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# 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 28, 2024



**WORTHINGTON**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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

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**Worthington Presbyterian Church**  
**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY – 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**JANUARY 28, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

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

\*Please stand

# WELCOME

Nicholas Robison

INVITATION TO MISSION & DISCIPLESHIP *(Please sign & pass the Friendship Pads)*  
PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

**Congregation:** And also with you.

## CALL TO WORSHIP IN MUSIC “Morning Has Broken”

arr. Franklin D. Ashdown

Dr. Stephen Jacoby, organist

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

## OPENING SENTENCES *(adapted from Psalm 50)*

Leader: The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**Congregation:** Our God comes; he does not keep silence. God calls and we respond to his love.

Leader: The heavens declare God's righteousness.

**Congregation: We tell of all God's glories!**

Leader: Offer up to God worship with thanksgiving!

**Congregation:** And our God will hear us, save us, and stay with us forever.

**\* HYMN # 394**

## “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

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

**Almighty and Gracious God, in Jesus You have provided fully for our redemption, securing peace with You. And yet, at times we assume we're on our own. Forgive us when we try to earn our own salvation. Forgive us when we try to change ourselves without Your help. Forgive us when we try to live apart from the Holy Spirit's power and presence. Deepen our trust in Your ability to put sin to death. Renew our hope in Your resurrection power that equips us to walk in the newness of life! In Jesus' name we pray, 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.***

## ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

Rev. Dr. Tim McQuade

### CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS OF ORDINATION

1. Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? **I do.**
2. Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you? **I do.**
3. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God? **I do and I will.**
4. Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions? **I will.**
5. Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? **I will.**
6. Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit? **I will.**
7. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world? **I will.**
8. Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church? **I do.**
9. Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? **I will.**

**RULING ELDER:** Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will.**

**DEACON:** Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will.**

## \* CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

1. Do we, the members of the church, accept **Dan Foley** as a ruling elder and **Liz Arthur** as a deacon, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**
2. Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

## PRAYER FOR ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

### SONG

“God of Ancients”  
YOUTH WORSHIP TEAM  
Shine Robison, Director

Shine Robison

#### Verse 1

*Our God all wise and Ancient One  
Who knows all, every living thing  
He sees each joy and every sorrow  
And every tear and victory*

*My heart knows You are there  
When I've done all that I can and do  
I'll trust in you always  
For I know my life is all secure  
You hold me in Your hands*

#### Verse 2

*Through every chapter of my life  
Your hand was there the whole time  
And I just had to look for it  
For You held me through it all*

#### Chorus 1

*God of Ancient days oh come  
Work in us  
Mighty are Your ways  
Come and fill us up  
With Your Spirit  
Guide us in all our ways*

#### Verse 3

*I see it now so very clearly  
All the distortion's seemed to fade  
Your voice an ever piercing beacon  
I'll block out all the other noise*

#### Chorus 2

*We see Your greatness now  
The earth cries out  
Splendor and majesty  
So we stand in awe  
Of how you love us  
We give all our lives to You*

#### Bridge

*When I'm in the deepest fog  
Stumbling all the way  
And I can't seem to hear Your voice*

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

### MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

Annie Barner

*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

Sue Rapier

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 111 (NIV1984)

Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly. Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever. He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and compassionate. He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever. He has shown his people the power of his works, giving them the lands of other nations. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are steadfast for ever and ever, done in faithfulness and uprightness. He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever-holy and awesome is his name. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

"Give Thanks to God"  
THE CHANCEL CHOIR  
Russell Nagy, Director

Craig Courtney

*When the sunrise brings a new day,  
Morning light floods all the earth.  
When we rise with all creation,  
Then we offer up this song:*

*Give thanks to God, creator of the universe.  
Give thanks to God, the master of all time.  
And when we fall on our knees,  
May our thanks, to Him,  
Be a fragrance sweet and pure.  
Give thanks to God, His love endures forever.  
Give thanks to God, His blessings have no end.*

*And when we lift up all that we owe to Him,  
Then we lift up everything.*

*When, at midday, we grow weary,  
When we strive t'ward different goals,  
When we long for restoration,  
We can offer, yet, this song.*

