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Grace and Peace to you

Worship in the Reformed Tradition

One preacher has famously said, "Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn't. Worship is ultimate." We are engaging in the Great Commission so the Father will have worshippers, who will worship him in Spirit and truth. Since worship is the ultimate goal of all our activities, we should approach it with great soberness and care. Yet, worship is casually approached today and worship forms vary widely among churches. Why? Is it because God doesn't care how we worship? Is it because God doesn't give us much instruction about worship, and we have a lot of leeway? Why is there so much variation in the Christian practice of the ultimate importance?

The beliefs that various congregations have about God, the Bible, and ourselves account for the differences. Since Presbyterians believe God is sovereign, the Bible is inerrant and sufficient for our faith and its practice, and we are sinners saved by grace, our worship is different than others with different convictions. Reformed theology is distinct and produces a distinct form of worship. Yet worship varies even among Presbyterian churches. Why is there such variation? It is because Presbyterian churches have waned in their convictions about our distinctives and adopted the practices of revivalistic Baptists, Methodists, charismatics, Episcopalians, and 'seeker-sensitive' churches to pragmatically attract more people to church.

"Ultimately, theological concepts, not pragmatic considerations, exert the determining influence over the shape that services of worship should take. Far from being theoretical abstractions, the peculiar doctrines of the various churches inevitably generate forms of worship that are both consistent with these doctrines and give expression to them" (Terry Johnson, *Leading in Worship*). Reformed and Presbyterian theology must produce its own worship form. We believe the Reformed and Presbyterian tradition is the most faithful to the Bible so we believe its rich tradition of worship is the most faithful to the Bible. Therefore, we shouldn't abandon the rich treasury of the Reformed tradition so we can look and sound like other churches with differing convictions.

Instead, we should reaffirm the Presbyterian principle of worship called "the regulative principle", which states corporate worship of God is to be founded upon the specific directions of the Bible alone. As we look to Calvin, Knox, John Owen, Samuel Miller, John L. Girardeau, Hughes O. Old, Darryl Hart, and Terry Johnson to be reestablished in the Reformed expression of worship, I believe there will be a pleasant benefit. We will find that we will attract more people than our neighbor's worship who are using worship forms from other traditions. I believe the clarion call of the Reformed tradition will be distinct from all the other religious noise around us. Therefore, Christians will be attracted because we are Biblically faithful, historically rooted, and poised to engage the future generations with a unique voice different from all the other traditions surrounding us.

Over the next few months, I hope to address these Reformed distinctives of worship and how we specifically implement them at West Hills Presbyterian. I intend to discuss some primary principles and their expression in our elements of worship. This brief article is merely intended to stimulate your thoughts about the rich attractiveness of our tradition of worship. Furthermore, I hope it provokes you to begin considering that the most relevant thing to introduce to younger generations is the stable, historically rooted, and thoroughly Biblical worship that contrasts with the fast-paced, novelty of our digital age and the pragmatic worship forms which mirror that culture. Join me in this meditation and celebration of Biblical worship in the articles to follow.

Rev. John McKenzie

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A Call To Service:

As we prepare for the start of the 2016/2017 school and our many ministry activities, we are blessed to have quite a number of opportunities to serve. Please consider how you may be able to say "yes" to at least one of them.

Volunteers Needed for Backpack Delivery Trip to Stinnett Elementary School on August 19th

Ten volunteers are needed to deliver backpacks and school supplies to our Mission of Hope School in Stinnett, KY. We need 10 adults to make this trip. Details are as follows: Depart from church 6:00am. Arrive at school 9:00am. Conduct two short assemblies and then the backpack/school supply distribution. Arrive back at WHPC by 7pm.



Wednesday Evening Table Hosts For Community Children:

Our first Wednesday meal for the new school year will be August 10th. Every Wednesday evening, we need 6 adults (2 per table) to monitor the children who eat dinner at the church without their parents in attendance. There will typically be 4-5 children at each table. Time is from 5:30pm-6:30pm.

Wednesday Evening Elementary Leaders:

Our first Wednesday evening program night for the new school year will be August 10th. Children, ages 3 years -5th grade have age level classes to attend. We need 8 people to serve in the 2 classes (3 yrs.-K, 1st grade -5th grade) doing both teaching and assisting. Time 6:30pm-7:30pm.

