

## Redstone Presbytery Worship

*An asterisk (\*) indicates that you are invited to rise in body or spirit.  
Liturgy printed in **Boldface** is to be spoken by all.*

\*Prelude *Arabesque in C* –S. Scott                      Vicki Walters

\*Call to Worship                      Elder Tim D’Aurora, Congruity

No special qualifications needed;

**No particular connections  
or exclusive memberships required;**

No secret passwords or unique attributes expected;

**No campaigning or canvassing,  
no examinations or reference checks;**

Just an amazing invitation to a feast;

**to find our place at Your table,**

Alongside these other unworthy ones,  
these other beloved ones;

**these others humble enough  
to accept the invitation without asking  
who else will be there.**

Well, Jesus, Lord of the Feast,

**with thankful and open hearts,  
we accept Your amazing invitation.**

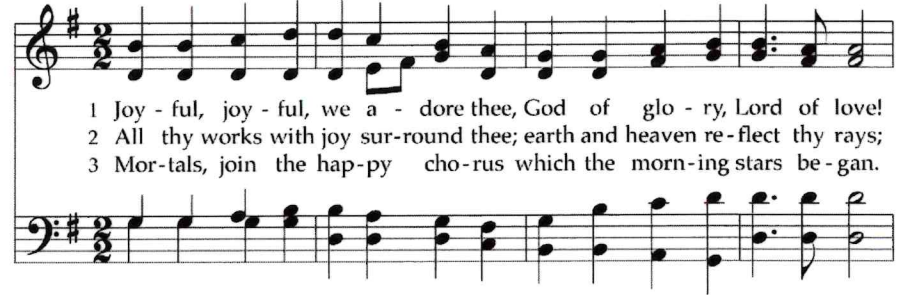
## ADORATION

## 611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

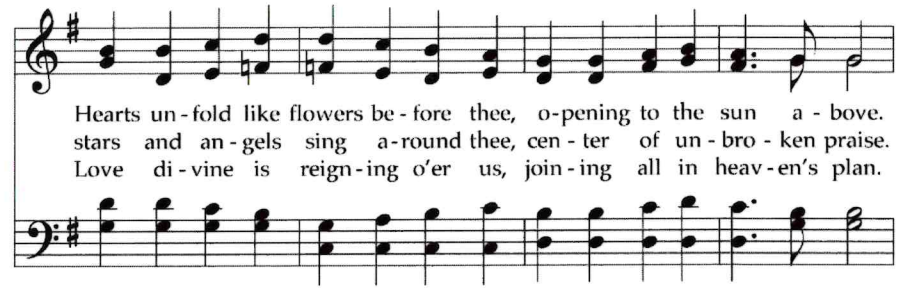
\*Prayer of the Day (unison)

Great God, you are the King of heaven,  
The gracious giver of all good things.  
As we gather in praise to you,  
open our hearts to a new awareness  
of your overflowing generosity,  
as your grace floods our world  
and our lives with every good gift.  
We wait upon you with expectation.  
Though it is you who invites us here  
come to us once again.  
Be present among us once again.  
Feed us once again.  
We wait upon you with expectation.  
Amen.

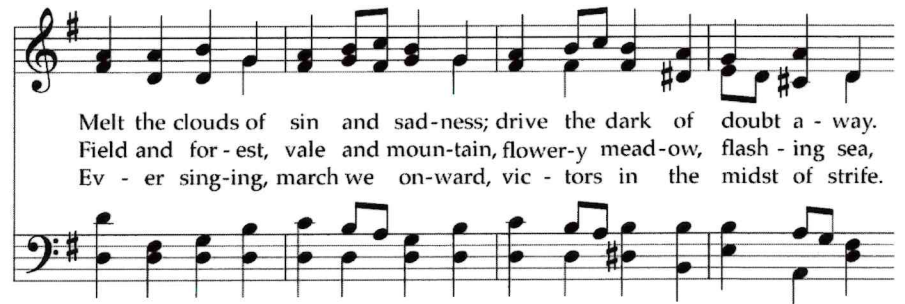
\*Hymn #611 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-flect thy rays;  
3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.



Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a-bove.  
stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.  
Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.  
Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,  
Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.



Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.  
Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

\*Call to Confession      Commissioned Pastor Len Morgan

Lord Jesus, it's a shameful thing  
when you've sent invitations to all who will come  
and we stand at the door and turn people away.  
It's shameful how we find ways to justify, in Your Name,  
the lines we draw between us, the exclusions and suspicions,  
the greeds and power-plays, that harm the least,  
and protect our special interests.  
And so we pray:

\*Unison Prayer of Confession

**Holy One, you would throw a great reception party.**

**Lift us above our pettiness and self-protection,  
and use us as Your agents of justice and mercy;**

**May Your grace open our doors, stretch out our arms  
and turn our attention  
to the excluded, rejected and neglected ones.**

**May Your wisdom teach our minds,  
open our hearts and challenge our apathy  
to find solutions to the conflicts and threats  
in our world.**

**May Your love release our energies  
and ignite our abilities and inspire our actions  
to comfort the grieving,  
to restore the failed or fallen,  
to nurture the life that is possible for all.**

**Make us heralds of Your kingdom, today and always.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

Do not be afraid – God's invitation includes us all.  
God's grace floods our world and lives.  
God's grace heals our world and lives  
God's grace saves our world and our lives.

