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Grace and Peace to you

The Gospel Pattern of Worship

Rev. John E. McKenzie

Reformed and Presbyterian worship on the Lord's Day is just that – worship. As good and important as things like evangelism, fellowship, and Bible study are, they should not morph the act of worship into something else that looks like a concert, a sing-along time, an educational lecture, a volunteer rally, a support group, or a therapy session. Worship is meeting with God. This must be clearly affirmed, or the integrity of worship will be compromised for some lesser good.

Since we meet with God through the person of Jesus Christ, West Hills Presbyterian Church makes its worship "Christ-centered." We actually pattern our service after the structure of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As we order the worship services "according to Scripture," West Hills Presbyterian Church uses the elements of worship in biblical proportions and according to a biblical pattern. You will notice the worship service at West Hills Presbyterian Church follows a pattern of...

1. A cycle of *praise* (call to worship/ invocation / hymn)
2. A cycle of *confession* (confession of sin / assurance of pardon / hymn)
3. A cycle of *employing the means of grace* (Creed / *Gloria Patri* / Scripture reading / intercessory prayer / sermon)
4. A cycle of *thanksgiving and blessing* (closing hymn / benediction)

This is the same sort of pattern we find in Isaiah 6, the Lord's Prayer and the gospel message. As Rev. Terry Johnson says, "In knowing the true God (in praise), we know ourselves (as sinners), our need (for grace), and give thanks for His gifts in Christ."

While this is the pattern that West Hills Presbyterian Church follows in worship, we acknowledge there is freedom and flexibility within this pattern since it is derived from scriptural examples and "Gospel logic" and not by scriptural command. Yet, we do believe this is a worship service that is "according to Scripture" in the fullest sense of the words. Only biblical elements in biblical proportions are used in the service. Furthermore, the structure of worship (or order of worship) is also rooted in the Bible. Thus, West Hills Presbyterian Church is characterized by worship that is clearly centered on the Triune God of the Bible and can be characterized as being simple, spiritual, and reverent. Worship that is clearly identifiable as "Reformed & Presbyterian" with deep historical roots and even deeper biblical roots. *Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

[I heavily relied upon Terry Johnson's 'Leading in Worship' for the content and form of this article. For a more thorough reading on this matter, I suggest reading the source material: Johnson, Terry. *Leading in Worship: A Sourcebook for Presbyterian Students and Ministers Drawing upon the Biblical and Historic Forms of the Reformed Tradition.* Tolle Lege Press, 2013. pp. 1-21.]

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Lunch with Mr. Mitch

If your child is interested in having Mr. Mitch have lunch with them, please contact him with their schedule and any other particulars. He would love to visit them at their school. You may email him at: mitchwhpc@gmail.com

Elementary Students Activity Schedules:

Mr. Mitch would like to get to at least one of your child's special activities this spring. This could be a game, concert, recital, school assembly or something else that falls into the activity category. Please make him aware of their schedules.



January 2017 Financial Report

Income

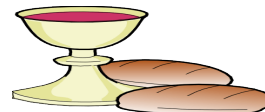
Actual Income for January: \$21,162.00
Actual Income for Year-to date: \$21,162.00

Expense

Actual Expense for January: \$36,749.01
Actual Expense Year-to-date: \$36,749.01

Summary

Current Month Expenses Exceeds Income by: **\$15,587.01**
Year-to-date Expenses Exceeds Year-to-date Income by: **\$15,587.01**



Communion is normally served during worship hour on the second Sunday of each month. **This month Communion will be served on March 12th.**

2017 Women's Circle Study - February Summary

Titus: Passing on the Truth, Equipping the Body

Chapter 1: Calling

By Dennis Bennett and Vickie Poole

Titus 1:1-4

FROM WHO

Paul – a Pharisee of the Pharisees, a murderer, a zealot, highly educated in the Old Testament Scriptures, a mentor and father figure to Timothy and Titus

A slave of God – One who willingly and unashamedly knows that he is “owned” by God, bought with a price, and joyously desires to do the Master’s bidding

An apostle of Jesus Christ – His calling by God’s design

The ESV translation says “servant” but the Greek says “slave”. The authors of our study point out the difference: “Ownership. We are not servants of Jesus although we do serve at His pleasure. We don’t own anything...we **manage** everything for Jesus. We are His stewards. He purchased us out of the slave market of sin and we belong to Him.”

Picture this scene: You are a slave on an auction block. You have no rights to your life. You own nothing. You are pitiful, wretched, and poor. This is all of us spiritually before we knew Christ. We were slaves to sin and even though we might not have looked this way physically, this is the way we looked spiritually. But in the crowd was a man named Jesus. He looked you straight in the eye, and said, “I’ll take that one. He/she will be my precious slave. I have a specific purpose for him/her. And here is my blood as payment for that precious one.” And you became His and He loved you and cared for you and you were special in His household. This is the Master/Slave relationship that Paul understood and why he is pleased to call himself a slave.

