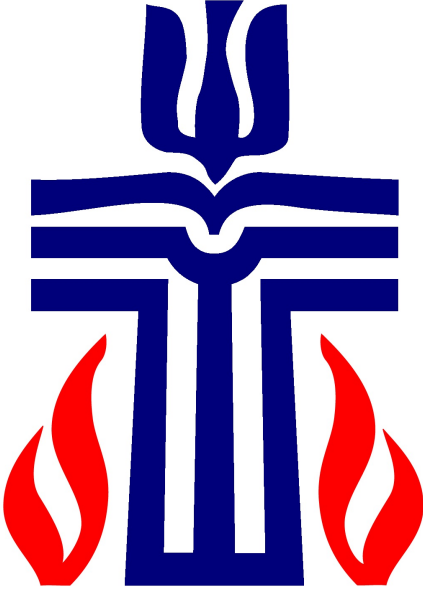


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(USA)

The First Presbyterian Church of Waverly
*a congregation of dedicated believers in the grace of God,
the love of Jesus, and the power of the Holy Spirit,
strives to share this faith in worship
and to express it through serving the community.*

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WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 24, 2017 – 10:45 a.m.

Gathering

▲ - WORSHIPERS MAY STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT ▼ - WORSHIPERS MAY SIT

Greetings

Pastor O'Neil

Gathering Music

THE LIGHT, REPRESENTING GOD'S PRESENCE, COMES INTO THE SANCTUARY.

"For All the Saints" - Tune: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams; arr. Lani Smith Patricia Penrose

"Surely the Presence of the Lord" - Lanny Wolff Chancel Choir

Call to Worship (From "The Heidelberg Catechism") Martha Miller

One: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Many: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all our sins with his precious blood, and has set us free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because we belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures us of eternal life.

He makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Opening Prayer

▲ Opening Hymn

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

No. 35

▼ Prayer of Confession and Assurance of God’s Forgiveness

Because we do not always live our lives in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, we confess before God and one another our sins and shortcomings. In repentance, let us turn toward God’s grace and mercy.

God of abundant goodness, we confess that we want your grace for ourselves but often wish punishment or exclusion on others.

We judge the efforts and motives of others while ignoring the faults of our own.

Forgive us, we pray, when we let jealousy overtake us.

Forgive us, we pray, when we are petty even in the presence of your generosity.

Forgive us, we pray, when we feel slighted by you.

May we ask once again for your mercy?

Will you help us to be more merciful toward one another?

We pray in the name of Christ Jesus, by whose grace we are saved. Amen.

God extends to us mercy beyond our deserving, grace beyond our ability to earn it.

God has granted us the privilege of believing in Christ; therefore we will live as grateful and forgiven people! Thanks be to God!

Response to Forgiveness

TUNE: No.581, “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.**

Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

Matthew 20:1-16

Romans 8:26-39

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Music

The Chancel Choir

“*Rejoice, the Lord Is King*” - Based on DARWALL’S 148TH; arr.

Gordon Young Trumpets: Tom Hlasten and Gordon Mathie

CONGREGATION AND CHOIR:

**Rejoice, the Lord is King. Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph ever more.
Lift up your heart. Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

CHOIR:

The Lord our Savior reigns, the God of truth and love
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above.
Lift up your hearts. Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail. He rules o’er earth and heav’n.
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv’n.
Lift up your heart. Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

CONGREGATION AND CHOIR:

**He all His foes shall quell, shall all our sins destroy.
And every bosom swell with pure seraphic joy.
Lift up your heart. Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

Scripture Reading - *Genesis 28:10-22*

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Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God!

Proclamation - “*God Is Not Leaving the Building*”

Pastor Hays

Silent Meditation

▲ Hymn

“*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*”

No. 275

▲ Affirmation of Faith - From “Foundations of Presbyterian Polity”

*The church is sent to be Christ’s faithful evangelist:
making disciples in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit; sharing with others a deep life of worship, prayer,
fellowship, and service; and participating in God’s mission to care
for the needs of the sick, poor, and lonely; to free people from
sin, suffering, and oppression; and to establish Christ’s just,
loving, and peaceable rule in the world.*

Where Christ is, there is the true Church. Since the earliest days of the Reformation, Reformed Christians have marked the presence of the true Church wherever: the Word of God is truly preached and heard, the Sacraments are rightly administered, and ecclesiastical discipline is uprightly ministered.