**With the joy of forgiveness  
We respond with thanksgiving.  
Praise be to God!**

\*Passing the Peace

\*Response #581 "Glory Be to the Father"

# Glory Be to the Father 581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

Prayer for Illumination Elder Dave Foresman, Congruity

Scripture Reading Luke 14:15-24

Sermon Rev. Laura Blank  
Rev. Kristen Emrick  
Rev. Becka Abbott

\*Hymn #770 "I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table"

# 770 I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

1 I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble;  
2 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus;  
3 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers;  
4 Here all the world will find a wel - come;  
5 We're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey;

I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble, Al - le - lu - ia.  
I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus, Al - le - lu - ia.  
I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers, Al - le - lu - ia.  
here all the world will find a wel-come, Al - le - lu - ia.  
we're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey, Al - le - lu - ia.

I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble; I'm gon - na  
I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus; I'm gon - na  
I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers; I'm gon - na  
Here all the world will find a wel - come; here all the  
We're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey; we're gon - na

eat at the wel - come ta - ble, Al - le - lu - ia.  
eat and drink with my Je - sus, Al - le - lu - ia.  
join with sis - ters, broth - ers, Al - le - lu - ia.  
world will find a wel - come, Al - le - lu - ia.  
feast on milk and hon - ey, Al - le - lu - ia.

Commissioning of General Assembly Commissioners

Presbytery Offering

Mission Network

Offertory *There's a Place* –K. Boyd

\*Hymn #609 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

SERVICE MUSIC

# 609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

\*Prayer of Dedication

Lord's Supper

Revs. Sue Blank and Cliff Foster

*Elders will serve communion in the pews.*

*Sealed gluten free communion will be available.*

*Members of the Healing Prayer Network will be available during Communion for individual prayer and anointing.*

Prayer after Communion

\*Hymn #300

"We Are One in the Spirit"

# We Are One in the Spirit 300

## They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

*The business portion of the meeting resumes.*

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)  
Fm Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;  
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;  
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;  
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

*At the close of the meeting:*  
\*Benediction

Rev. Cliff Foster

(Am) (Em)  
B<sup>b</sup>m Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,  
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,  
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,  
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)  
B<sup>b</sup>m Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:  
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em)  
D<sup>b</sup> Fm

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)  
B<sup>b</sup>m Fm B<sup>b</sup>m Cm Fm B<sup>b</sup>m/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

\*Postlude *Toccata Breve* - T. Birchwood

## Notes and Copyright Information

Today's printed liturgy includes prayers found in Sacredise,.com, Proper 23a, 2023 and LifeLiturgies/wordpress.com, 2017.

ADORATION

### 611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

TEXT: Henry van Dyke, 1907, alt.

MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; adapt. Edward L. Judges, 1842, alt.

HYMN TO JOY

B.7.B.7.1J

SERVICE MUSIC

### Glory Be to the Father 581

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

### 770 I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

The image of a great feast showing God's welcome of all people was part of Jewish tradition (Isaiah 25:6-9) and underlies Jesus' parable of the Great Banquet (Luke 14:15-24). Such equality remains as unknown to many people today as it was to the slaves who created this spiritual.

TEXT: African American spiritual, alt.

MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. Carl Dixon, 1980, alt.

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WELCOME TABLE

Irregular

SERVICE MUSIC

### 609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1989

MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, 1623; harm. Hal H. Hopson, 1998

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LASST UNS ERFREUEN

LM with alleluias

(alternate harmonization), 10

THE CHURCH

## We Are One in the Spirit 300 They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

TEXT and MUSIC: Peter Scholtes, 1966

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THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

7.6.7.6.8.6 with refrain

**Don't miss PRE-KIRK!  
Monday 1-4 with Jim Farrer**

Jim will address a variety of topics like Jesus' model for reaching younger generations and bringing about change and resurrection.

**OUR LEADERS**



**Tucker Ferda**  
Professor of NT  
Pittsburgh Seminary



**Ellie Johns-Kelley**  
Communion Preacher  
Ministry Relations  
Presbyterian Foundation



**Maureen Wright**  
Lead Presbyter/Stated Clerk  
Presbytery of West Virginia



**Jim Mohr**  
College Chaplain  
Westminster College



**Kristen Woodard**  
Director Worship and Music; First Presbyterian  
Maumee, Ohio

**Linda McGrath**  
**Cindy Stimple**  
*Musicians*

**SCHEDULE  
SNAPSHOT**



<b>Monday</b>	Noon - 4 1:00 4-5:00 5:00 7-8:30 8:30	<b>REGISTRATION IN THE SMALL DINING HALL</b> PRE-Kirk Networking Hour Dinner Opening session Snacks & conversation
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:30 8:30-10 10:30-12 12:15 1:30 3:00 5:00 7:00 8:30	Breakfast Morning plenary Workshops Lunch Workshops Choir/Free time Dinner Communion Service Snacks & conversation
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:30 8:30-10 10:30-12 12:15	Breakfast Workshops Closing session Lunch

**WEE KIRK  
2026**

small church  
conference

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## OUR PURPOSE

To inspire, equip, motivate and encourage small churches of any denomination and to provide rest and refreshment for the clergy and lay leaders like YOU!



