Christ shall rise be - yond all meas-ured plan he works, as he be - gan, and soon will crown with splen dor. need, word the vi - tal seed that brings a fruit - ful har his vest. he is strength and song, and he is our long, our sal - va tion. height, that - nal light, where Christ shall reign all to ho ly.

▼ CONFESSION OF SIN



LEADER: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God together by praying—

UNISON: Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Almighty Creator, have mercy upon us.

Holy Spirit have mercy upon us.

Lord, let your mercy be showed upon us as we put our trust in you.

Amen.

Please take a moment to silently confess your individual sins.

▼ Assurance of Pardon

ISAIAH 53:5-6



But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities. The punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

A THANKSGIVING



LEADER: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

PEOPLE: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.



▲ CONFESSION OF FAITH



UNISON:

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

▲ GOSPEL

LUKE 24:36-48

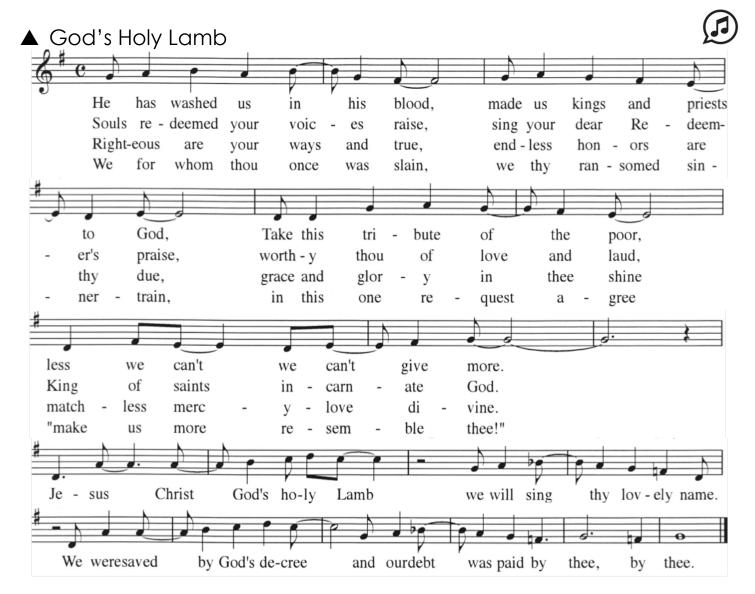


As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

LEADER: The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



▼ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



Using short sentence prayers, praise God for our Good Shepherd, God's holy lamb Jesus Christ.

MATTHEW 6:19-21

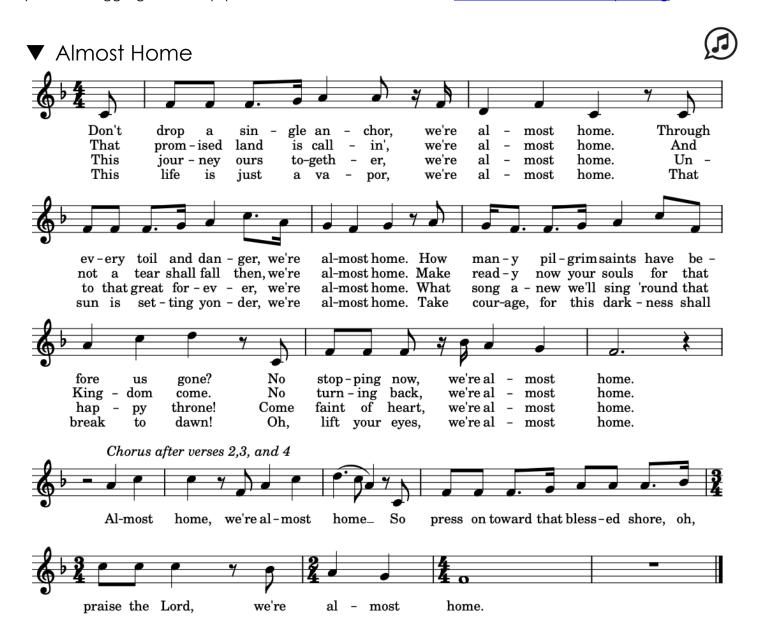


Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Children, ages 3 -5 years, are dismissed to the Fellowship Hallway for Children's Worship Training. Children will be served a small snack and a mini-cup of juice: please alert volunteers to any allergies.

Please fill in the attendance pad, pass it down the pew and then back.

