
3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 21, 2024



WORTHINGTON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

In Christ's love, we connect, serve, and transform

10:00 AM

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***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.***

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

Rev. Betsy Rice

*After the Children's Message, children will be dismissed to their classrooms for a Sunday School lesson. Following the postlude, please pick up your child from 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

Shine Robison

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 4:7-12

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Thomas Dorsey

THE CHANCEL CHOIR

Russell Nagy, Director

*Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, let me stand
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me
home.*

*When my way grows drear
Precious Lord linger near
When my life is almost gone
Hear my cry, hear my call
Hold my hand lest I fall
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me
home.*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Rev. Dr. Tom Rice

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another

with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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| SERMON | "Lessons from Church Shopping" | Dr. Rice |
| * HYMN # 301 | "Let us Build a House" | TWO OAKS |

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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| 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

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| OFFERTORY | "The Peace May Be Exchanged" | Dan Locklair |
| * DOXOLOGY | OLD HUNDREDTH | |
| <i>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.</i> | | |

*** DEDICATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**

We have 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



GOING IN GOD'S NAME

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| * HYMN # 39 | "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" | FAITHFULNESS |
| * CHARGE AND BENEDICTION | | |

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| POSTLUDE | "Lift High the Cross" | arr. Charles W. Ore |
| <i>We request that you remain seated during the postlude as it is the final "Amen" to our worship.</i> | | |

WORSHIP LEADERS

Usher Captains: **Team D – Doug Fell, Bob Harrington**, Captains, Carillon: **Sue Rapier**
Audio: **Andrew DeWeese** Video/Livestream: **Emerson Greuling, Bill Yost**

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers on the chancel are given to the glory of God
by Nila Whitfield in honor of Ron and Sue Seymour's 50th anniversary.

*Please join us in the Sanctuary for a Town Hall with Pastor Tim
to discuss the pastoral search process after the service.*



WORTHINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SUNDAY WORSHIP DIRECTORY

Rev. Dr. Tim McQuade – Interim Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. Tom Rice – Pastor for Discipleship
Rev. Betsy Rice – Pastor for Member Ministries
Nicholas Robison – Director for Youth Ministries
Annie Barner – Interim Coordinator of Children's Ministries
Russ Nagy – Director of Music Ministries
Dr. Stephen Jacoby – Organist

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TODAY

Join us after the 10am service today for a **TOWN HALL** in Fellowship Hall with Pastor Tim to talk about the pastor nominating process.

TODAY IS SOCK COLLECTION DAY. Bring a pair or a pack of socks with you to worship or Fellowship Hall. (See Mission)

NEW SERIES starts today at 9am in Room 222 and via Zoom: "The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World." (See Adult Education)

Thinking about joining WPC or would you like to know more about the Presbyterian Church? Our **MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR** continues **TODAY**, and Feb 4 at 9am in the Chapel.

CURRENT ELDERS AND DEACONS: We'd like to take your picture after the 10am worship **TODAY** in Hazelton Fellowship Hall. Photos will be posted so that church members know who our leaders are. Many thanks to Bob Freed's daughter, Allison, for taking photos.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WINTER IS HERE! In general, WPC follows the weather emergency Level 1, 2 and 3 guidelines for Franklin County. Cancellations or changes for church services or events will be publicized on WBNS-10TV, NBC and on the front page of our website **wpcnow.org** as early as possible. Our custodians will clear and salt our sidewalks, but the parking lot will be plowed only when snowfall exceeds 2". Let's be safe!

EVENTS

NEXT TUESDAY NIGHTS TOGETHER JAN 23

We'll all gather for dinner (pulled pork), fellowship, and Christian Education. If you haven't taken our TNT evaluation yet, please take a moment to let us know how we're doing, what's going well, and what could be better. Scan the code with your phone to give us YOUR feedback.



HOT CHOCOLATE & SMOOTH JAZZ IN THE CHAPEL Thursday, Feb. 8, 5 - 8 pm

WPC welcomes the community for live music and hot cocoa. Featured musicians include jazz pianist Bill Allman and members of the Knisely quartet. Shine Wu Robison, pianist, describes Knisely's repertoire as "contemporary classical" and original. Invite a friend to this lively, free event.