The beloved Hearts and Minds book store will bring a selection of specially curated books to the conference and Bryan Borger will give recommendations for reading and other resources.

## WORKSHOPS

- 1, "Spirituality of the Gospels"  
**Tucker Ferda**
2. "Small is Beautiful"  
**Maureen Wright**
3. "Asset-Based Stewardship"  
**Ellie Johns-Kelley**
4. "What's it Mean to Show Up?"  
**Jim Mohr**
5. "Vital Ministry in the Third Chapter"  
**Debbie Smith**
6. "One Room, One Hour: Vibrant Worship in Small Congregations"  
**Sue Washburn**
7. "Between Babel and Pentecost; Ai and the Pastorate"  
**Matt Skolnik**



## REGISTRATION WEE-KIRK-NE.ORG

Questions? Contact [Helen.Kester@gmail.com](mailto:Helen.Kester@gmail.com) or 724-980-9565  
Registration confirmation will be e-mailed

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Preferred roommate(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Circle the three workshops #s you plan to attend 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Do you plan to attend PRE-Kirk 101? Yes No

Churches with up to 150 Members: \$225 per person

Churches with 151-200 Members: \$250 per person

All other persons - \$375 each and/or if you want a single room

**BEFORE AUGUST SAVE \$25 On Listed Registration Fee**

## INFO YOU NEED TO KNOW

Arrangements are made on a first come, first-served basis and assume double occupancy. Triple rooms may be assigned if necessary. One set of bedding and towels are provided. Most facilities are handicapped accessible. Contact Helen Kester for dietary or other special needs or to opt out of photos/media.

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## Inter-Presbytery Leadership Formation (IPLF) Fall 2026

### **Introduction to New Testament**

Students will be challenged to become familiar with the content, development and message within each book of the New Testament canon. Students will use scholarship resources for Biblical study and exegesis and will learn to understand, interpret and apply the NT writings within the contemporary context of the mission and ministry of the Church.

**Saturdays, August 8, September 5, October 10, November 14, December 12 (Semester Course)**

**Instructor: Rev. Richard "Skip" Noftzger**

### **Presbyterian Virtual Assistant**

Wondering about ways to faithfully and effectively use AI in the Presbyterian context. With a "hands-on" approach, an introduction to the practice and use of a "virtual assistant" to navigate our own church context.

**Saturday, August 8, 2026, 12:30-3:30 pm**

**Instructor: Rev. Skip Noftzger, Brian Heath**

### **Pastoral Care**

At the heart of leading the people of God comes a responsibility to care for them in offering spiritual comfort and presence. Whether in times of crisis or everyday experiences, how might we become those who offer genuine pastoral care for the journey?

**Saturday, September 5, 2026, 12:30-3:30 pm**

**Instructor: Chaplain Gary Gibson**

### **Presbyterian Polity**

What does it mean to do it "Decently and in order?" More importantly, why would it be important? Is it a matter of control or faith? How does our Presbyterian "polity"(ways of living out our faith) reflect our practice of being church?

**Saturday, October 10, 2026 12:30-3:30 pm**

**Instructor: Rev. Randall Clow**

### **Boundaries and Ethics**

Whether pastor or elder, leadership within the church requires clear understanding of both personal and professional ethics. Where might it lead us to establish and clearly communicate boundaries that we might serve effectively and faithfully where God calls?

**Saturday, November 14, 2026, 12:3-3:30**

**Instructor: Bryan Bass Riley**

### **Working Through Conflict in Church**

Even in the church context, conflict seems to be inevitable. Being able to assess its gradations is critical in navigating the distinctive characteristics of church conflict. An introduction to developing healthy pastoral approaches to conflict seeks to work through it in order to contribute to the health and leadership of both the congregation and ministry.

**Saturday, May 2, 2026, 12:30-3:30 pm**

**Instructor: Dr. Leanna Fuller**

### **EDUCATION AND ENRICHMENT FOR ELDERS AND PASTORS ACROSS PRESBYTERIES**

All courses and workshops will be hybrid offerings by ZOOM **and** through face-face sessions.

To register contact Karen Gray at Redstone Presbytery

724-837-6737 [secretary@redstonepresbytery.org](mailto:secretary@redstonepresbytery.org)

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\*\* The format of the calendar will be the same as the 2025-2026 Planning Calendar.

In order to have them available for distribution at the  
September meeting of Presbytery (since they begin on  
September 1, 2026)

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