If you are able to continue to give, you may do so online at www.wheatlandpca.org/give or by mail. If you are struggling financially, please contact our diaconate at Diaconate@Wheatlandpca.org.



▼ PROCLAMATION

PSALM 24



- ¹The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,
- ² for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.
- ³Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?
- ⁴He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.
- ⁵He will receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
- ⁶ Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. *Selah*
- ⁷Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
- ⁸Who is this King of glory?
 The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!
- ⁹Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
- ¹⁰ Who is this King of glory?

 The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory! *Selah*

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.



▲ THE LORD'S SUPPER



PASTOR: The Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you.

PASTOR: Lift up your hearts!

PEOPLE: We lift them up to the Lord.

PASTOR: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

PEOPLE: It is right to give him our thanks and praise.

PASTOR: It is a right, good, proper, and joyful thing, at all times, and in all places to

give you thanks, Lord God. We join our voices with the angels and

archangels and all the company of heaven who forever sing:

▲ Sanctus



PASTOR: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:

PEOPLE: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Hallelujah!

PASTOR: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us. Hallelujah!

PEOPLE: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

PASTOR: The gifts of God for the people of God.

▼ Invitation and Prayer

PASTOR:

This Table is a place of nourishment for followers of Jesus Christ. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone, are in good standing with a church that embraces the Gospel, live at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully are welcome to eat this meal with us. But examine yourself, for Scripture reminds us that whoever eats the Bread or drinks the Cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the Body and Blood of the Lord. And while none of us are worthy apart from Christ, to even gather up the crumbs from this Table, we eagerly eat this meal with faith in Christ and gratitude to God for his salvation.

UNISON:

We do not presume to come to your Table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your great mercies. Amen.

▼ Words of Institution

PASTOR:

And it was in mercy towards us that our heavenly Father gave his only Son to suffer death on the Cross for our redemption. As it is written: On the night Christ was betrayed he took Bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then in the same way, after supper Jesus took the Cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

▼ Coming to the Table

You will be invited forward up the center aisle and you will return down the outside aisle. If you are unable to come to the front to take communion, remain in your seat and it will be brought to you. The bread is gluten free. Wine is in the clear cups. Grape juice is in the purple cups. Please hold the bread and the cup until invited to eat and drink. We welcome our children to come forward to the Table for prayer (see Children and Communion at the back of this order of worship). If you are not eating the Supper with us today, you may come forward with your hands clasped together to receive prayer, or you may spend this time in prayer at your seat using the communion prayers printed in the back of the bulletin.

▼ Christ Our Hope in Life and Death What is our hope inlifeand death? Christ a - lone, Christ a - lone. What truth can the trou-bled soul? God is God is calm good, good. Un - to the what shall "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!" grave, we sing? What is our on - ly con - fi - dence? That our soulsto Him be - long. Where is His grace and good-ness known? In our great Re-deem - er's And what re - ward will hea - ven bring? Ev - er last - ing life with Him. Who holds our days with - in His hand? What comes a - part from His com - mand? Who holds our faith when fears a - rise? Who stands a - bove the storm - v There we will rise to meet the Lord. Then sin and death will be de - stroyed, The love of O And what will keep us to the end?Christ, in which we stand Who sends the wave that keep us nigh? Un - to the shore, the rock of Christ? And we will feast in end-less joy, When Christ is ours for - ev - er - more. sing ha - le - lu-jah! Our hope springs sing ha - le - lu - jah! Now and e - ter-nal; O Christ our in life death con - fess hope and e - ver we



Prayer of Thanksgiving

UNISON: Everliving God, thank you for feeding us with these holy mysteries—the spiritual food of the Body and Blood of your Son.
Heavenly Father, please assist us with your grace, that we may continue in holy fellowship with you, and do all such good works that you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Psalm of Praise

PASTOR: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

PEOPLE: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

PASTOR: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

PASTOR: who redeems your life from the pit,

PEOPLE: who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

PASTOR: The Lord is merciful and gracious, He does not deal

with us according to our sins,

PEOPLE: nor repay us according to our iniquities.

PASTOR: For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

PEOPLE: so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

PASTOR: as far as the east is from the west,

PEOPLE: so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

PASTOR: As a father has compassion for his children,

PEOPLE: so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

PASTOR: For he knows our frame;

PEOPLE: he remembers that we are dust.

▲ Doxology

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.

▲ BENEDICTION

JUDE 24-25

To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy — to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.