Good News Club Volunteers Needed

Can you serve on Thursdays from 1:45pm-4:00pm during the school year? Please join us for our 12th year of ministry at West Hills Elementary School. Our first Club meeting is September 8, 2016. Fifteen WHPC volunteers lead the Bible Club activities which include: small group prayer and scripture memory time, music, Bible lesson, scripture memory review games, a missionary story, and snacks. The club utilizes teaching materials published by Child Evangelism Fellowship.



Wednesday Evening Nursery Caregivers:

Serve once every 5 weeks from 6:15 pm-7:30 pm
Please contact Mitch Townley, Director of Children's Ministries.

Please Serve As A Nursery Caregiver:

We have an immediate need for 3 Sunday morning nursery caregivers to serve once every 5 weeks. Please contact Mitch Townley, Director of Children's Ministries.

Backpacks/School Supplies For West Hills Elementary
















We are once again asking you to consider how you can tangibly assist children/families in need at West Hills Elementary School where we have our after-school Good News Club. Would you consider purchasing and filling at least one backpack with school supplies from the list grade level list (located at the end of newsletter)? After you have filled it, please label it with the grade you selected. Last year we provided 15 filled backpacks for students in need. Once you have filled a backpack you may bring it to the church and we will take care of getting it to the school. We would like to accomplish this giving ministry by August 30th but, as you can imagine, sooner than that would be more beneficial. The list of required school supplies for each grade is located on the foyer table.





August 2016

	1 Monday Night Group 6:30pm	2  Ria Tyler	3 Choir 6:30pm	4 WIC Night Circle 6:45pm	5  Jennifer Gonzalez	6 Prayer Gathering 10am  Chad Armstrong
7 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:50am Prayer Gathering 6pm  Karen Townley Laurice McCord	8 Monday Night Group 6:30pm Session/Deacon Mtg. 7pm	9 WIC Day Circle 10am	10 Family Dinner 5:30 Adult & Children Programs 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm	11  Robert Defenderfer	12	13 Prayer Gathering 10am  Willard Mitchell
14 Sunday School 9:30am *Communion/ Worship 10:50am WIC Council Mtg Noon. Prayer Gathering 6pm	15 Monday Night Group 6:30pm Blue Star Moms 6:30pm  Marcia Bartlett Betty Mills	16	17 Family Dinner 5:30 Adult & Children Programs 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm	18  Doug Merrifield Gerson Gonzalez	19 G.A.P. 11am  Jeff Turk	20 Prayer Gathering 10am
21 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:50am Prayer Gathering 6pm	22 Monday Night Group 6:30pm	23	24 Family Dinner 5:30 Adult & Children Programs 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm	25	26  Ruth McDonald	27 Prayer Gathering 10am
28 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:50am Prayer Gathering 6pm	29 Monday Night Group 6:30pm  Joe Mont McAfee	30  Eric Bailey Peyton Moore	31 Family Dinner 5:30 Adult & Children Programs 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm  Sue McMillan	Did we miss your birthday? Please call the church office and let us know your date. 865-693-2031.		Communion is the second Sunday of every month.

Announcements & Prayer Needs:

Jane Smith who was a member of WHPC for many years before moving to Athens, GA . She is a cousin of Ruble Smith, passed away peacefully with family beside her. She will be buried in Knoxville. Graveside services will be held on Saturday, July 30 at 11:00am at Lynnhurst cemetery in Fountain City. Her son's address is: Steven and Kelli Smith, 248 Moss Side Dr., Athens, GA 30607.

It is Time for Officer Elections. Officer Nominations sheets are on the church foyer table. Please read carefully and talk with the person you would like to nominate. Both of you need to sign the form and leave in box on foyer table.

Save the date! Sunday, September 18th, there will be a church wide picnic in the FAC following morning worship. Starting in August, you can find sign-up sheets in the church foyer. Food will be provided by Calhoun's and all families who plan to attend must sign up.

All women are invited to the WIC Fall Retreat on October 22nd. The retreat will be held at Ijams Nature Center and Sandy Hartley, PCA Women's Ministry Regional Advisor, will be speaking. More information will be provided in coming months.