*When in evening, shadows lengthen,  
We all toil and striving cease,  
When we contemplate the day spent,  
When we rest, content in Him,*

### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:14-20 (NIV1984) Rev. Dr. Tim McQuade

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed

him. When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

The Gospel of our Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

“There is No Maybe”

Dr. McQuade

## **\* HYMN #415**

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

RESTORATION

## ***RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD***

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Elder Peter Okyere

SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS AND BLESSINGS

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER (in unison)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY

Restoration

arr. Roberta Rowland-Raybold

## **\* DOXOLOGY 606**

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 moved online giving to Engage. You can easily set up your Engage Giving account by scanning the QR code to the right or go to [bit.ly/engagewpc](http://bit.ly/engagewpc)*



## ***GOING IN GOD’S NAME***

## **\* HYMN #403**

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

UNSER HERRSCHER

## **\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**



POSTLUDE

"Morning Has Broken"

arr. Dale Wood

*We request that you remain seated during the postlude as it is the final "Amen" to our worship.  
All are encouraged to enjoy a time of conversation and refreshment in Fellowship Hall.*

Usher Captains: **Team E – Ken Short & Elizabeth Short**, Captains, Carillon: **Debb Wilson**  
Audio: **Andrew DeWeese** Video/Livestream: **Emerson Greuling, Bill Yost**

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers on the chancel are given to the glory of God  
by Sheri and David Holcomb to peace.

Sermon

Notes

sermon title:

today is:

key verses:

Notes

worship songs:

## TODAY

Our **ADULT EDUCATION SERIES** continues today at 9am in Room 222 and via Zoom: "The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World."

The congregational **NNEMAP BREAKDOWN** will occur in Fellowship Hall after the 10am service. All ages are welcome to participate in the breakdown. Thank you for supporting this mission!

Today is the final day to register for the **YOUTH WINTER RETREAT** held next weekend, Feb 2-4. Contact Nick Robison for more info.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WOMEN'S 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 study Thursday, Feb 1 at 1pm in Room 222.

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

Live music and hot cocoa. Featured musicians include jazz pianist Bill Allman and a piano, clarinet, violin trio of Shine Wu Robison, Evan Lynch, and Yi-Chen Anita Chiu. The trio is classically trained and plays original music. Invite a friend to this lively, free event. Stay for a song or two or for the whole evening!

**RETIREMENT RECEPTION** Dr. Steve Jacoby 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 during the 10am worship on Feb 11, followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall. You can contribute to a love offering for Steve. Please make checks payable to WPC. On the memo line of the check,

write "Steve's retirement" or "Steve's love offering." You can also give by scanning the QR code. Please send cards to the church office. The deadline for the offering is **February 12**.



Join us for a **PANCAKE DINNER** during the next Tuesday Nights Together on **FAT TUESDAY**, February 13. Pancakes will be served in Fellowship Hall at 6pm, followed by our usual breakout sessions for adults, youth and children.

**ASHES, SACKCLOTH, AND A BIG FISH** WPC youth will lead our **ASH WEDNESDAY** service on February 14 at 7pm in the Sanctuary. This service and will explore the entire story of Jonah. Come support our youth, hear Jonah's story, and start the season of Lent with us on Ash Wednesday.

## MISSION

**SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY**, February 11, our youth will be at the exits holding soup pots after worship. On a day when millions of dollars will be spent on advertising, millions in our country are at risk of hunger. You are welcome to put a dollar or two in the pot for the team you are rooting for. The money will go to Worthington Resource Panty. Presbyterian youth groups around the country participate in this fundraiser for the hungry.

## UPCOMING DATES

- Community Friendship Dinner – Feb. 5 at 4:30pm
- Red Cross Blood Drive – Feb. 12
- Fat Tuesday: Pancakes at TNT – Feb 13 at 6pm
- Ash Wednesday – Feb 14 at 7pm
- Lent Workshop for Children – Feb. 18
- Annual Meeting – Feb. 25 at 11am

To view a full WPC calendar and add events to your own calendar, visit [wpcnow.org/calendar](http://wpcnow.org/calendar)