Prayer of Thanksgiving adapted from Psalm 103.

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LIFE TOGETHER

This Week at Wheatland

Sunday, April 14

8:30 & 11:15am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 6:30pm Roots Youth Group

Monday, April 15

7:00-8:30pm Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, April 16

7:30am Prayer on Zoom

Wednesday, April 17

9:30-11:00am Women's Bible Study 7:00-8:45pm ESL Classes

Thursday, April 18

7:30am Prayer at Becker's, 413 College Ave

Sunday, April 21

8:30 & 11:15am Worship 10:15am Sunday Classes 6:30pm Roots Youth Group

Adult Sunday Class

Honest Prayer, Lasting Hope

Clint Watkins / Sanctuary

Baby News

We are so happy to announce the birth of Emmaline Mercy Peter on April 6! Congratulations to Chris and Kelsey Peter and their daughter, Elliana. Welcome to the family, baby Emmaline!

Women's Discipleship Event

For our next Women's Discipleship event, join us front page of our website. for a series of small group events happening simultaneously in several locations on Saturday, May 4 from 2-4:00pm. These activities will create Please check the Lost & Found shelves near the space to build deeper connections with women at

Wheatland in a small-group setting. Use the QR code to sign up. Please contact Erin Quillen erinbquillen@gmail.com with questions.



Young Adult Lunch - TODAY

If you fall in the early 20's to early 30's age group, please come to our monthly Young Adult Lunch today at the Spatola's house, 748 Barr Blvd. Lancaster following the late service. A text or email RSVP to Samuel is requested at (717) 847-3559 or SSpatola@wheatlandpca.org.

Other Young Adult Discipleship

Our Young Adult Book Group meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at the Spatola's house, 748 Barr Blvd. Lancaster. We are reading Open & Unafraid: The Psalms as a Guide to Life by W. David O. Taylor.

Adoption Support Group

Wheatland members Dan and Liz Grubb host an adoption and foster care support group for parents on the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30-8:00pm at Wheatland in the Narthex. Dan is a licensed counselor with Matters of the Heart Counseling LLC and will be facilitating the group discussion. Community and family support will be encouraged and supported outside of group meetings as well. If you are interested in learning more or know a family who would benefit, please email dan@counselingmail.com.

Song Lyrics Available Online

For those who find the lyrics and music printed together challenging, the link to the lyrics for each Sunday's worship service songs can be found on the

Lost & Found

bathrooms in the Fellowship Hallway and see if any of your lost items have been found.

LIFE TOGETHER

Men's Discipleship

Monday Bible Study – Meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays in the Narthex. Contact Keith Winder (kwinder@wheatlandpca.org) for details.

Wednesday Morning Study - Meets virtually at 6:30am weekly to study a book of the Bible. Grab a cup of coffee and your favorite commentary and join us. Contact Paul Chase 717-220-4209 for more information.

Weekly Discipleship Group – Meets on Thursday evenings in the Narthex from 7:00pm-8:30pm. Call/text Edmund Byne at 404-583-4253 or email Edmund.byne@agriteer.ag for details.

Roots Youth Discipleship

If you or your student are in grades 6–12, check out the Roots Youth Activities at Wheatland!

Sunday night gatherings happen every Sunday night in the Narthex from 6:30-8:00pm.

Sunday School Classes meet on the 2nd floor of the church office building during the Sunday School hour.

Morning Prayer on Zoom

To be placed on the list to receive the login information for our **Tuesday Morning Prayer** time held on Zoom, please contact Betsy at bboone@wheatlandpca.org.

Young Adult Reading Group

The young adult book group meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at the Spatola's house. We are reading *Open & Unafraid: The Psalms as a Guide to Life* by W. David O. Taylor.

Women's Discipleship

Saturday morning Bible Study – Will resume in the fall meeting twice per month from 7:30 to 9:00am. For more information, contact Catherine Achor at kitkatvt85@gmail.com.

Evening Bible Study - Meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00pm. For more information, please contact Erin Quillen erinbquillen@gmail.com or at (717) 679-1317.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study - Meets 9:30am in the narthex. We are studying 1 Corinthians, using a study guide by NT Wright. Please email Joy Manning at fimanning@msn.com for more info. Study runs through May 1.

