

McKinley Memorial Presbyterian Church
October 20, 2024, 10:30 AM 22nd Sunday after Pentecost



"Wisdom hath builded her house," detail, Novgorod, 16th century).

GATHERING TONES

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Thom Shuman

We are not our own:

Therefore, neither our will nor our wisdom should get in the way of God's hopes for us.

We are not on our own:

Therefore, we should not choose what is easiest or the most gratifying way to live.

We are not our own, we are God's:

Therefore, let us choose to live for God, and serve all of God's children.

We are not on our own, as we walk the streets of God's realm:

Therefore, as far as is possible, we will forget ourselves and follow God's way.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

O God, Wisdom of the universe, you bear the pain of your people.

Grant us the gift of wisdom, that we may discern your way and live justly and graciously amid the struggles of this world. Amen.

I invite you to join me in lighting candles of hope for the world.

May our prayers for peace shine through our lives and into the world.

All are invited to come forward and light candles representing prayers for peace.

VOLUNTARY

Ricercar pro Tempore Quadragesima

by J.C.F. Fischer (1670-1746)

*HYMN # 1

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Proverbs 1:20-25, 32-33

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice.

At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:

“How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?

How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge?

Give heed to my reproof;

I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you.

Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof....

For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease without dread of disaster.”

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

We all make mistakes, many of them. We hurt ourselves, we hurt others, we hurt God with our words and deeds, with our silence and inaction. Let us confess to God our sins, trusting in the One who blesses us with mercy.

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Spring of Wisdom, we confess that we have not denied ourselves and followed. We turn our backs on your outstretched hands of grace, and stumble into the arms of the world. We speak poisonous gossip about others, rather than tell of their glory as your child. We fire off words that find no rest until they pierce another's heart.

Forgive us, Rock and Redeemer. Give us speech which flows like cool water through another's parched spirit; give us silence with which to witness your wonders; give us words to proclaim Jesus is the Christ, our Lord and our Savior, the One who leads us to life.

Silence is kept

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

With gentleness, God speaks to us; with graciousness, God forgives us; with joy, God embraces us.

With our lips, we praise God; with our words, we thank God; with our silence, we find God in our hearts. Thanks be to God. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of God be with you!
May the peace of God be with us all!

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Shine On Me"

arr. by Jimmie Abbington

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest. Lay down thou weary one, lay down Thy head upon my breast."

Refrain: Shine on me, Shine on me. Let the light from the lighthouse,

2 With pitying eyes the Prince of Peace Beheld our helpless grief; He saw, and O amazing love! He came to our relief.

[Refrain]

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Wisdom of Solomon 7:26 – 8:1 NRSVUE

For she is a reflection of eternal light, a spotless mirror of the working of God, and an image of God's goodness. Although she is but one, she can do all things, and while remaining in herself, she renews all things; in every generation she passes into holy souls and makes them friends of God and prophets,

For God loves nothing so much as the person who lives with wisdom. She is more beautiful than the sun and excels every constellation of the stars. Compared with the light she is found to be more radiant, for it is succeeded by the night, but against wisdom evil does not prevail.

She reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other, and she orders all things well.

REFLECTION

Rev. Heidi M. Weatherford



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response: **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

CLOSING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND OUR LIVES

Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth. Please pass the offering plate down the pew. When it gets to the end turn around and give it to the person immediately behind you.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Offertory

Prelude on "All Saints New"

by Healey Willan (1880-1968)

*Doxology

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below. O praise God! Alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts!
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!
O praise God! Alleluia! O praise God! Alleluia! Allelu—ia!**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All around us, we are reminded that we are not on our own, but our lives intersect with the poor, the hungry, the hopeless, our sisters and brothers. As we seek to follow you, may we share from the abundance you have poured out upon us, so all might experience your grace and life. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Tocatta in E minor

by Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Assisting in Today's Service

Liturgist, Tom Seals
Pastor, Rev. Heidi Weatherford
Director of Children's Education, Sara McHenry
Director of Music, Dr. Alonza Lawrence
Organist, Andrew Woodruff
Worship Techs, Josh Harris and Lara Hebert

How to Contact Church Staff

All church staff may be contacted through the McKinley website at www.mckinleycu.org.

