

**Worthington Presbyterian Church**  
**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY – 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**JANUARY 14, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

***GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME***

\*Please stand

**WELCOME**

Rev. Dr. Tom Rice

INVITATION TO MISSION & DISCIPLESHIP     *(Please sign & pass the Friendship Pads)*

MOMENT FOR MISSION: *SOCK DRIVE*

Marylou Posey

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

*Please stand and greet one another in the Peace of Christ.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP IN MUSIC**

Prelude in C

Dietrich Buxtehude

Dr. Stephen Jacoby, organist

*The music is a call to open one's spirit to God's presence in our midst.*

**OPENING SENTENCES (Psalm 105:1-3)**

Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon God's name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

**Congregation: Sing to God, sing praises to him;**

Leader: Tell of all God's wondrous works!

**Congregation: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!**

**\* HYMN # 234**

"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

ST. KEVIN

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)**

**Eternal God, we confess we often do not trust You fully. We admit we often fail to obey You. Instead, we live according to our own priorities. We have not grown into Your call to follow Jesus Christ as Lord. We have not worshiped You with everything we are and everything we have. We have not esteemed others nearly to the level we esteem ourselves. We have forsaken Your assignment to go and make disciples of all peoples. Forgive us, O Lord. Bring us back to complete trust in You and joyful obedience. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*(A time for silent confession)*

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "The Kyrie"



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**GLORIA** (from Hymn #581)

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

### MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

Nick Robison

*After the Children's Message, children ages 3 years through 7th grade will be dismissed to their classrooms for a Sunday School lesson. Following the postlude, please pick up your child in their classroom. Preschool (age 3 and 4): Room 113; Kindergarten and 1st grade: Room 112; 2nd and 3rd grade: Room 111; 4th and 5th grade: Room 222; 6th and 7th grade: Living Room; Confirmation: Youth Room*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lisa Morales Freed

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 139:1-6,13-18 (NIV1984)

O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Lord. You hem me in--behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain...

...For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand. When I awake, I am still with you.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

"Hope of the World"

Taylor Davis

THE CHANCEL CHOIR

Russell Nagy, Director

*Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion, Speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent. Save us, thy people from consuming passion, Who by our own false hopes and aims are spent. Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven, Bringing to hungry souls the bread of life, Still let thy spirit unto us be given, To heal earth's wounds and end all bitter strife. Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways, Showing to the wand'ring souls the path of light, Walk thou beside us lest the tempting byways Lure us away from thee to endless night. Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death victorious, Who by this sign didst conquer grief and pain, We would be faithful to thy gospel glorious; Thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign.*

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 16:14-15 (NIV1984)

Rev. Dr. Tim McQuade

The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. He said to them, "You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of men, but God knows your hearts. What is highly valued among men is detestable in God's sight."

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

"What Do You Prize?"

Dr. McQuade

## \* HYMN # 418

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

## ***RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD***

## THANKSGIVING FOR TOMMY SLAPPY'S MINISTRY

Dr. Rice

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Betsy Rice

SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS AND BLESSINGS

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Blessed Assurance"

arr. Matthew H. Corl

## \* DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;*

*praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\* DEDICATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**

*Please remember we have now moved our online giving to Engage. You can easily setup your Engage Giving account by scanning the QR code to the right or go to [bit.ly/engagewpc](https://bit.ly/engagewpc)*



***GOING IN GOD'S NAME***

**\* HYMN #339**

*"Lift Every Voice and Sing"*

LIFT EVERY VOICE

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Chaconne in C

Dietrich Buxtehude

*We request that you remain seated during the postlude as it is the final "Amen" to our worship. Thank you.*



**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Usher Captains: **Team C – John Smith, Sue Funk** Carillon: **Bill Allman**  
Audio: **Andrew DeWeese** Video/Livestream: **Emerson Greuling, Bill Yost**

*To submit a concern to the Prayer Chain, please contact Dick Jones at 614-204-7633.*

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The flowers on the chancel are given to the glory of God  
by Alice Miskell in loving memory of Dave Miskell.

*Please join us in Fellowship Hall as we celebrate Tommy Slappy.*



**ABOUT THE SOCK DRIVE**

*Winter is here and it's time to warm up the toes of those in need! We're calling on you to help by donating a package or a pair of socks. In recent years we have collected more than 1,500 pairs of socks and given them to different*

*organizations. This year, we're aiming for even more! You can make a difference by donating socks until Jan 21st in Fellowship Hall.*