Discipleship: Triads

The Row House Forum

Next at The Row House Forum: How do we know what is *really* real, true, or good? Dr. Esther Meek returns to Lancaster to speak at on Saturday, **April 20** at 7:00pm at WestArt Community Center, 816 Buchanan Avenue Lancaster. Her talk *Everyday Beauty and Philosophy for Everyday People*, will be accompanied by the best coffee in Lancaster and great desserts. Find out more and reserve your seats at www.therowhouse.org, or speak to Tom Becker. Reservations are recommended.

LIFE TOGETHER

Food Bank

We collect food every Sunday for a local affordable senior housing apartment complex, LongCrest, on W. Walnut St. Our donations of non-perishable food and household items can make a difference for them. Please think about them when you are shopping and pick up a few extra items that a household of one could use. Place your donations in the box in the narthex.

Wheatland Communications

Are you receiving email communications from the church? If not, and you would like to, please email your contact information to the church office and we will add your name to the list. Send your info to Betsy at bboone@wheatlandpca.org.

Wheatland Recordings

Recordings of the sermons are available on the church website, www.wheatlandpca.org.
Recordings of personal testimonies given during the worship service as well as both adult Sunday classes are also on the website. For CD copies of the worship service, please contact the office at bboone@wheatlandpca.org.

Prayer Chain

Prayer is an important part of our church life. If you have a prayer request or would like to join with more than 90 other Wheatlanders who are committed to bearing one another's burdens in prayer on the Prayer Chain, please contact Sue Seevers at seevers49@gmail.com.

Wheatland Diaconate

The Diaconate at Wheatland (deacons and deaconesses) work to manage the upkeep of the property and to facilitate mercy ministries of sympathy and service among our members and regular attenders. If you have a concern about the property, a mercy-need, or want to get in touch with a deacon or deaconess, you can reach out personally (names listed in next column and contact information is in Elexio) or email Diaconate@WheatlandPCA.org.

Care Groups

Our congregation is organized by geographical lines into Care Groups. These groups meet twice a month to share meals and deepen fellowship with each other. Care Groups are organized as follows:

Lancaster City (Northwest) - Luke and Terilyn Le Duc <u>lleduc@wheatlandpca.org</u> Lancaster City (Southwest/East) - Joe and Tenli Hunter <u>joeh1989@gmail.com</u> Hempfield - Bill and Catherine Achor <u>kitkatvt85@gmail.com</u>

School Lane Hills – Dain and Kristen
Zimmerman <u>kristen.zimmerman@gmail.com</u>
Hamilton Park - Jim and Joy Bates
ibates01@mac.com

Mountville/Millersville - Dallas and Diane Wolgemuth dndwolgemuth@gmail.com

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Lampeter Strasburg - Paul and Deb Kreider PHKIII@verizon.net

Leola/New Holland – Glyn and Betsy Boone Glynboone@outlook.com

Manheim Township - Dan and Tara Spanjer daniel.spanjer@live.com

Ruling Elders Bill Achor Jeff Barrall John Bast Glyn Boone Ned Bustard Joe Hunter Les Slough

Deacons Jon Bush Peter Horning Joseph Kiehl Dave Smith Dain Zimmerman

Deaconesses Jess Bagge

Laura Chapman Sharon Givler Amanda Long Priscilla Parker Katie Piser Beth Slough Becky Smith Diane Wolgemuth

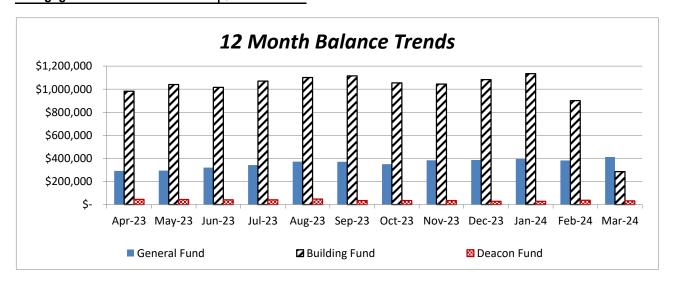
Wheatland Financial Snapshot - March 2024

