

Announcements:

Congregation Life: August Birthdays

August 2nd Aria Schoessler
August 3rd Jerry Kinkade
August 5th Sarah Thomas
August 7th Jeff Mrozinski, Jo Ann Rickell
August 8th Seth Horn
August 10th Lu'Ann Hart
August 13th Cher Kammeyer
August 19th Jim McNeill, Jennifer Chanley
August 20th Rod Soulek
August 24th Jennifer Osterkamp
August 25th Craig Barsness
August 26th Debbie Montgomery
August 28th Greg Sylvester
August 29th Roy Holm
August 30th Jennette Lewis

Deacons: Jubilee Ministries: Items for Summer Months

For the month of August, the Elders and Deacons would ask these high priority items to be collected for children in our Community. Food for Kids is not providing food during the Summer Months like they did last year. Snacks will be given out each Friday to the Jubilee Ministries. Thank You all for your support!

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| ✓ Canned vegetables | ✓ Canned meats |
| ✓ Cold Cereal | ✓ Puddings |
| ✓ Peanut butter | ✓ Jelly |

Name Tags Please

Remember to wear your name tag during the next several months while we have visiting Pastors. Each name tag has a small number in the upper right corner which corresponds to your pocket number in the blue name tag holders in the narthex. There will be stick-on name tags available on the entry table.

The Nursery is available for individual use during the Service! While the Nursery is not staffed, parents can view the Service in the Nursery live via streaming.

Lunch with Pastor McCall

Let's get to know each other! Sign-up sheet on the narthex bulletin board. Six people per lunch. Meeting at the Irma at 1pm. Please sign up.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOK STUDY:

Walking With God Through Pain and Suffering by Timothy Keller. This class is today at 11 AM and will continue until the end of September.

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SAVE THE DATE: RETREAT

Friday evening and Saturday, September 29 & 30, 2023

We will be hosting a retreat "Thirsting for God: Refreshing Your Soul with Everyday Spirituality" "As humans, we thirst for God, as naturally as God longs to quench our thirst. Together we will draw from the well of spirituality, with sips of scripture, breath-work, prayer, walking, and other time-honored spiritual practices that are sure to resonate with our 21st century mindsets and lifestyles. Come, taste and see what you have been thirsting for!!"

Sign-up sheet in the narthex. No charge to attend. Dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday provided.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

Youth will again meet the 1st and 3rd Sundays from 5:00-6:30. Meeting at Cody United Methodist Church starting September 17th, 2023.

ANNUAL ALL CHURCH CAMP: : SEPTEMBER 8-10

Please bring a Bible. Currently, there are 2 RV spots still available. Dinner on your own Friday night. Please bring a sack lunch for Saturday. More info on inserts on Narthex table.

Presbyterian Women

Please plan to join us for a salad luncheon to Wednesday, August 30 at Noon in the parlor. Presbyterian Women of Wyoming Moderator, Carolyn McBurney, will update us on PW happenings around the state and more.



August 20th, 2023
12th Sunday after Pentecost

Please turn off cell phones
(Tune into 107.9FM to listen in your vehicle!)

Praise Music

"Shout To the North"
"Mighty to Save"
"You're Worthy Of My Praise"

*Please fill out attendance form
and pass it along your row*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Our Gifts in Action Worship Committee – Tammy Scott
Praise Song "I Stand Amazed"

ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship

This is a time of God's appearing; let us worship!
Let us recognize that God is within and among us.

God's ear is inclined toward us.

We know that God listens and hears our prayers.

We are here to offer our thanks to God.

We will pay our vows to God in the presence of others.

We are grateful for the grace in which we stand.

We praise God with great joy and gladness.

God bears us up on eagles' wings.

God draws us into covenant community.

We will listen for God's commandments.

We will seek to do all that God requires.

Opening Hymn: “Lift High the Cross” *Hymn #371*

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

God, we often fail to recognize that you are always with us. We are the ungodly ones who deny your love by our failure to love. We deny your law by our failure to live by it. We laugh at your promises. We appear more burdened than joyful in the midst of the wondrous gift of life. We seldom pause to give thanks. The compassion of Christ finds little echo in us, who claim to be Christians. We need your forgiveness, O God, and a new vision. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen

Children’s Time

THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer of Illumination

**Lord, as we open Your word,
teach us Your word,
touch us with Your word,
torch us with Your word. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Daniel 9:1-19

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.

New Testament Reading: Acts 4:23-31

Hymn: “The Old Rugged Cross” Onscreen Only

Sermon: “Daniel’s Prayer”

Moment of Silent Reflection

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Call to Offering

Offertory “Beautiful Savior (All My Days)” *Wendy Corr*

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn “Open My Eyes That I May See” *Hymn #324*

Benediction & Blessing

Postlude

Old Testament Reading

Daniel 9:1-19

9 In the first year of Darius son of Xerxes^[a] (a Mede by descent), who was made ruler over the Babylonian^[b] kingdom— **2** in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the LORD given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years. **3** So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes.

4 I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed:

“Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, **5** we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws. **6** We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes and our ancestors, and to all the people of the land. **7** “Lord, you are righteous, but this day we are covered with shame— the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, both near and far, in all the countries where you have scattered us because of our unfaithfulness to you. **8** We and our kings, our princes and our ancestors are covered with shame, LORD, because we have sinned against you. **9** The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him; **10** we have not obeyed the LORD our God or kept the laws he gave us through his servants the prophets. **11** All Israel has transgressed your law and turned away, refusing to obey you.

“Therefore the curses and sworn judgments written in the Law of Moses, the servant of God, have been poured out on us, because we have sinned against you. **12** You have fulfilled the words spoken against us and against our rulers by bringing on us great disaster. Under the whole heaven nothing has ever been done like what has been done to Jerusalem. **13** Just as it is written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come on us, yet we have not sought the favor of the LORD our God by turning from our sins and giving attention to your truth. **14** The LORD did not hesitate to bring the disaster on us, for

the LORD our God is righteous in everything he does; yet we have not obeyed him.

15 “Now, Lord our God, who brought your people out of Egypt with a mighty hand and who made for yourself a name that endures to this day, we have sinned, we have done wrong. **16** Lord, in keeping with all your righteous acts, turn away your anger and your wrath from Jerusalem, your city, your holy hill. Our sins and the iniquities of our ancestors have made Jerusalem and your people an object of scorn to all those around us.

17 “Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of your servant. For your sake, Lord, look with favor on your desolate sanctuary. **18** Give ear, our God, and hear; open your eyes and see the desolation of the city that bears your Name. We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy. **19** Lord, listen! Lord, forgive! Lord, hear and act! For your sake, my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name.”

New Testament Reading

Acts 4:23-31

23 On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. **24** When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. “Sovereign Lord,” they said, “you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. **25** You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: ““Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? **26** The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed one. **27** Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. **28** They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. **29** Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. **30** Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” **31** After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Ushers: Roy & Mina Holm
Music Director: Wendy Corr
Accompanist: Tim Schoessler
Message: Rev. Freeman McCall

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Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 am (praise music at 9:15 am)

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