Now put your personal information in the following:

I am ____ [your name] ____, a slave of God, called to be ____ [your spiritual gift] ____.

This is our identity in Christ. Who we are in the Kingdom of God. This is our great gift and privilege for the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. This defines our Master/Slave relationship that we have with Christ.

WHY

Why has God called you to be a _____?












“For the sake of the faith of God’s elect and their knowledge of the truth which accords with godliness.”

The subtitle of our study is “passing on the truth, equipping the body”. Our mode of operation is faith, faith in God’s Word played out in our decisions of everyday life. And we make these decisions by our knowledge of the truth—God’s Word. We are different because we have a different Master than those outside the faith. We need each other because we only are one part of the body—one “tool” in God’s “toolbox”. A hammer won’t do the complete job when building a house. The carpenter needs a hammer, and a saw, and a wrench, and a screwdriver, and many other little and big tools to complete the job properly. So it is with the body of Christ. God needs each one of us in His specific purpose for us to build “His House” for His glory. Our gifts serve to build the faith of our brothers and sisters and to help them grow in their knowledge of the truth. Walking in faith and knowing the truth and obeying it bring godliness to our lives. This is God’s plan for His Church.

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MARCH

March 2017

			1 Women's Bible Study 10am Family Dinner 5:30 Adult & Children Programs 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm	2 Good News Club 1:45pm Women's Night Circle 6:45pm  Dylan Hurst Kathleen Parsley	3  Wayne Smith	4 Prayer Gathering 10am
5 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:50am WM Council Mtg Prayer Gathering 6pm	6 Monday Night Care Group 6:30pm	7	8 Women's Bible Study 10am Family Dinner 5:30 Adult & Children Programs 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm  Fred Fowler	9 Good News Club 1:45pm	10	11 Prayer Gathering 10am
12 Sunday School 9:30am *Communion/ Worship 10:50am Prayer Gathering 6pm	13 Monday Night Care Group 6:30pm Session/Deacon Mtg. 7pm	14 Women's Day Circle 10am	15 No Dinner or Programs  Kane McAfee	16	17 G.A.P. 11am  Margaret Rodgers	18 Prayer Gathering 10am  Bill Mowles
19 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:50am Prayer Gathering 6pm  Barry Bartlett Beth Grant	20 Monday Night Care Group 6:30pm Blue Star Moms 6:30pm  John Mckenzie	21	22 Women's Bible Study 10am Family Dinner 5:30 Adult & Children Programs 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm	23 Good News Club 1:45pm	24	25 Prayer Gathering 10am  Charlie Richardson
26 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:50am Prayer Gathering 6pm  Garry Chin	27 Monday Moms 10am Monday Night Care Group 6:30pm	28	29 Women's Bible Study 10am Family Dinner 5:30 Adult & Children Programs 6:30pm Choir 6:30pm  Nancy Miller Anne Moor	30 Good News Club 1:45pm	31	*Communion is the second Sunday of every month.

Did we miss your birthday? Please call the church office 865-693-2031.

Announcements & Prayer Needs:

The **2017 Flower Calendar** is available on the bulletin board across from the elevator. If you would like to provide flowers for the sanctuary, please sign your name on the designated date and note if you are giving the flowers “in honor” or “in memory” of a loved one. The cost is \$50. Please make your payment to the church marked “Flowers”.

Please remember that the church office needs to approve all note cards, articles, pamphlets, tracts, flyers, announcements, etc. before they are put on the foyer table, church bulletin board or wall/door sign holders.

The church office will be closed for inclement weather if Knox County schools are closed, and the church also posts weather-related closings on the WBIR TV website.

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

Clara Abercrombie
Charlotte Anderton
Margaret Duggan
Betty Emery
Al & Beth Grant
Shirley Hedrick
Fay Hontz
Henry McIlwaine
Kane McAfee
Sue McMillan
Bob & Betty Mills
Bill & Mimi Morrison
Irene Price
Alice Redman
Keith & Cheryl Sowder
Claudette Starr
Robert Thio
Mary Zitzman
Our Elders & Deacons
Our Church
Our Missionaries
Our nation/President

Active Duty Military Personnel
Eric Abercrombie
Jamie Morris wife of Rob Morris
Kevin Bell
Gabe Green

WHPC Staff/ Office Hours 9-3:30
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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
Faye Poston, SecretaryM-TH (9-3:30) F (9-1)
Ruth Melton, Financial Secretary.....M-TH (Various hours)
Sarah Dockery, Choir Director

(1-22-17 through 2-12-17)
Average Attendance - 129
Average Visitors Attendance - 7

