

GATHERING FOR THE WORD

Let us take this time to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for worship.

* Please stand if able Plain text = Leader **Bold text = People**

PRELUDE *Praise Him* Arr. Mary McDonald

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS The Rev. Dr. Laura S. Sugg

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand)

Happy are those whose footsteps follow the way of the Lord—

**the path of justice and mercy
that draws us toward wholeness.**

Happy are those whose hearts delight in the law of the Lord—

**teachings that root us in love, sustain us in hope,
and nurture generous spirits within us.**

Happy are our souls when we gather to worship the Living Lord—

the Fountainhead of Grace, the Giver of Life. Amen.

Let us worship God.

* HYMN *All Creatures of Our God and King* No. 455

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL (Be seated) Elder

Let us pray...

**God of steadfast love,
how often do we utter careless words that humiliate or harm?
How often do we lash out in anger,
when we could reach out with kindness?
How often do we hurt those we love
and tear away at relationships that give life?**

Forgive us, we pray.

**In your abundant mercy, give us the grace
to confess our faults,
to seek forgiveness,
and to work for reconciliation
in our homes and our communities.**

**Turn our hearts back to you
and teach us the ways of love,
so that we might hold fast to one another,
and draw near to your presence.**

(A time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Amen. If we are in Christ, we are a new people altogether;
the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new.

**In your great mercy, O God, renew us as your people:
unburdened by the past,
unfearful of the future, and joyful in the eternal present,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* SUNG RESPONSE (Stand as desired.) No. 298 v. 2

***For the love of God is broader, Than the measures of the mind;
And the heart of the E-ter-nal Is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, We would gladly trust God's Word;
And our lives reflect thanksgiving For the goodness of our Lord.***

HEARING THE WORD

GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:21-37 Pgs. 4-5

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *There's a Song* Handt Hanson

EPISTLE READING I Corinthians 3:1-9 Pg. 159

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** Deacon Reader

TIME WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH

(As the children and youth come forward, please join in singing.)

***This, this is where children belong, part of our family, part of our song.
Be with us, pray with us, help us grow strong, this is where children belong.***

SERMON *Law of Love* Laura Sugg

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Please Stand) Elder
The Apostles' Creed (traditional) Front of Hymnal Pg. 14

* HYMN *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* No. 367

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER Front of Hymnal Pg. 16
(Pray, "Forgive us our sins...")

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

OFFERTORY *Fairest Lord Jesus* Arr. David Hegarty

* PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* No. 372

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* SUNG CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Traditional Spiritual*
***This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (3X)
Let it shine! Let it shine! Let it shine!***

POSTLUDE *Grand Chorus in B flat* Theodore Dubois
Edited by Donald P. Hustad

Pulpit Elder: Jo Ann Flores Deacon Reader: Nancy Rosi
Greeter: Jeff Stimson Ushers: Maxine Foster and Jeff Stimson
Sound Engineer: Jim Niquette Flowers: Marny Eulberg
Visitor Desk: Valerie Friedman



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WRPC Mission Statement:

*To worship God through faith and action,
to nurture the spirit of Jesus Christ in each of us,
to be an extended family to all,
and to serve the community
through programs, education and prayer.*

***Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
February 16, 2020***

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- **Thanks** so much to all the **youth and their parents and other helpers** for their participation in a wonderful **Youth Sunday service** last Sunday!
- **VBS/Kamp Kidventure for ages 5-9 and VBS/Drama Camp for ages 10-14 will be June 21-26.** Registration will be available by March on the **church website** <https://www.wrpres.org> or contact Linda Valo in March to get an application or in the church office, fill it out and return it to Linda V. or the office.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Next Sunday, Feb. 23, end of worship. We will have a Congregational Meeting next week (Sunday, February 23) following an abbreviated service. This meeting will be to **receive** the church's 2019 annual report, **approve** Laura's terms of call, and **elect** our new slate of officers.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

- **Pew Cards for Online Giving:** For years, WRPC has had the option to give to the church online through our website. Now, worshippers who may not have checks or cash with them on Sunday in worship can still give with a smartphone. People who give electronically other ways may also use the pew card as an act of worship by placing it in the offering plate but please do not take the cards home. Thank you for any way you give to the WRPC ministry!
- **2020 Pledge Envelopes** for those who have requested them are available on the table in the narthex.