How to Give

Online contributions and pledges are accepted at tithe.ly/give?c=2133263
or by mailing your donations to: McKinley Presbyterian Church, 410 E. Daniel St.,
Champaign, IL 61820



Coming this Week:

Mon Oct 21	11:30 pm	Staff Meeting
	6:00-8:00 pm	Coordinating Council
Tues Oct 22	1:00-3:00 pm	Garden Hills Food Pantry – packaging
	3:30-6:00 pm	Garden Hills Food Pantry – distribution
	5:45-6:15 pm	Garden Hill Food Pantry – clean up
Wed Oct 23	7:00 pm	Choir
Sat Oct 26	1-2:30 pm	Student Food and Fellowship
	5:00-7:00 pm	Trunk or Treat
Sun Oct 27	9:00 am	Adult Education Series: Chair Yoga, led by Rachel Bass-Guennewig
	10:30 am	Sunday Worship

Spiritual Practices: An Adult Education Series

Join us next Sunday, October 27th for the final spiritual practices class. Rachel Bass-Guennewig will lead a class on chair-based yoga. Rachel will teach some of the foundational concepts of yoga practice, and will lead a chair based class appropriate for anyone who can get up and down from a chair with ease. All are welcome to participate from 9-10 in the church basement.

Help McKinley Youth with Hurricane Disaster Relief!

McKinley's youth are collecting supplies and money to build Clean-Up Kits to send to areas impacted by the recent hurricanes. Their goal is to make at least 50 kits. Go to bit.ly/hurricane-buckets or use the QR code in the flyer to donate supplies. Monetary donations can be made online through tithe.ly (select hurricane buckets) or by check (write hurricane buckets in the memo).

Donations are due by November 1st so that the youth and families can assemble the kits after church on November 3rd. Donations may be dropped off at the main desk in the Foundation or brought to church on Sundays.

Thanks in advance for helping our McKinley youth meet this important need!

Request for Bulletin Delivery

The McKinley Care Team is looking for a volunteer to delivery bulletins each week to Kay, Nancy and Jan, our three residents who live at Brookdale Senior Living Center in Urbana. We wish to thank Leslie Crowley who has done this for several months, but now has a new job which prevents her from continuing. These wonderful women appreciate the delivery of a bulletin and a quick visit and you will enjoy their company, too. Anyone interested in hearing more about this opportunity or in volunteering their time, may contact Jane Cain at 217-649-1082 or jgcain48@gmail.com.

Food Pantry - Thanks and Request. Thanks to everyone who donated toward diapers, feminine products, and pet food. We had a full supply at this week's pantry! We are also appreciative of the many Key Club students and Parkland and University students who have been helping regularly. We could not operate the pantry without all of them and our very faithful McKinley members and friends. If you have not helped before and have any time on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, please consider volunteering.



THIS WEEK: We are completely out of plastic grocery bags to use in distribution of produce and meat. Please bring your donations of these bags to the bins at the back of church, to the Presby desk, or to the pantry when you come to help.



Save the Date! McKinley's Annual Trunk or Treat.
 Join us Saturday, October 26, from 5 to 7 pm, for McKinley's annual Trunk or Treat. All children and youth and their families are invited to participate! Please invite neighbors and friends who might be interested as well. Dinner will be served in the Foundation dining hall from 5 to 6. This will be followed by trick or treating through Presby Hall and games in the parking garage. New this year is a haunted house for older elementary and youth, put on by one of the Presby RAs in the library and chapel. We can always use more trunks with a game/activity. [Contact Sara McHenry](#) if you have questions or would like to sign up for a trunk.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
 OF COUNTRY / FIRST
 PEOPLES**
*(An act towards
 reconciliation)*

For thousands of years, Indigenous people have walked on this land, in their own country. Their relationship with the land is at the center of their lives.

We recognize and acknowledge that we are on the lands of the Peoria, Kaskaskia, Piankashaw, Wea, Miami, Mascoutin, Odawa, Sauk, Mesquaki, Kickapoo, Potawatomi, Ojibwe, and Chickasaw Nations, past, present, emerging.

We are grateful for their stewardship of this land throughout the ages. These lands continue to carry the stories of these Nations and their struggles for survival and identity.

McKinley Presbyterian Church is a community of faith

Offering genuine welcome,

Working for reconciliation, and

Daring to speak words of abundant hope to a world in pain.