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



(Continued from Page 3- Women's Circle Study Summary)**TO WHO****Titus****My true child in a common faith**

Titus was a Greek man and was not circumcised. We don't know much about his background from Scripture but as we learned last month, he is mentioned a number of times in 2 Corinthians, once in Galatians, and once in 2 Timothy. He came to know the Savior early in Paul's ministry because we read in Galatians 2:1-3 that he went to the Jerusalem Council in 48 A.D. with Paul and Barnabas. From the timeline given in our introductory material, he would have come to know Christ sometime between 46 and 48 A.D. Paul wrote the book of Titus sometime between 66 and 67 A.D. Titus had been with Paul in Corinth and in Ephesus and received much OJT (on the job training) as Paul mentored him. As a Greek, Titus probably did not know the Old Testament scriptures. God's Word would have been new to him—just like it might have been to some of us when we first came to know the Lord. It took 20 years of studying God's Word, experiencing life within the body of believers, and witnessing Paul's leadership before Titus was ready to be given the responsibility of establishing leadership in the churches on Crete.

Paul was passing on the "baton" to Titus, knowing that he was about to die. Also from the timeline we can see that the fall of Jerusalem is going to take place in a few years (70 A.D.). We don't have any idea what major catastrophic event may be looming in the life of the church or in our lives. So God is asking us to pass on the baton, or to accept the baton from another, while we have the opportunity. That's why knowing God's Word is so important. We have to know it to "pass" it on and to "equip" our fellow workers in the faith.

Titus "proved" himself as a man that could be trusted in his calling. Paul calls him a "true child in a common faith". Could someone refer to you as a "true child in a common faith"? I hope we all could be known by that title.

Titus was called to set up the leadership of the church on the island of Crete. He was not called to be a pastor there but to make sure elders were established in a very unruly and challenging culture. Church leadership is the first item of business in this letter to Titus from Paul. In the next 3 months we will learn more about the qualifications of elders and why church leadership is so important. Please join us in March for Chapter 2 (Titus 1:5-9). You can download the study at:

<https://www.cepbookstore.com/samples/Titus%20Study%20-%20LG.pdf>

Grateful for Him and you! Julie Moore





Titus 2 Discipleship Ministry

You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine...teach the older women...Then they can train the younger women...that the word of God may not be reviled. (Titus 2:1, 3-5)

- Do you desire deeper friendships with godly women?
- Do you long for someone to encourage and equip you to live for God's glory?
- Do you want to know what God says about womanhood?
- Do you want to know how to apply biblical principles of womanhood in your circumstances and relationships?

Then sign up to participate in a Titus 2 Discipleship Group. Call the church office and leave your name or you can email us at whpcwomensministry@gmail.com. The deadline to signup is March 29th. These groups are for all ages regardless of marital status. Meeting times and places will be determined by individual groups. Groups meet monthly and commitment is for one year.





2017 Mercy Team List

As women in the body of Christ, we are called to serve one another. There is no better time to serve than when our brothers and sisters are grieving or recovering from surgery or illness. You are free to participate in a way convenient to you; prepare a dish, purchase a dish, or contribute money to help.

Group 1

Diane McNeil, captain
Tami Defenderfer
Jenny Gonzalez
Kristin Trindle
Alice Redman

Group 2

Claudette Starr, captain
Barbara Slover
Marcia Bartlett
Sue McMillan
Nancy Miller

Group 3

Marsha Rhyne, captain
Suzanne Fowler
Julie Moore
Susan Joiner
Stephanie Bruffey

Group 4

Michelle McKenzie, captain
Nancy Zimmerman
Jama Overton
Rhonda Acree
Janice Richardson

Group 5

Cheryl Sowder, captain
Sharon Bowles
Mary Stevens
Charlotte Anderton
Beth Grant

Group 6

Pat Stogner, captain
Judy Booth
Lila Dean
Faye Poston
Irene Price

Group 7

Jill Rhyne, captain
Harriott Mitchell
Joni Maples
Carolyn Brakebill
Leslie Roboski

Group 8

Ellen Smith, captain
Emilee Frincke
Karen Townley
Debbie Kinnard
Kim Townley

Group 9

Anne Moor, captain
Dannell Harb
Ruth Caldwell
Laurice McCord
Stephanie Gilchrist

Group 10

Emily Cimino, captain
Les Mitchell
Shannon Vos
Geraldine Fish
Barbara Eldridge

Group 11

Janet Mullins, captain
Ria Tyler
Betty Wilson
Myeth Bailey
Mimi Morrison
Betty Mills

Group 12

Linda Mowles, captain
Kristen Allender
Katie Hurst
Margaret Duggan
Jean Russell

Updated 1/16/17