

The Service for the Lord's Day

October 16, 2022 | 8:45 am

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE *Journey* | Michael Mandrell

INTROIT *Lead Me, Guide Me* | Doris M Akers

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**Serve the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.**

Know that the Lord is God.

**It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him; bless his name.

For the Lord is good;

**his steadfast love endures forever
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

*HYMN 69 *I the Lord of Sea and Sky* | HERE I AM

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

We Belong to One Another
We belong to one another,
to each other we are bound.
As we build a world together,

full of joy that we have found.
Jesus Christ leads as our Shepherd,
when we are needed we respond.
We belong to one another
and we hold a common bond.

PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 121

SECOND READING Timothy 3:14-4:5

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* | arr. Grant Wall

SERMON TEXT Luke 18:1-8

SERMON *The Nag* | The Rev. Dr. John H. Bell, Jr.

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*, PCUSA

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.

*HYMN 175 *Seek Ye First* | LAFFERTY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

CALL FOR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Shining Child* | Michael Mandrell

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING FROM WORSHIP TO SERVICE

*HYMN SB 38 *Canto de esperanza / Song of Hope*
ARGENTINA

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Iberian Nocturne* | Michael Mandrell

Leading Worship Today

The Rev. Dr. John H. Bell, Jr., Pastor

The Rev. Katie Robb Davis, Associate Pastor

The Rev. Julia Fenn, Parish Associate

Allison McQueen, Director of Children's Ministries

Christine Gaudreau, Director of Music and Worship Arts

Wil Smith, Associate Director of Music and Organist

Patrick Lee, Principal Pianist and Accompanist

Celebration Singers

Confluence: John Ruby, William Perkins, Paul Day-Lucore

Michael Mandrell, guitar

Steve Cearley & Emily Farina, Production

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* Please rise in body or spirit. **Bold Print** indicates congregational participation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Socktober!

Wellshire is currently collecting new socks for the homeless of all ages. Donations will go to the New Genesis homeless program for working people and other mission partners. Please bring socks to the bin in the Narthex by the end of October. Contact Liz LeClair lizleclair1@gmail.com with any questions.

Sunday Morning Adult Classes at 9:45

Apocrypha: 1 Maccabees – Clif Carey leads the Clif's Notes class exploring a portion of the Apocrypha throughout the autumn. Join us in room 206.

We Make the Road by Walking – Join Beverly Granath in room 207 as we embark on a quest for spiritual formation and reorientation. Brian McLaren's book, *We Make the Road by Walking* will be a guide through scripture as we seek a fresh way to experience and practice our faith. Books available in class.

Parables of Grace – Beginning October 16, the Rev. Dr. Rolfe Granath will lead a class exploring some of the Parables of Grace. Join him in room 208 for discussion and an opportunity to find yourself in Jesus's stories of grace.

We are looking for all great voices to join our choirs!

Are you concerned that you or your children are too busy to sing? We will work with your schedule so you can enjoy the music – email Christine at cgaudreau@wpcdenver.org for more information. Free childcare is available during Celebration Singers and Sanctuary Choir rehearsals on Wednesdays – please RSVP at amcqueen@wpcdenver.org.

Habitat for Humanity Aria New Construction

Wednesday, October 26, 8:45am - 4:30pm, 53rd & Federal. Spend the day helping to build a new home in partnership with partner families. Contact Sara Collyar, scollyar@gmail.com, for more information and to get the direct signup link.

Care Center

Wellshire's Care Center is staffed by compassionate volunteers who help care for members in need. Call with updates related to prayer requests, illness, surgery, childbirth, or bereavement and they can offer words of support as well as connect you to the pastors, meal ministry, and Deacon care friends. Staffed daily from 9:00 am until 11:00 am. The Care Center may be reached at 303-758-2233 x. 221.

Refugee Support

Wellshire is working with Lutheran Family Services to welcome two refugee families from Afghanistan. Please contact Mike Smith (michaelchallengersmith@gmail.com) for more info.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 am — Early Service Music Rehearsal

8:45 am — Contemporary Worship, Children's Sunday School

9:45 - 10:45 am — Christian Education

10:00 am — Late Service Music Rehearsal

11:00 am — Traditional Worship, Children's Sunday School

4:15 - 5:00 pm — Cherub Choir, Children's Choir, Youth Choir

5:00 - 6:00 pm — Middle School Youth Group

6:30 - 7:30 pm — High School Youth Group

Fall Festival | Spooky Organ Concert | Trunk or Treat

We're excited for WPC's Fall Festival on the evening of **Sunday, October 30!** Join us for all or part of the activities as we celebrate the season and the musical talents of our organist Wil Smith.

4:30 pm – Kid-friendly Spooky Organ Concert in the Sanctuary

5:00-7:00 pm – Trunk-or-Treat: decorate your car and hand out treats, or come dressed up and ready to mingle.

7:30 pm – Seasonal Organ Concert with video projections. Tickets at the door.

We'll also have warm apple cider and popcorn. Contact Allison at amcqueen@wpcdenver.org if you want to host a trunk or donate goodies.

Wellshire Is Seeking A Communications Manager

Please tell any interested friends about this full time position. Contact Kathleen at keckert@wpcdenver.org for more info.

CALENDAR

OCT. 23 Children's Sabbath, Club 45

OCT. 26 Habitat for Humanity Build Day

OCT. 30 Spooky Organ Concert, Trunk or Treat

We'd Love to be in Touch!

If this is your first visit or you need to update your contact information, please point your smartphone camera at the QR code to the right and fill out the short Visitor Information Form.



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