

ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 14, 2007 10:00 a.m.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PREPARATION How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before beginning to improve the world.

-- Anne Frank

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please sign the friendship pad located at the end of the pew. If you have a prayer request, please fill out a prayer request card and pass it to the end of the pew during the opening hymn.)

PRELUDE *Intermezzo (Pastoral Sonata)* -Rheinberger

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the LORD!

People: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Leader: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

People: Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

Leader: He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

People: He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

Leader: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

All: Let us worship God!

♪ *HYMN 555 *Now Thank We All Our God*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all together)

Dear God, we confess that our pride makes us think we can handle anything alone, but our experiences tell us things happen that are

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*All who are able may stand

CALL FOR THE OFFERING OF GIFT AND SELF

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Modal Improvisation*

-Langlais

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow:
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Creator, Savior, Holy Ghost.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (all together)

For these gifts that we are about to receive at your altar, O Lord, we thank you. First they were created by you, and then loaned to us. Help us return these good things of creation and be thankful for the relationship with you that these offerings represent. May they bless both those who give and also those who receive. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

♪ ♪ ***HYMN**

482 *Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty*

***CHARGE**

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** 106 *Alleluia, alleluia! Give Thanks Refrain & vs 4*

POSTLUDE *Maestoso and Fugue in G Major* *-Bach*

(The congregation treats the postlude as its closing time of worship and leaves after it is completed.)

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Guest Preacher: Richard Jones
Guest Organist: Paul Hartley
Usher: Marilyn Mohr
Layreader: Janice Jones
Counters: Bruce & Linda Barrows
Building Check: Faith Education
(October 21st – Worship – October 28th – Personnel)

SUNDAY NEWS ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all who worship here this morning. Please join us for coffee after the worship service.

Large print copies of the Order of Worship, The Hymnal and the NRSV Bible are available at the back of the church.

Phonic Ear hearing assistance program is available. Please see an usher for more details.

Prayer Request Cards, located, in your pew, are for any prayer requests you wish included in the Prayers of the People. If you have a prayer request, please annotate your request on the back of the card, then pass it to the end of the pew (whichever end is closer to you) for collection by the usher during the opening hymn. Please do not place the card in the offering plate, as the card suggests. "In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." *Philippians 4:6*

CHILD CARE

Infant/Toddler Nursery Care during worship is provided for your children.

CALENDAR

Today	- October 14	10:00 a.m.	Worship –guest preacher Richard Jones
		11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time
Tues.	- October 16	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
Wed.	- October 17	12:00 p.m.	Young at Heart
		7:00 p.m.	Worship & Music Meeting
Sun.	- October 21	10:00 a.m.	Worship - Baptism
		11:00 a.m.	Fellowship

PRAYER CONCERNS

Marion Bartnik (The Fiegls) ♦ Bill Baco (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Caryn Brown (Leona Wojcik) ♦ Erna Burdick (Sue Piersa) ♦ Clara Cieslinski ♦ Kathy Miller Colmerauer (Jane Lankes) ♦ Dan & Judy Cravotta (Janice Jones) ♦ Steve Dalin (Karen Dalin) ♦ Pauline Deletti (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Linda Dories (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Lorraine Folaron (Cheryl Wilczak) ♦ Cathy Folaron (Cheryl Wilczak) ♦ Jessica Grazen (The Fischers) ♦ James Groves (Nancy Lesakowski) ♦ Ed & Dorothy Gutowski (Ed Gutowski) ♦ Harold Hanna ♦ Nancy Hay ♦ Janet H. (Nancy Galley) ♦ Esther Hiller (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Jill Miller-Kisker (Jane Lankes) ♦ Ben Klinshaw (Rita Hanna) ♦ Marguerite Kobel (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ Lee Kruszka ((The Fischer's) ♦ Sue Maciejewski ♦ Peter McCray (Sue Piersa) ♦ Sibby Mielcarek (Marge Christmann) ♦ Steve Milley (Leanne Wurl) ♦ Josh Miszko (Sue Piersa) ♦ Sandy Northem ♦ BJ Rustic ♦ Bill Seifert ♦ Pam Setzer (The Fiegls) ♦ George Shaffer ♦ Paul Sipos (Sue Maciejewski) ♦ Joan Shockey (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ The Weez (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ Aaron Miechurski (The Halligan's) ♦ Kyle James Smyntek (The Fiegl's) ♦ Partick Weir (Sandy Pakehnam))