WHEAT RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (WRPC) BRIDGE GROUP

meets this **Wednesday** (February 19) at **1:00 pm**. Betsy Smith is hosting this month at her home. The address is 10165 W. 25th Ave., #82, Lakewood, 80215. Please **RSVP at 303-601-5675 or bsmith9934@gmail.com** so that she knows how many tables to setup.

THURSDAY BOOK GROUP:

Book Group meets **7:00 pm this Thursday** (February 20) at the home of Belinda Smiley, 4185 Everett Dr., Wheat Ridge, CO, 80033. Reading: ***Educated*** by Tara Westover. *Educated* is a memoir about a young girl who, kept out of school, leaves her survivalist family and goes on to earn a PhD from Cambridge University. Please **RSVP** at 303-885-7659 or coolabiker@hotmail.com so that she knows how many plan to attend.

All are welcome!

SINGLE LADIES LUNCH: Next Sunday, February 23 following fellowship time.

The lunch will be held at **Li'I Nick's Pizza**, 5016 Kipling St, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033.

Janette Powers is your hostess. Please **RSVP** via email PWM2032@aol.com or phone, Cell: 303-901-5105 whether you can attend and for further details.

DENVER PRESBYTERY: *Email Scam Alert.*

Many churches around the city have experienced an increase in email phishing scams. The basics of the scam are that church members get an email from someone posing as their minister requesting them to make a contribution to the church (or presbytery) by buying and sending gift cards. Scammers have created fake email addresses to make it appear as though these messages are legitimate. Please warn your members to watch for emails from outside your church domain. For example, Denver Presbytery will come from our domain, @denpres.org. Denver Presbytery staff will never ask you for money or gift cards over email. When in doubt, call Denver Presbytery, 303.777.2453.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CHURCH OF THE COVENANT (PWCC)

PWCC invites fellow Presbyterian women and other interested women to attend the next meeting with a speaker from the nonprofit "Free the Girls" from **9-11 am on Saturday, February 22, 2020.** Founder, Kimba Langas, (www.freethegirls.org) will share how this organization helps girls who have been rescued from sex trafficking live truly free lives on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at Covenant Fellowship Hall, 5400 S Yosemite, Greenwood Village, CO 80111. Meeting hostesses are Toni Willhite and friends. A yogurt parfait bar, sweet breads, and beverages will be served. Please **contribute \$5.00** at the function **for breakfast.** Please bring (to **donate**) any **gently used bras** that you or friends may no longer need. Please **R.S.V.P. no later than Wednesday, February 19** to **Toni Willhite** –dhwtlk@aol.com or phone 303-337-2070

COMMUNITY

- From **Kenny Orr:** Hi! Just wanted to let you know about my concert "February Fun Music for All" at the Lakewood Cultural Center, 470 S. Allison Parkway, Lakewood, CO 80226 on **Sunday, February 23 at 2:00 pm.** I'll be playing violin, piano, and organ. It features me, Jim Calm, and Kevin Utter and includes performances on the theatre organ, grand piano, Theremin, and other instruments and following the program a Theremin petting zoo giving very young children a chance to wave their arms to make sounds on a Theremin after the program. **Admission is \$15 for Adults, Students 21 and under \$5,** all seats reserved. Tickets are available at the box office at the door, by phone 303-987-7845 or online www.lakewood.org/tickets.
- Mark Your Calendars: The **Beautiful Junk Sale** returns **Fri., Mar. 20 and Sat., March 21** for Colorado's Largest Rummage Sale **for the Action Center** at the **Jefferson County Fairgrounds!** General Admission opens at **8:30 a.m. each day, \$5 Buy One Get One FREE** - bring your friend and they'll get in for FREE. Children 16 and under are always free. **Early Bird Sale, Friday ONLY starting at 7 a.m.;** admission is **\$30 for Early Birders.**
- **Spread the word! Jobs with the 2020 Census** 2020 Census jobs are flexible, well-paying temporary jobs (Census takers in Denver and Jefferson Counties will be paid \$20.50/hour + mileage) and anything you can do to help spread the word would be greatly appreciated! The application can be completed online at www.2020Census.gov/jobs.

CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday	Feb. 16	8:30 am	Choir Practice
		8:45 am	Church School for All Ages
		10:00 am	Worship Kids' Kingdom – Children begin in Worship
		11:05 am	Fellowship time/ Mission's Red, White, and Chocolate Lunch fundraiser, Uplift Internationale
Monday	Feb. 17		President's Day/ church office open regular hours No Whiz Kids Tutoring this week
Tuesday	Feb. 18	4:30-6:00	Girl Scouts
		7:00 pm	Pipers practice
Wednesday	Feb. 19	1:00 pm	WRPC Bridge Group, hostess Betsy S.
		7:00 pm	Ridge Ringers practice
Thursday	Feb. 20	7:00 pm	Thursday Book Group, hostess Belinda S.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday	Feb. 23	8:30 am	Choir Practice
		8:45 am	Church School for All Ages
		10:00 am	Worship will be a brief service followed by the Annual Congregational meeting Kids' Kingdom – Children begin in Worship
		11:15 am	Fellowship time
		11:45 am	Single Ladies Lunch at Li'l Nick's
Monday	Feb. 24	3:30-5:00	Whiz Kids Tutoring
Tuesday	Feb. 25	7:00 pm	Pipers practice
Wednesday	Feb. 26	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary (No Ridge Ringers practice this week)

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WELCOME! Thank you for worshipping at Wheat Ridge Presby. this morning. **Everyone worshipping here is invited to sign the red friendship pad so your visit is recorded.** If you would like to know more about the life and ministry of this congregation, please include your mailing and email addresses, telephone number, and be sure to stop by the visitor desk in the narthex/lobby. Know that all are welcome! **Please stay for Fellowship Time** after the service in Fellowship Hall.

CHILDREN & YOUTH IN WORSHIP — Children & youth are always welcome in worship. Please pick up a **children's bulletin** (Ages 3-6 or Ages 7-12) and **pack of crayons** from the usher. Children and youth are invited to come forward for the **"Time with Children and Youth"** and then, if they'd like, children pre-K through 6th grade may move afterwards with two adult leaders for **Kids' Kingdom** where they can enjoy a brief lesson and craft in a church classroom. The leaders will bring them back into the worship service during the final hymn. **Youth** are asked to remain with their families during the service. There is an **infant/toddler changing table** in the church narthex/lobby restroom.

Hearing devices, children's bulletins, large print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers. Coughing or need to take a pill? Please help yourself to the disposable cups in the bathroom in the NE corner of the sanctuary.

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS--Prayer request cards (goldenrod), obtained from the pew holder in front of you, may be placed in the offering plate. Prayer requests go directly to the pastor. You may fold the card for privacy or hand it to the pastor.

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

- Prayers for **Paul Valo** who has bronchial pneumonia and **Linda** recovering as well from her nasty cold.
- Prayers of thanksgiving for all those who participated in The Carpenter's Helpers (Presbyterian arm of Habitat for Humanity) build on Saturday, February 8.

FLOWERS

The flowers today were given by Marny Eulberg "In thanksgiving for the safe return of the Uplift Internationale volunteers and with gratitude for the children's lives who were positively changed by cleft lip/palate surgery." Last week's flowers were donated by Bill and Karen Powers "in gratitude for all that Roxanne and John Foster do in coordinating and furnishing flowers for the Sanctuary each week and for the preparation and clean-up of communion each month - not to mention everything else they do for CE, church/grounds maintenance, etc., etc., etc." Last week's flowers were given to Jo Ann Flores.

Mission's Red, White, & Chocolate Lunch is today following worship.

Join your church valentines for a red, white and chocolate benefit luncheon, after the church service. Gluten free options will be available at the luncheon. The profits will be given to Uplift Internationale as we celebrate the return of another group of Uplift volunteers.