SAVE THE DATE: DR. STEPHEN JACOBY RETIREMENT RECEPTION, SUNDAY FEB. 11

Steve has submitted his intention to retire from his role as our organist, effective Feb. 12. He has been with us for 9 years. We will miss his special skills on the organ. We'll honor him in worship on Feb 11, followed by a reception after the 10am worship. Look for more information soon.

MISSION

January Mission Spotlight:

Y FAMILY CENTER DINNER MINISTRY

WPC prepares and serves dinner to homeless families staying at the YWCA Family Shelter seven times per year. We will feed approximately 120 adults and children tomorrow, Jan 22. Thank you to all who have signed up to volunteer to serve dinner or provide food items.

Individuals at the Y are very appreciative of our delicious hot home cooked meals! To be part of this ministry, be on the lookout for the link in eblasts or contact Danielle Heiden at 614-395-6818 or chski44574@aol.com to have your name added to the email list. **The next dinner is March 6.**

ANNUAL SOCK COLLECTION DAY 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.

LUNCHES FOR THE HOMELESS Please pick up bags today in the Fellowship Hall and fill each with a peanut butter sandwich, a bag of chips, a bag of cookies, a small container of applesauce, a juice box or Capri Sun, a piece of fruit, a napkin, and a plastic spoon. Bring the bags to the Fellowship Hall next Sunday, packed in a box or a bag with handles.

NNEMAP URGENT NEEDS – JANUARY 28

For our next NNEMAP breakdown event, we urgently need sugar, coffee and salt. As always, any shelf stable food or toiletry or grooming item is helpful. Please deposit any contributions into the wooden NNEMAP bin in the Fellowship Hall. All ages welcome to participate in the breakdown. Questions or comments? Contact Lisa Abrams (614-406-1297). Thank you for supporting this mission!

ADULT EDUCATION

NEW 9AM SERIES: The Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu discuss together: How do we find joy in the face of life's inevitable suffering? And they share their daily Joy Practices that anchor their own emotional and spiritual lives. In the midst of the challenges of their lives they discovered a level of peace, courage, and joy to which we can all aspire. Join us in Room 222 and on Zoom. Books are in the church office.

ADULT CLASSES ON TUESDAY NIGHTS

During Tuesday Nights Together, Pastor Tom is leading a series called, "Why? Where Is God When Tragedy and Suffering Strike?" There are books in the church office.

Pastor Tim is teaching a new class, "Values of the Kingdom." What is the Kingdom of God? How shall we live in God's Kingdom? Come study what it means to live in the kingdom of God through this study of the Sermon on the Mount.

CHRISTIAN LIFE BIBLE STUDY

After Pentecost and the descent of the Holy Spirit, the disciples were given surprising

power to heal when they called on the name of Jesus Christ. Christian Life Circle invites you to join us as we learn how first century Greco-Roman society viewed people with disabilities and what the early church did to break down barriers for those with physical impairments. Pastor Tom Rice will lead our Bible study Thursday, Feb 1 at 1pm in Room 222. All are welcome!

CHILDREN & YOUTH

YOUTH WINTER RETREAT FEB 2 – 4 Our Winter Retreat has quickly become one of our youth's favorite events during the year. We spend a weekend at a lodge at the Kirkmont Center and spend Saturday at Mad River Mountain. Between fun games, time at Mad River, and opportunities to grow in your faith... this is a weekend well worth your time! Contact Nick Robison at nrobison@wpcnow.org to register.

WHAT TIME IS BEST FOR VBS?

Vacation Bible School will take place June 3 - 7. We are gathering feedback from the congregation to determine the best time of day that week. Scan the code to let us know. **The deadline to participate is tomorrow.**



LENTEN WORKSHOP: FEB 18 DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL Children will enjoy crafts, a snack and time for prayer. Families are invited to pick up a family Lent bag following worship, during coffee hour in Fellowship Hall. We hope to see you and your family there!

UPCOMING DATES TO SAVE

- Tuesday Nights Together – Jan. 23
- Steve Jacoby's Retirement Reception – Feb. 11
- Ash Wednesday Service – Feb. 14 at 7pm
- Lent Workshop for Children – Feb. 18
- Annual Meeting – Feb. 25
- Vacation Bible School – June 3 - 7

Sermon Notes

today is:

sermon title:

key verses:

Notes

worship songs:

Prayers