We rejoice with *Taylor and Shannon Vos* in the birth of their first child, *Henry Taylor Vos*. He was born July 6th, Wednesday, 8:39 pm. Henry weighed 8 lbs. 7 oz. and was 21 inches.



**Please Pray For:
WHPC Family & Friends**

Clara Abercrombie
Charlotte Anderton
Nancy Crocker
Ray Dean
Betty Emery
Al & Beth Grant
Shirley Hedrick
Fay Hontz
Henry McIlwaine
Bob & Betty Mills
Bill & Mimi Morrison
Alice Redman
Keith & Cheryl Sowder
Claudette Starr
Robert Thio
Mary Zitzman
Our Elders & Deacons
Our Church
Our Missionaries
Our nation/President

WHPC Active Duty Military Personnel

Eric Abercrombie
Jamie Morris wife of Rob Morris
Kevin Bell
Gabe Green
Scott LaPanne

(6-19-16 through 87-10-16)
Average Attendance - 129

Average Visitors Attendance - 7

June 2016 Financial Report

Income

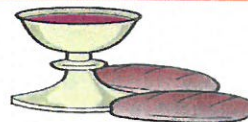
Actual Income for June: \$28,578.81
Actual Income for Year-to date: \$179,944.37

Expense

Actual Expense for June: \$37,886.03
Actual Expense Year-to-date: \$244,340.81

Summary

Current Month Expenses Exceeds Income by: **\$9,307.22**
Year-to-date Expenses Exceeds Year-to-date Income by: **\$64,396.44**



COMMUNION

Communion is normally served during worship hour on the second Sunday of each month. **This month Communion will be served on August 14th.**

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.

II Timothy 3:16



WHO: Women with a desire to study God's Word
WHAT: Ongoing weekly Bible Study;
Facilitator, Dannel Harb
WHEN: September 14-November 9
Wednesday mornings, 10AM-noon
WHERE: WHPC

THE GOSPEL OF MARK *The Jesus We're Aching For* A STUDY BY LISA HARPER

- Discover how Jesus' ministry impacts us today
- Understand Jesus' power and compassion
- Experience the healing of your heart's ache for something more
- Acknowledge Jesus' authority, following wherever He leads



- Each class includes a video segment and a discussion time.
- A study book with questions may be purchased for \$13 at the first class.
- A signup sheet will be located in the foyer.
- Bring a friend! Visitors always welcome!
- For more information, call Suzanne Fowler (584-2483) or Dannel Harb (584-3554).

The Better Part (July Circle Summary)

"There is need of only one thing. Mary **has chosen** the better part, which will not be taken away from her." (Luke 10:42)

It's a choice!

God made a choice. He chose you to be His very own treasure! He didn't have to but He did.

God chose to give you the "tools" to have intimacy with Him by creating us in His image, by sending Jesus Christ to die for our sins so that we could be reconciled to Him, and by giving us the Holy Spirit to help us make the right choices and to mold us into the image of Christ.

"We love Him because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19

Now we have a choice to make—to choose "the better part". But how do we choose the better part when part of us wants to choose other things?

We face that dilemma probably on a daily basis. We love the Lord Jesus. We desire to spend time with Him. As Erwin Lutzer said, "No one says when he wakes up in the morning, 'Today I'm going to move away from my love of Jesus.'"

So what hinders us from choosing the "better part"? The 4 "Ss":

Sinfulness – our flesh

Selfishness – our pride

Seduction – our "gods"

Satan – our enemy

We are in a war with the 4 "Ss". We think we have them corralled and then they get loose, don't they? They can make us drift away from the "better part". Do you know how otters keep from being separated? They hold hands in the water. Isaiah 41:13 says, "For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand..." God holds your hand so that you won't be separated from Him.

So what helps us to choose the "better part"? The 3 "Rs":

REMEMBER – Memories of what God has done are great motivators to intimacy (Deut 8)

REPENT – Ask God to show you the problem if your heart is drifting and then repent (Rev 2:5)

RESTORE – Return to reading and meditating on God's Word and to prayer (Isa 55:6-7)

Our human relationships have their ebb and flow just as our relationship with God does. Perfection is not on this side of heaven. But God's love for us, Jesus' example, and the Holy Spirit's work in our hearts help us to **choose HIM--the BETTER PART!**

Grateful for Him and you! Julie Moore

WHPC Security Initiative: Why?