General Fund & Deacon's Fund	March		July 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024			
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	% of Budget	
Income						
200 TITHES & OFFERINGS	100,704	85,166	747,147	766,490	97.5%	
205 DEACONS FUND OFFERING	6,420	2,000	18,292	18,000	101.6%	
206 MISSIONS GIVING	40	150	680	1,350	50.4%	
210 SPECIAL OFFERINGS	1,770	675	11,645	6,075	191.7%	
230 OTHER INCOME	5,316	1,475	52,131	13,275	392.7%	
Total Income	\$114,251	\$89,466	\$829,895	\$805,190	103.1%	
Expenses						
400 ADMINISTRATION	45,811	49,767	427,111	447,905	95.4%	
500 PROPERTY	16,646	15,000	136,632	135,000	101.2%	
600 MINISTRIES	9,697	8,002	54,706	72,015	76.0%	
700 BENEVOLENT DISBURSEMENTS	14,122	16,697	161,144	150,270	107.2%	
Total Expenses	\$86,276	\$89,466	\$779,593	\$805,190	96.8%	
Net Income	\$27,975	\$0	\$50,303			

Duilding Frond	March		July 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024		
Building Fund	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	% of Budget
Income					
B207 BUILDING FUND OFFERINGS	83,826	33,333	429,538	300,000	143.2%
B210 GENERAL FUND ALLOCATION	7,500	7,500	67,500	67,500	100.0%
Total Income	\$91,326	\$40,833	\$497,038	\$367,500	135.2%
Expenses					_
B530 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	5,929	8,333	33,390	75,000	44.5%
B540 MORTGAGE	0	7,500	0	67,500	0.0%
B700 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT	704,015	291,667	1,130,209	2,625,000	43.1%
Total Expenses	\$709,944	\$307,500	\$1,163,599	\$2,767,500	42.0%
Net Income	(\$618,618)	(\$266,667)	(\$666,561)		<u> </u>

Primary Funds		Balance		
General Fund	\$	412,076		
Building Fund	\$	285,090		
Deacon Fund	\$	31,705		
Mortgage Balance	\$	-		

Special Funds	В	Balance		
Church Plant Fund	\$	7,221		
Adoption Fund	\$	22,083		
Continuing Education Fund	\$	5,231		



WORSHIP

(a Children's Guide)



CALL TO WORSHIP

God invites us to come worship Him.



HYMNS & SONGS

We sing to God about His greatness and what He has done for us.



CONFESSION

We say to God we are sorry for the sin we have done.



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God reminds us that He has forgiven us for all of our sins.



THANKSGIVING

We tell God and each other how happy we are that we're forgiven.



BAPTISM

God puts His mark on us and sets us apart as holy to live for His glory.



CREED

We tell the world what we believe about God and His love.



PRAYER

We talk to God. We tell Him what we love about Him and ask for what we need.



OFFERING

We give a little gift to God to thank Him for what He has given to us.



SCRIPTURE/SERMON

God talks to us. The preacher explains God's Word.



LORD'S SUPPER

God feeds us at His table with the Body and Blood of Jesus.



BENEDICTION

God sends us out into the world with His blessing.

Spotlighting a Wheatland Ministry

Who: Matt & Jenn Irvine, their children Malachi(20), Arielle(18),

and Luke(14) Where: London, England

Work: Matt and Jenn lead a Serge church planting team in northwest

London whose vision is to establish a church that is understandable to British South Asians, mostly from Indian Gujarati Hindu or Jain

backgrounds.

Prayer:

- 1. Please be praying for our Serge colleague (and brother to our brother in law) Eddie who has had some difficult heart episodes in Spain and needs a surgery.
- 2. Please pray for our Wednesday street outreach time. We are getting opportunities to speak to many people from the Gujarati section of Western India who have just come as graduate students as well as people from all sorts of backgrounds including difficult to reach countries in the Middle East. Pray for the gospel to be heard and received.
- 3. Please pray for the core of our church to have some good times of prayer as we ask the Lord to continue to build his church.

To receive the Irvine email prayer updates, email matt at mirvine@serge.org.

Communion Prayers

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, compelling, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Trusting that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior. Amen.

Children and Communion

Our baptized children are covenant children of our church, a rich part of our life together at Wheatland, and we long to see them eating with us at the Table. As a denomination (Presbyterian Church in America), we do not practice giving communion to children before they profess their faith to the Elders of our church and undertake the obligations and duties of a communing member. However, it is a deep joy to gather them with us at this Table so that we might pray for them. Our prayer is that they will grow in their faith and love of Jesus and his gospel and in due time will profess their faith publicly to our Elders and join us to eat this meal of grace.

Wheatland
Presbyterian Church
exists to glorify God
by equipping the
community of believers
to lovingly confront
our generation
with the gospel of
Jesus Christ.



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