In our own time, we affirm that, in the power of the Spirit, the Church is faithful to the mission of Christ as it:

Proclaims and hears the Word of God,

responding to the promise of God's new creation in Christ, and inviting all people to participate in that new creation;

Administers and receives the Sacraments,

welcoming those who are being engrafted into Christ, bearing witness to Christ's saving death and resurrection, anticipating the heavenly banquet that is to come, and committing itself in the present to solidarity with the marginalized and the hungry;

And nurtures a covenant community of disciples of Christ,

living in the strength of God's promise and giving itself in service to God's mission.

▼ Prayers of the People

RESPONSES:

God is good: All the time! All the time: God is good!

or For ..., Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Offering

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" - Tune: Patricia Penrose
RESIGNATION; arr. Mark Hayes

▲ Praise

TUNE: NO. 606, "OLD HUNDRETH"

**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 of Thanksgiving 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.**

Sending

Litany for Departure

CLERK OF SESSION, RULING ELDER ELAINE ZINGG:

Friends in Christ, a church family is constantly changing. Pastors and worshipers come and go. It is right and important that we recognize these times of passage – of endings and beginnings.

PRESBYTERY MODERATOR, THE REV. CHARLSIE RAMSEY:

Today we mark the honorable retirement of your pastor, Richard Secrest Hays. He was ordained a Minister of Word and Sacrament by the Presbytery of Lehigh on October 10, 1976. He was called to be pastor of the Waverly First Presbyterian Church by vote of the congregation on August 16, 1987, and was installed as pastor by a commission of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley on November 8, 1987. The Presbytery has approved your request to dissolve his call with you and to grant him the status of honorable retirement.

PRESBYTERY EXECUTIVE, THE REV. DR. JEANNIE HARSH:

Pastor Rick, during your time here at the Waverly church, you have proclaimed God's Word, baptized new members into the Church of Jesus Christ, announced God's forgiveness, presided at the celebration of the Lord's Supper, and charged and blessed the people for daily ministry. You have taught classes for youth and adults. You have moderated session meetings. With the Gospel, you have comforted people in times of sickness and trouble, and at the death of their loved ones. You have shared their joys and sorrows, attended their graduations, performed their weddings, and celebrated their birthdays and anniversaries. You have been part of family gatherings. Your faith and vision helped lead this people to redefine their ministry through the building of a hospitable sanctuary and center for ministry. You participated with colleagues in Christ in community-wide worship services, supported the hungry and homeless through your work with the Pike County Outreach Council of Churches, and consulted with community leaders and agencies about human dignity and personal needs. You have served on committees and commissions of the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. For the last ten years you have thoughtfully guided the

Presbytery of Scioto Valley as stated clerk and treasurer. You have been a friend among your colleagues in ministry and a wise and valued servant in the Church of Jesus Christ.

MODERATOR RAMSEY:

You have served the congregation of Waverly First Presbyterian Church faithfully for thirty years and now you are leaving their midst. Today, the members of this congregation wish to honor your ministry among them and bid you and Paula farewell and Godspeed in your new adventure called retirement.

PASTOR RICHARD HAYS:

I thank the Waverly Presbyterian Church, its members and friends, its staff and officers, present and past, for the love, kindness, encouragement, counsel, and support shown me during my time among you. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted and thankful for your forgiveness when I misunderstood your concerns. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here and cherish you in my prayers.

CONGREGATION:

We are grateful for your sense of God's call in coming to us. We give thanks for your work among us and for the vision of Christ you have shared with us through faithfully proclaiming the Word, joyfully celebrating the sacraments, and lovingly nurturing the community. We receive your thankfulness and accept that you and Paula now leave to retire. We express our gratitude for your time among us. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will be long lasting.