There have been a number of questions and concerns raised (although fewer than we expected) about the recent changes in our building security. The bottom line to this effort is to provide a safe worship and work environment for our members and staff.

The most common question relates to the electronic locks which were added to the doors leading to the office hall and the FAC. During the course of nearly any work day, there are people unknown to the church who come seeking assistance, and at times these individuals can be intimidating. Often Faye and Ruth are at the church alone, and it is desirable for them to be able to “greet” people seeking entrance and, if they are there alone, safely advise them that there are not people present who can provide the assistance being sought. If it seems an inconvenience that some members may need to be “buzzed in”, it is out of an abundance of caution that we feel this is desirable.

It is estimated that over the years well over 100 keys to the church were in circulation. Keys often were ordered in blocks of 50, and ordered several times. No record could be found that accounted for even a small percentage of that number. Added to that, the keys could be copied anywhere. In recent years, former members who still had keys have been known to enter the building, and once even held an event in the FAC without proper authorization. For this reason the new physical key is a blank that is numbered and tracked, and can only be duplicated at a specific locksmith, with written permission from the church. Electronic keys can be programmed for specific times, so that outside groups have access only when necessary, and can be modified or suspended if needed without the key being present. Anyone within the church who needs access for a specific event or period of time need only let the office know and Faye will have someone contact them.

Unfortunately, the kitchen is being kept locked simply because food has gone missing. We aren't talking about a bag of chips; several times significant quantities of food purchased for Wednesday night have disappeared. It may be that securing the outside doors will correct that. We will see in time. There is also the concern about use of some of the kitchen equipment. Uninformed use could result in injury or property damage.

It was not our desire to create a “fortress mentality” at West Hills, but merely to provide, as stated earlier, a safe worship and work environment for everyone connected with West Hills Presbyterian Church. Thanks for your patience and understanding as this moves forward.

In service to our Lord,

Your Session



Please join us for Homes of Love's

Dream with Me

A Celebration of Restoration & Vibrant Futures

Thursday, August 18, 2016
6:00 p.m. Outdoor Reception | 6:30 p.m. Dinner

The Mill & Mine
227 W. Depot Avenue | Downtown Knoxville

Live Music | Asian-Inspired Menu
Stories of Dreams Come True

Reserve your seat by August 8th
at dream@homesoflove.org or call (865) 660-4048

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John E. McKenzie, PastorM-TH
 Fred C. Fowler, Assistant Pastor to Seniors
 Mitch Townley, Director of Children's Ministry.....M-TH
 Doug White, Coordinator of Discipleship & Outreach.....T&TH (Mornings)
 Faye Poston, SecretaryM-TH (9-3:30) F (9-1)
 Ruth Melton, Financial Secretary.....M-TH (Various hours)
 Sarah Dockery, Choir Director

**** The Deadline for the newsletter is the 15th of every month at noon. You may submit your article to Faye Poston, church secretary or email her at churchofficewhpc@gmail.com. Include your name with your submission. We reserve the right to edit for style, content and length. ****

Kindergarten Supply List

2016-2017

Each child will need the following supplies:

- 1 (5x8) plastic school box
- 1 pair of scissors *Fiskars
- 2 boxes of washable primary color fineline markers* Crayola (Classic colors, not bold colors)
- 2 boxes of washable primary color markers *Crayola (Classic colors, not bold colors)
- 1 large box of tissue
- 20 or more glue sticks
- 1 box of 24 count *Crayola crayons
- 2 or more boxes of 5oz cups
- 2 or more containers of Clorox wipes
- 1 pkg. paper plates
- 2 4oz. bottles of *Elmer's School glue
- 1 backpack large enough to hold a folder
(no rolling backpacks)

*Girls bring 1 box of sandwich zip-loc bags

*Boys bring 1 box gallon size zip-loc bags

- Experience has shown us that these brands prove to last longer.
 - **Markers and glue sticks will need to be replenished after the winter break. You may want to purchase these supplies now while they are on sale. Students will need a pencil, crayons, markers, and scissors for homework at home.**
 - Please do not put your child's names on supplies.
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First Grade Supply List 2016

