

***Hymn 34** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow / Doxology

***Prayer of Dedication** Rev. Charlie Gross

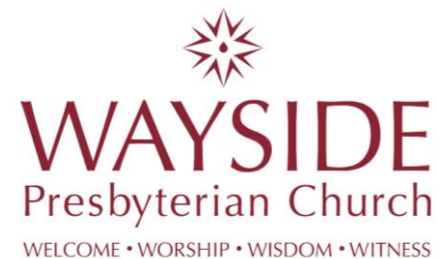
Prayers of the People, Pastoral Prayer, and Lord's Prayer Rev. Charlie Gross

***Hymn 474** I Surrender All

***Benediction** Rev. Charlie Gross

***Parting Music**

NEXT WEEK: Pastor Steve preaching; CROP Walk in Lancaster



Rev. Dr. Stephen P. Fritz, Pastor



*Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says,
"Today if you hear His voice...
Hebrews 3:7*

**October 12, 2025
9:00 am**



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CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY
18th Sunday after Pentecost

“Walking with Jesus, sharing Christ along the way”

Welcome to Wayside! We're glad you are with us this sacred hour in this beautiful Fall season. Today we welcome the Rev. Charlie Gross as our Pulpit Supply as Pastor Steve completes a week of vacation. Charlie is retired Air Force, a past Presbytery executive, and a retired PCUSA pastor. If you are without a church of your own, we hope you will consider Wayside as your new spiritual home!

**Please stand as able in body or spirit.*

Greeting / Passing the Peace of Christ / Ways to Connect *Pat Karkotsky*

Prelude *Deb Konupka, Accompanist*
Lighting of the Worship & Peace Candles - Acolyte

Call to Worship (Responsively) *Rev. Charlie Gross*

Dear Lord, we most humbly beg you to give us grace not only to be hearers of the Word, but doers also of the same;

Not only to love, but also to live your gospel;

Not only to favor, but also to follow your godly doctrine;

Not only to profess, but also to practice your blessed commandments, to the honor of your holy name, and the health of our souls. Amen.

—Adapted from Thomas Becon (1511-1567), early English reformer.

***Hymn 72** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

***Invitation to Confession** *Tom Martin, Liturgist*

So often when we speak of sins, we think of things that are morally reprehensible or socially unacceptable. If we think of sin as anything keeping us from living openly with God and others, anything preventing us from being the creature God intended, we realize that much of our sin is actually legal or socially acceptable. Let us confess those sins before God and before each other.

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)** *Liturgist*

Eternal and loving Father, you comfort, support and encourage us. Your goodness and kindness go beyond our understanding. Your grace is richer and deeper than we can begin to comprehend. Yet despite your gracious love and faithful care, we seek to go our own way and to trust our own resources. Time after time, we choose our plans over your will. Over and over again, our pride,

self-reliance and self-centeredness lead us astray. We confess we are sinners in need of forgiveness. We admit we are flawed, broken people in need of mercy. Through the person and work of Jesus Christ, forgive us for all the times we have failed you. Cleanse our hearts and make them fresh and new. Renew our minds for your kingdom's sake. Empower us to be your Son's disciples for his glory. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Assurance of God's Forgiveness** *Liturgist*

Brothers and sisters in Christ, hear these words regarding prayer: "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened for you." Know that God longs to hear our prayer, and longs to communicate back. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Let us live at peace as forgiven people.

***Congregational Response** *"Gloria Patri"*
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, Amen.

***Hymn 354** *Just as I Am, Without One Plea*

Old Testament Reading *2 Kings 5:1-14* *Rev. Charlie Gross*

Sermon *My Tribute: to Those Who Listen* *Rev. Charlie Gross*

Affirmation of Faith (Unison) *The Apostles' Creed* *Rev. Charlie Gross*
I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering & Prayer Table for Candle Lighting / Offertory

God is the giver of every good and perfect gift, the one who fashioned each of us with unique gifts that together make the Body of Christ whole. In gratitude for all we have received, we offer our lives back to God — we share our time, our talents, our treasures and in so doing, we say "yes" to God's invitation to join in God's kingdom building work here on earth

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