

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 27, 2023



WORTHINGTON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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WELCOME TO WORTHINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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WPC has worshiped together in the Worthington community since 1805. We welcome all who seek faith, hope, and joy in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Interested in joining? Attend a membership seminar Sept. 24 from 4:30 - 6:30pm. The seminar is an introduction to people, programs, and faith. You'll also have a chance to meet church leadership and be introduced to the congregation Sunday, Oct. 8 at 9am. Please RSVP to Betsy Rice at brice@wpcnow.org.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Ushers: **Team E – Ken Short**, Captain
Carillon: **Bill Allman** Audio: **Andrew DeWeese**
Video/Livestream: **Emerson Greuling, Russ Nagy, Bill Yost**

*The flowers on the chancel are given to the glory of God
by Mara Stark in honor of Amanda Blackwell Stark*

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
Russ Nagy – Interim Director of Music
Dr. Stephen Jacoby – Organist
Melissa Robol – Chapel Pianist
Robert Dent – Food Service Coordinator & Custodian
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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
SANCTUARY (IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM)
AUGUST 27, 2023 – 10:00 AM



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

** Please rise in body or spirit.*

WELCOME & RENEWAL OF THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH Rev. Betsy Rice
INVITATION TO MISSION & DISCIPLESHIP *(Please sign & pass the Friendship Pads)*
MOMENT FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Nick Robison
PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you.

Please stand and greet one another in the peace of Christ. Please give friendly waves to one another. Handshakes and hugs could pass on something more than the peace of Christ!

CALL TO WORSHIP IN MUSIC *"Standing on the Promises"* arr. Lloyd Larson

Dr. Stephen Jacoby, pianist

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

OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: With eyes to see,

People: And ears to hear,

Leader: With lips to sing,

People: And hands to help.

Leader: Let us worship with the fullness of our hearts.

*** HYMN #394** *"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"* WESTMINSTER ABBEY

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)**

Almighty God, we are sinners. Your Word and our hearts confirm that to us. We have done things You have forbidden and left undone things You have commanded. We have not loved You with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We

have not forgiven others as you have forgiven us. As judge of the whole earth You would be just to condemn us. Yet in Your love You sent Christ to bear the guilt of our sin and suffer our punishment. To Him now we flee; forgive us for His sake, and by Your Spirit help us to live in the light of His sacrifice, lives worthy of Your name. Judge us not according to our work but according to Your mercy in Jesus Christ. For in Him we hope and in Him we come before You this day. Amen.

(A brief time for silent confession)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *“The Kyrie”*



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA (*Stanza 1 from Hymn # 582, Sing Once*)

GLORY TO GOD (VASILE)

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

Nick Robison

After the Children's Message, children 4 years - 3rd grade will be dismissed for a Sunday School lesson in Room 111.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bob Freed

FIRST READING

Psalm 124:1-8 (NIV1984)

If the Lord had not been on our side— let Israel say— if the Lord had not been on our side when men attacked us, when their anger flared against us, they would have swallowed us alive; the flood would have engulfed us, the torrent would have swept over us, the raging waters would have swept us away.

Praise be to the Lord, who has not let us be torn by their teeth. We have escaped like a bird out of the fowler's snare; the snare has been

broken, and we have escaped. Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“I Will Arise”

Setting by Howard Helvey

THE SUMMER CHOIR
Russell Nagy, Interim Director

*Come ye sinners, poor and needy,
weak and wounded sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
full of pity, love, and power.*

*I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O, there are ten thousand charms.*

*Come, ye thirsty come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Ev'ry grace that brings you nigh.*

*Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream:
All the fitness he requireth
Is to feel your need of him.*

*Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better,
you will never come at all.*

*I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O, there are ten thousand charms*

SECOND READING

Galatians 3:23-29 (NIV1984)

Rev. Dr. McQuade

Before this faith came, we were held prisoners by the law, locked up until faith should be revealed. So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith. Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the supervision of the law.

You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Our True Identity”

Dr. McQuade

*** HYMN #213**

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

RATHBUN

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dr. Tom Rice

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 AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Andante and March"

Andrew C. Fox

Katie Becker, Trombone

DOXOLOGY

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(Online giving is available anytime via EasyTithe: text your offering dollar amount to 614-808-8580 or go to www.easytithe.com/wpcgive.)

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

* HYMN #300

"We Are One in the Spirit"

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

We request that you remain seated during the postlude as it is the final "Amen" to our worship. If you are unable to do so, please exit quietly. Thank you.

