

**Welcome to Penn Wynne Presbyterian Church  
130 Haverford Road  
Wynnewood, PA19096**



**First Lesson: Proverbs 25: 6-7  
Second Lesson: Luke 14:1, 7-14  
Sermon: "The Lowest Seat at the Table"  
August 31, 2025**

## Welcome & Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

LEADER: God of Gods: We come to worship today to hear Your good news, to hear of faith, hope and love ringing out from Your kingdom.

**PEOPLE: We know that doubt, fear and hatred can shake even the strongest.**

LEADER: Shape us into faithful hopeful people; fill us with Your love that passes all understanding.

**PEOPLE: We pray this together in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen..**

### \*Opening Song:

**Responsive Reading** Psalm 81:1; 10-16 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Sing for joy to God our strength; shout aloud to the God of Jacob!

<sup>10</sup> **I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of Egypt. Open wide your mouth and I will fill it.**

<sup>11</sup> "But my people would not listen to me; Israel would not submit to me.

<sup>12</sup> **So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts to follow their own devices.**

<sup>13</sup> "If my people would only listen to me, if Israel would only follow my ways,

<sup>14</sup> **how quickly I would subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes!**

<sup>15</sup> Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, and their punishment would last forever.

**<sup>16</sup> But you would be fed with the finest of wheat; with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.”**

## **\*Song of Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

*Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

### **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

### **Song of Confession Reprise**

**First Lesson:** *Proverbs 25: 6-7 (NIV)*

<sup>6</sup>Do not exalt yourself in the king’s presence, and do not claim a place among his great men; <sup>7</sup>it is better for him to say to you, “Come up here,” than for him to humiliate you before his nobles.

**Second Lesson:** *Luke 14:1, 7-14 (NIV)*

<sup>14</sup> One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. <sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: <sup>8</sup> “When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. <sup>9</sup> If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other

guests. <sup>11</sup> For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup> Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup> and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

**Children’s Sermon:**

Heather Cronan

**Sermon:** “The Lowest Seat at the Table”

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**Song of Praise**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Sharing of the Peace**

**Prayer Requests**

**Pastoral Prayer 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.*

## **Offering**

### **\*Doxology** (Hymn #625)

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

### **\*Closing Song:**

### **\*Benediction**

### **\*Song Reprise**

*\*Congregation is invited to stand.*

Today's preacher is: **Heather Giardinelli-Cronan**

Heather holds multiple positions at Penn Wynne Presbyterian Church including Church Administrator, Ruling Elder and Lay Minister. Heather sits on the Outreach and Finance Committees and is the chair of the Property Committee. She is a graduate of the Lutheran Theological Seminary's Urban Theological Institute and holds a certification in Christian Ministry. Heather lives in Lansdowne, Pennsylvania with her husband, adult daughter and a menagerie of animals.

### **NEXT SUNDAY'S TEAM (Sept 7):**

Preacher – Rev. Mike Poteet

Worship Assistant – Anne Gollings

Audio/Visual -- Judy Maurer

Coffee Hour: Amy Sprenkle

Opening the Building – Blessing Osazuwa

# Weekly Announcements:

## School Uniform Drive

for the William Penn School District

Help us provide students with the clothing and supplies they need for the 2025-2026 school year.


**We appreciate your support!**

**DROP OFF BOX LOCATIONS:**

- Lansdowne Public Library
- Lansdowne YMCA

**WHAT WE NEED:**


- New or gently used school uniform items (see details below)
- Winter coats, hats, scarves, gloves
- Unused/new socks and underwear



Buying New, use the QR Code to buy on our Amazon Wish List

<b>UNIFORMS – STUDENTS OF ALL AGES</b>	<b>ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UNIFORMS</b>	<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL UNIFORMS</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Solid color pants, shorts, skirt/shorts, lounge</li><li>• Footlock shoes, including flat boots and moccasins</li><li>• Solid colored socks, tights, stockings</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Solid color shirt or blouse, long or short sleeve</li><li>• White shirt or blouse, long or short sleeve</li><li>• Button-down, pullover, vest, cardigan sweaters</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Solid navy or white collared shirt or blouse</li><li>• Includes golf, polo, oxford, or dress shirt styles</li><li>• White, khaki, or navy vest, pullover, or cardigan sweater</li></ul>

This project is a joint effort of



Penn Wood  
Foundation, Inc.

Buy Nothing Lansdowne  
Left of Lansdowne  
and community volunteers

Students in the William Penn School District are in need of uniforms! Cash donations are welcomed and will go towards purchasing uniforms. Each uniform costs \$25. If you are interested in donating, please contact Blessing. You also have the option of purchasing directly on Amazon via the QR code in the flyer. Thank you!

## Monthly Fellowship Brunch



All are invited to our next fellowship brunch, which will take place on **Saturday, September 27th from 11am-1pm in the lounge!** This event will take place monthly and is a great opportunity for us to stay connected. Please use the emailed spreadsheet to RSVP and indicate what you will bring so we don't have any duplicates. Thank you!



### **Coffee Hour & Worship Assistant**

Sign-up sheets for future coffee hours and worship assistant slots will be in the lounge during coffee hour. Thanks to ALL of you for stepping up to support these important ministries in the life of the church. We really appreciate it!

### **Audio/Visual Support**

The audio/visual ministry needs additional support. If you are interested in participating (or simply learning about it), please reach out to our Music Director, Frank Coates ([frank@musicplaypatrol.com](mailto:frank@musicplaypatrol.com)). Thanks to Judy for all she does!



### **Join Our Weekly Prayer Group (starting in September)!**

We will be starting our long-awaited weekly prayer group on Wednesday, September 3rd at 11:30am. Zoom details are forthcoming. You are welcome to just show up, though you can also reach out to Heather to let her know you are coming or find out additional information.

**Penn Wynne is invited to OPC's Deacons "BYO Picnic!"**

*The Deacons of Overbrook Presbyterian Church are formally inviting members of Penn Wynne to join them at their annual "Bring Your Own Picnic" gathering for food and community. This event will take place on Sunday, September 14th from 1-5pm at General Wayne Park (305 Maplewood Avenue, Merion Station, PA). It is suggested that people bring their own picnic lunches. The OPC Deacons will provide beverages and desserts. There are picnic tables and benches, but you are welcome to bring blankets as well. Amenities include two large playgrounds, a basketball court, a baseball field, and tennis and pickleball courts. If you would like to attend, please reach out to Blessing.*

*We welcome all visitors to our service today. We are delighted to have you. Penn Wynne is a loving and inclusive congregation. We welcome people from all backgrounds and all nations. We are committed to seeking justice in the world and in our nation, to caring for the poor and advocating on behalf of the powerless. Our congregation includes people from many different backgrounds, people in 12 step recovery as well as members of the LGBTQIA community. We are both a neighborhood church and a gathered congregation. Wherever you come from and whoever you are—you are welcome here!*

*Love,*

*The Session of Penn Wynne Presbyterian Church*

### **Penn Wynne's Mission Statement**

We are loving Christians who welcome all of God's children as they are. We serve our neighbors with kindness and compassion. We are an inclusive congregation that strives for justice. We each seek to nurture our own faith and the faith of others in God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

At Penn Wynne, we: Demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ, Welcome and support LGBTQ+ people, Welcome and support people of all races and nations, Welcome and support people who are suffering, Educate ourselves and others about anti-racism, environmental justice, and other social justice issues, and Support initiatives working to make this a better world for all.

We serve by: Educating children and adults, and Providing space for community programs (for example, 12-step programs and Girl Scouts).



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**Presbyterian Church**  
*Many Hearts Walking Together*