- 2 boxes of Kleenex tissues
- 2 dozen plain #2 sharpened pencils, yellow only
- 6 fat glue sticks
- 1 pair Fiskar scissors pointed
- 1 backpack (no rolling)
- 1 package washable Crayola markers
- 1 box 24 pack Crayola crayons
- 1 package of pencil top erasers
- 1 package of clorox wipes
- 1 package of baby wipes
- Girls:
 - 1 package of ziploc sandwich bags
 - 1 bottle of hand sanitizer
- Boys:
 - 1 package of ziploc gallon bags
 - 1 bottle of antibacterial liquid soap

*no folders

*no small school boxes

*no colored pencils

2nd Grade Supply List

*Plastic School (Pencil) Box

*24 Pencils (Ticonderoga)

*Scissors

*8 Glue Sticks

*12 Count of Dry Erase Markers

*2 Boxes of Kleenex

*1 - 1 inch 3 ring binder

*Twistables (optional)

*Baby Wipes (optional)

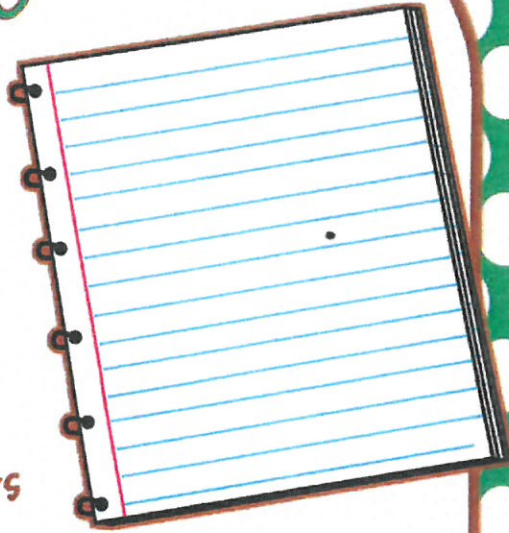
*Hand Sanitizer (optional)

*Cap Erasers

*Personal Pencil Sharpener

*1 Composition Notebook (not spiral)

Ex.



Third Grade Supply List

- 1 white 1-inch 3 ring binder with outside plastic cover and inside pockets
 - 6 pack of glue sticks
 - 2 packs of pencil top erasers
 - 12 pencils (Ticonderoga brand)
 - Scissors
 - 1 black, 1 yellow, and 1 blue composition book
 - 1 pack of skinny different color highlighters (4 pack)
 - 1 package of black dry erase markers
 - 3 boxes of Kleenex
 - 1 box of 24 Crayons
 - 1 box of colored pencils
 - 1 pencil sharpener that collects shavings
 - 1 container of wet wipes
 - 1 box quart size baggies – *girls*
 - 1 hand sanitizer – *girls*
 - 1 hand soap – *boys*
 - 1 box gallon size baggies – *boys*
 - 2 packs of wide ruled notebook paper
 - 2 plastic folders without brads – 1 red and 1 black
 - band-aids
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4th Grade Supply List

*Large Pencil Box

*3 Single Subject Spiral Notebooks

*2 – 24-count packs pencils

*Scissors

*8 Glue Sticks

*12 Count of Dry Erase Markers

*3 Boxes of Tissues

*1 - 2 inch 3 ring binder

*Colored Pencils

*24-count crayons

*Skinny Markers

*Cap Erasers

*Skinny Highlighters

Boys

*Band-Aids

*Hand Sanitizer

*Gallon Ziploc
Bags

Girls

*Clorox Wipes

*Liquid Hand
Soap

*Sandwich-size
Ziploc Bags





5th Grade Supply List

2 packs wide ruled notebook paper

12 #2 pencils

Individual pencil sharpener

1 large box of tissues

1 package of glue sticks-no bottles

Scissors

1 box colored pencils

Clorox wipes (girls)

3 subject spiral notebook

Index Cards

Zip-Lock bags (boys)

Dry Erase Markers

3-single subject spiral notebooks

1 folder

Band-aids (girls)

Hand sanitizer (boys)

4 pack highlighters