WPC 'Connections Night' Survey

The Youth Committee, Children's Committee, and Adult Education Committee have been hard at work these past few months putting together an All-Church ministry for adults, children, and youth.

Please complete a survey to help us choose the night and format to make this ministry a success. bit.ly/wpconnections



What is 'Connections'?

Connections is an hour and a half-long evening program that combines WPC's best ministries into one night for children, youth, and adults. It will include a church-wide dinner with a prayer, announcements, ministry time for the various age groups (like a middle school youth group, or an adult Bible study class), and a closing song & benediction.

Why the quotation marks around 'Connections'?

We are hoping you can help us with a name.

Why should we do a combined ministry night?

- To better engage entire families in ministry
- To better foster intergenerational relationships
- To build a greater sense of community for all at WPC

What would the night look like?

We are combining many of the ministries you already know into one night. Eventually, we want to grow this night to give adults, children, and youth several options to choose from. For example, we want children to be able to choose between Children's Time or ChoirPlus. Adults could also choose between a more general Bible study or a specific seasonal class, like 'Aging Gracefully' or 'Faith of a Mockingbird.'

Thank you for your input, and we hope you can get as excited for this as we are!

THINGS TO DO & WAYS TO HELP

TODAY

- 8:00am Religious Studies (Zoom)
- 8:00am Worship, Dr. McQuade (Chapel)
- 9:00am Movie and Discussion (Hazelton Hall)
- 9:00am Summer Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 9:45am Nursery Care (Nursery)
- 10:00am Worship, Dr. McQuade (Sanctuary)
- 10:15am Summer Sunday School (Room 111)
- 11:00am Preschool Open House (Preschool)
- 11:00am Fellowship, NNEMAP Repackaging, Photos of Pastor Tom's Sabbatical (Hazelton Hall)
- 12:00pm Volunteer Training (Hazelton Hall)

CLASS FOR ALL AGES at 9am "The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse" in Hazelton Hall. Enjoy popcorn and cake as we drink deeply of this **movie's** wisdom.

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE at 11am Come see the changes in the preschool area! Have you wondered about the construction? Join Preschool Director Carrie Houk and preschool teachers for an open house as they show off the updates!

NNEMAP FOOD PANTRY REPACKAGING at 11am Congregational breakdown of supplies for NNEMAP occurs on the 4th Sunday of each month in Hazelton Hall. All ages are welcome to participate in the breakdown.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING from 12-2pm We are looking for people who are passionate about youth and children. We need children's ministry leaders, Sunday school teachers, youth leaders. Attend a training in Hazelton Hall. Kick Off Sunday and the start of our Christian Education year begins September 10.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READER COORDINATOR NEEDED The Worship & Arts Committee thanks Joyce Zarnoch and Linda Hulsey for their service. As these committee members step down, we are looking for a committee secretary and a scripture reader coordinator. The W&A Committee meets the 2nd Monday of the month. To explore these positions and learn more

about the inner workings of worship at WPC, please reach out to Gregg Russell at kttycrussell@aol.com.

NNEMAP GROOMING SUPPLIES DRIVE BEGINS NEXT WEEK. We will be collecting five items throughout September: Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Shampoo, Shower gel or bar soap (3.75 oz. or larger), Deodorant (1.8 oz. or larger). Look for bins in Hazelton Hall or the Narthex.

THE BIBLE IN ONE HAND, THE NEWSPAPER IN THE OTHER | Sept 3 at 9am Our discussion comes to life with lessons taken from this week's headlines. We'll talk about what's happening and what our faith has to say about it.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE PRESBYTERIAN | Sept 10 at 9am Using the wonderful book, *How Do You Spell Presbyterian?* For "beginners" and "long timers" alike, learn more about what it means to be part of this branch of the Christian family. Books are in the church office.

CHRISTIAN LIFE BIBLE STUDY BEGINS | Sept 7 at 1pm: All are invited to join in this Horizons Bible study: *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*. Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, and her encounter with God's presence will be our focus.

WPC HABITAT VOLUNTEER DAY Sept 30 Come make a real difference in a family's life. Scan the code to sign up or enter bit.ly/wpchabitat into your browser to be taken to the signup genius.



SAVE THE DATES:

- Sept 4: Labor Day – Church Closed
- Sept 9: Lombard Problem-Solving Session
- Sept 10: Chancel Choir Returns
- Sept 11: Community Friendship Dinner
- Sept 24: Membership Seminar
- Oct 3: SABBATICAL STORIES: w/Pastor Tom