Chris Kalinowski ☼ Matthew Jones ☼ Bill Cenkner Jr. ☼ Patrick Baskerville ☼ Sammy Russo ☼ Kimberly Trudeau ☼ Steve Odebralski ☼ Jason Zimmerman ☼ Andrew Zalikowski ☼ Nick Turvey ☼ Kristen Pelc ☼ Ben Schauss ☼ Phillip Schott ☼ Josh Winkler ☼ Russell Molnar ☼ Pat McCullough ☼ Ryan M. Ratigan ☼ Larry Lloyd ☼ Joshua Feldman ☼ Dan Dudziak ☼ David Ferg ☼ Zachery Goggins ☼ Alison Lankes

Each week we invite you to hold in your prayers different families and individuals in our church. As an act of faithfulness we pray for each other. This week we pray for:
Margaret Edington The Lesakowski family BJ Rustic The Wurl Family

CHURCH NEWS NOTES

October 17th Worship/Music Committee meeting at 7:00 pm in the pastor's office. Please join us in planning for the upcoming worship services.

Please join us for a reception lunch in Lischer Hall on October 28th in honor of Deb and Craig Wright. We will be thanking Deb for her 6 years of leadership here at 1st Presbyterian Church of West Seneca on her last Sunday with us. We would also like to thank Craig for all he has done for the church.

Session will hold a Town Hall Meeting on Sunday, November 4th after church. Members & friends are welcome & encouraged to attend as we will be discussing the future of our church. A light lunch will be served. We hope to see you on November 4th.

It's that time of year again...time for the **Annual Crop Walk!** This year the walk is scheduled for **October 28th**. Please consider **walking** with us. If you are unable to walk, please consider **sponsoring** one of us that will be walking. For further information please contact Debbie Wilson.

Attention all ghosts and goblins, on Sunday October 28th we will have a Halloween potluck. It will begin at 5pm with a potluck dinner, followed by a parade and games. Each little pumpkin who comes will receive a treat bag to take home. We are asking for treat bag donations until October 21st. The bags will be put together a week ahead of time. Amy and Shaun Wilson will be planning the games and Sandy and Dennis Fiegl will be organizing the potluck. Wear a costume and bring your favorite dish to share. The sign up sheet is in the entry way along with the box for treats. Invite your friends and family to join us, we always have a ghouling good time.

We will hold our 1st Spaghetti Dinner and Theme Basket Auction on Saturday, November 10th from 4-7pm. Pre-sale tickets are available for \$7 for adults, \$5 for children ages 3-10, and children 2 and under are free. Dinner includes: spaghetti, 2 meatballs, dinner roll w/ butter, chef salad, beverage and dessert. Tickets will be available before and after church on Sunday mornings. The Theme Basket Auction will be held upstairs. We are looking to have between 15-20 baskets. If you are able to put a basket together, we ask that items be new and the basket be worth at least \$20. Your support of the Spaghetti Dinner is our 1st priority, so only donate a basket if you are able. We will wrap the baskets, if you have a container or basket to put the items in please do so. See Diane Molnar with any questions about the theme baskets. Please encourage your family and friends to support this dinner. Remember word of mouth is our best advertisement. Flyers are available in the back of church if you need them. Please see Dawn Corless with any questions. Thank you.

Yes, it's the time of year that we must plan for winter. Our Angel Basket will now become an Angel Clothesline. Your donation of hats, mittens, socks, underwear, etc. will be hung on a clothes line. This will enable all to see what has been collected and what is needed. Our donations will go to IHN families so all sizes and colors are good. Clothes pins will be provided. You may donate from October 28th to November 11th. Happy Shopping!

Attendance for October 7th

Adult – 45 Children - 6

HYMN STORY: Now Thank We All Our God

Martin Rinckart (1586-1649 A.D.) was born in Eilenburg, Germany -- a small city near Leipzig, which in the 20th century ended up behind the Iron Curtain in East Germany for several decades.

Rinckart studied for the Lutheran ministry, and was called to serve as pastor of the church at Eilenburg, his home town. He arrived there just before the beginning of the Thirty Years War, a war that devastated Germany in general and Eilenburg in particular. Being a walled city, Eilenburg became a place of refuge and soon became badly overcrowded, rendering it susceptible to disease. The plague of 1637 decimated the town, killing 8,000 people, including Rinckart's wife. Rinckart often conducted forty or fifty funerals a day for plague victims. He ended up officiating at the burial of nearly 4,000 of the 8,000 people who died from the plague.

It seems incongruous that a hymn like "Now Thank We All Our God" should come out of such circumstances. However, Rinckart wrote the first two stanzas, not as a hymn for public worship, but as a table grace for his family. At the end of the war, his hymn was sung to celebrate the signing of the Peace of Westphalia -- the treaty that ended the war.

But we would know nothing of this hymn except for the good work of Catherine Winkworth, an English woman who translated many German hymns into English -- this hymn and "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" being the best known.