

# The Service for the Lord’s Day

May 1, 2016 | 11:00 am | Wellshire Presbyterian Church

## GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

PRELUDE	<i>Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy</i>   arr. by Jack W. Jones
OPENING PRAYER	
CHORAL INTROIT	<i>How Firm a Foundation</i> , Vs. 1   arr. by Mack Wilberg Canto Deo Festival Choir; Diane Gallagher, Organist Dr. Michael Pohlenz, Associate Conductor
* CALL TO WORSHIP	We gather here in your presence, God, <b>In our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.</b> We come to you, for you come to us in Jesus, <b>And you know by experience what human life is like.</b> We come with our faith and with our doubts; <b>We come with our hopes and with our fears.</b> We come as we are, because you invite us to come; <b>And you have promised never to turn us away.</b>
* HYMN 386	<i>Come, Worship God</i>   O QUANTA QUALIA
* PRAYER OF CONFESSION	Eternal God, maker of the skies above, lowly Christ, born amidst the growing earth, Spirit of life, wind over the flowing waters, in earth, sea and sky, you are there. O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns, soul behind all souls, in everything we touch, in everyone we meet, your presence is around us, and we give you thanks. When we have not touched but trampled you in creation, when we have not met but missed you in one another, when we have not received but rejected you in the poor, forgive us, and hear our plea for mercy. Amen.
* ASSURANCE OF PARDON	
* PASSING OF THE PEACE	
* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 394	<i>Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation</i> , Vs. 4   WESTMINSTER ABBEY Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one: One in might and one in glory while unending ages run!

## PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION	
FIRST READING	Psalm 67 (OT p. 529)
TIME WITH CHILDREN	After the message, K-5th graders are dismissed to attend Children’s Education.
ANTHEM	<i>Old Time Religion</i>   arr. by Moses Hogan
SERMON TEXT	John 5:1-9 (NT p. 96)
SERMON	<i>Excuses! Excuses!</i>   The Rev. Dr. John H. Bell, Jr.

\* The Congregation is invited to stand. **Bold Print** indicates congregational participation.

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the *Iona Abbey Worship Book*  
**We believe in God, whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives, whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom. Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust; and, in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves, in the service of others, to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the earth, and to share the commonwealth of God’s goodness, to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love, and in the company of the faithful so to be the church, for the glory of God. Amen.**

\* HYMN 415

*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* | RESTORATION

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 761

*Called as Partners in Christ’s Service, Vs. 1* | BEECHER  
**Called as partners in Christ’s service, called to ministries of grace,  
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,  
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God’s chosen end.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS      Please fill out and pass the Friendship Pad.

CALL FOR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY      *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* | arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING FROM SANCTUARY TO SERVICE

\* HYMN 65      *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* | CWM RHONDDA

\* CHARGE

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL RESPONSE      *How Firm a Foundation, Vs. 4* | arr. by Mack Wilberg

\* POSTLUDE      *Sortie on ADORAMUS TE* | arr. by Gordon Young

Leading Worship Today

The Rev. Dr. John H. Bell, Jr., Pastor  
The Rev. Katie Robb Davis, Associate Pastor  
The Rev. Kira Anderson, Associate Pastor

Dr. Michael Pohlenz, Director of Music  
Diane Gallagher, Guest Organist  
Ted Griffith and Glen MacCallum, Head Ushers

**The guest choir** today is Canto Deo Festival Choir, Denver’s auditioned community choir dedicated to the performance of sacred choral music under the direction of Jonathan Brown, Artistic Director, and Associate Conductor Dr. Michael Pohlenz. The final concert of their current season – ***A Tribute to Old Time Religion*** – is today at 4:00 pm in the Wellshire Sanctuary with no admission charge. For more information, see today’s announcement page.

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