PASTOR RICK:

I give thanks for God's call to ministry with and among you.

REV. DR. HARSH:

Do you, the members and friends of Waverly First Presbyterian Church release Richard Hays from the duties of pastor?

CONGREGATION:

We do, with the help of God.

REV. DR. HARSH:

Do you offer encouragement for his new paths of ministry in retirement?

CONGREGATION:

We do, with the help of God.

RULING ELDER ZINGG:

Do you, Richard Hays, release this congregation from turning to you as pastor?

PASTOR RICK:

I do, with the help of God.

RULING ELDER ZINGG:

Do you offer your encouragement and your prayers for their continued ministry here and for the relationship with all who will come to serve in the future?

PASTOR RICK:

I do, with the help of God.

REV. DR. HARSH:

We also want to recognize Paula Hays and celebrate her ministry among you. She has served as an elder on session, worked with numerous committees, sung in the chancel choir and directed it for 13 years. She has taught classes and shared her musical talents in many ways. Beyond the congregation she was the Presbytery's regional Christian educator and resource center director for seven years and staffed the Geneva Hills Center office one summer. She has been a volunteer at the Outreach Council. She has shared Pastor Rick with the Waverly congregation and joined with him in its joys and trials of ministry. Her friendships have been many and her presence always a gift.

RULING ELDER ZINGG:

Paula, do you offer your encouragement and your prayers for the continuing ministry of the Waverly Church which has been your home for thirty years?

PAULA HAYS:

I do, with the help of God.

MODERATOR RAMSEY:

As both of you go into a new phase of God's call, will you continue to trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

PASTOR RICK AND PAULA:

I will.

MODERATOR RAMSEY:

Will you continue to accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

PASTOR RICK AND PAULA:

I will.

MODERATOR RAMSEY:

Will you continue to sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you journey on the new paths where God will lead you?

PASTOR RICK AND PAULA:

I will.

MODERATOR RAMSEY:

Will you continue to seek in your own life to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

PASTOR RICK AND PAULA:

I will.

MODERATOR RAMSEY:

Do you promise to continue to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

PASTOR RICK AND PAULA:

I do.

MODERATOR RAMSEY:

Will you continue to pray for and seek to serve God's people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

PASTOR RICK AND PAULA:

I will, with God's help.

REV. DR. HARSH:

Let us pray.

ALL:

God of grace, whose everlasting love for all is trustworthy, help each of us to trust the future which rests in your care. The time we have been together in your name saw our laughter and tears, our hopes, disappointments, and accomplishments. Confirm in us these treasured memories, even as we move in new directions, until that promised time when we will be completely one with you and with each other. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

▲ Closing Hymn

"God Is Here"

No. 409

▲ Charge and Benediction

The great ends of the Church are:

- *the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind;*

We will listen for and speak the Gospel every day.

- *the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God;*

We will welcome into our community every person we meet because each one is a child of God.

- *the maintenance of divine worship;*

We will enthusiastically gather for the worship and praise of the Lord our God.

- *the preservation of the truth;*

We will seek God's truth in scripture and life and share it generously.

- *the promotion of social righteousness;*

We will feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the immigrant and refugee, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and visit the lonely and imprisoned.

- *and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.*

We will be ambassadors of Christ with graciousness, love, and peace.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all, from now until forever from now.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you and yours, from now until forever from now. Amen.

▲ Response and Postlude

“Holy, Holy, Holy” - John Bacchus Dykes; Chancel Choir
arr. Fred Bock

AFTER THE RESPONSE, WORSHIPERS MAY FOLLOW THE LIGHT OF GOD’S PRESENCE INTO THE WORLD TO ANNOUNCE CHRIST’S GOOD NEWS. IF YOU WISH TO LISTEN TO THE ORGAN MUSIC, PLEASE STAY.

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty” - Patricia Penrose
Tune: NICAEA; arr. Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

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