
KICK-OFF SUNDAY/15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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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 B – Bob Freed, Jordan Quickel, Captains**
Carillon: **Debb Wilson** Audio: **Andrew DeWeese**
Video/Livestream: **Emerson Greuling, Russ Nagy, Bill Yost**

*The flowers on the chancel are given to the glory of God
by Tom and Kathy Hull in celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary on Sept 7.*

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)
SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 – 10:00 AM



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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 MISSION: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Elder Scott Jacobs
MOMENT FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Elder Kate Lane
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 *"Come, Thou Almighty King"* arr. Don Hustad
IN MUSIC Dr. Stephen Jacoby, pianist

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

OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: Into your presence we come, God of Grace and Peace, who was, and is and ever shall be.

People: Into fellowship we come, bound together in the One who died and rose again for us, our Savior Jesus Christ.

Leader: Amen, let us worship God.

*** HYMN #2** *"Come, Thou Almighty King"* ITALIAN HYMN

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

O God, whose chosen dwelling is the heart that longs for Your presence and humbly seeks Your love, we come to You to acknowledge and

confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved You with all our heart and soul, with all our mind and strength, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, or for the good we have left undone. Because You, O Lord, are full of compassion, gracious, slow to anger, and plentiful in mercy, there is forgiveness with You. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us the word that we need, and let Your word abide with us until it has wrought in us Your holy will. In Jesus' name we pray, 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

Pastor Tom

After the Children's Message, children ages 3 years through 7th grade will be dismissed to their classrooms to meet their teachers, see their classroom, create a class covenant and get their photo taken. The children will return to worship during the last hymn to lead us out for our celebration on the East Lawn. Children under 3 will then be in the nursery. Children 3 and older will go to the chapel, waiting for parents to pick them up and then join the Kick-off Sunday party.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Faye Spratley

FIRST READING

Romans 13:8-10 (NIV1984)

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "Do not commit adultery," "Do not murder," "Do not steal," "Do not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

With A Voice of Singing

THE CHANCEL CHOIR
Russell Nagy, Interim Director

*With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia!
O be joyful in God, all ye lands.
O sing praises to the honor of His name,
make His praise to be glorious.
With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!*

SECOND READING

Luke 18:9-14 (NIV1984)

Rev. Dr. Tim McQuade

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men--robbers, evildoers, adulterers--or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

"But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

"I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

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

SERMON

"Received, Not Achieved"

Dr. McQuade

* HYMN #418

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

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

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

arr. Mark Hayes

* DOXOLOGY #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from who all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

* 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 #187

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

BRADBURY

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE PARADE



THINGS TO DO & WAYS TO HELP

TODAY

8:00am Religious Studies (Zoom)
8:00am Worship (Chapel)
9:00am Adult Education (Room 222/Zoom)
9:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
9:45am Nursery Care (Nursery)
10:00am Worship (Sanctuary)
10:15am Sunday School (Various Rooms)
11:00am Kick-Off Sunday Party (Front Lawn)
5:00pm Youth Kick-Off Party (Youth Room)

KICK-OFF SUNDAY PARTY

Celebrate the official start of the program year. Join us for a party on the front lawn of the church after the 10am service. The bounce house returns, along with lunch, popcorn, games, and fellowship!

Family Photos: Stop by the chapel for a family photo if you haven't had one taken yet.

NNEMAP GROOMING SUPPLIES DRIVE

Presbyterian Women United (PWU) is collecting **5 items** throughout September for NNEMAP: Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Shampoo, Shower gel or bar soap (3.75 oz. or larger), Deodorant (1.8 oz. or larger). All items should be family-sized. Look for bins in Hazelton Hall or the Narthex.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE

PRESBYTERIAN | 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 or available on Amazon. This series runs through Oct. 1.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER

ASSISTANCE (PDA) is helping with the recovery after the Maui wildfire in Lahaina, and PDA will continue to help long after the

media attention has turned elsewhere. Funds are being used to help with everything from essentials such as water, food and hygiene items to hotel rooms and housing assistance. Checks can be payable to Worthington Presbyterian Church with the memo saying: "Presbyterian Disaster Assistance." Thank you!

SCRIPTURE READER COORDINATOR

NEEDED We are looking for a Worship & Arts committee secretary and a scripture reader coordinator. 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.

WPC IS HIRING for a part-time Interim Coordinator for Children's Ministries. If you are interested in applying for this position or know someone who might be qualified and interested, please email Kate Lane at kathryn.humphries@gmail.com. We are receiving applications until Sept 15. Interviews start next week.

Did you know WPC and St John's Episcopal Church (SJE) have a joint **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP?** *Facing Loss*, meets the third Monday of the month (Sept 18, this month) in the St. John's Atrium at 1pm. Ann Farley, grief counselor at Ganzhorn will be the presenter. Her presentations are always heartfelt and helpful. Contact Cynthia Woodbeck at cwoodbeck235@gmail.com at St. John's Episcopal Church.

SAVE THE DATES:

- **Tuesday, Oct 3 at 7pm:** *Sabbatical Stories: Lessons and Laughter from Assisi to Yellowstone* with Pastor Tom
- **Saturday, Oct 7:** *Habitat Volunteer Day*
- **Sunday, Oct 8:** *Scout Popcorn Day*. Support the scouts and help fund troop activities by purchasing popcorn after each service.



We are seeking:
Sunday School Teachers, Teachers' Aides, Classroom Parents, and Teen Helpers

- **Have you felt the call to share Jesus with our little ones?**
- **When you see ALL THE KIDS on the steps during the Children's Message – does your heart feel happy?**
- **Do you want to help make disciples: baptizing, teaching and sharing the Good News?**

FAQ's about teaching Sunday School:

- "How much prep time is involved?" 30-45 minutes to read the lesson and gather supplies.
- "How often do I teach?" Ideally, we would like a teacher to teach once a month, however, we are flexible.
- "What if I don't have kids that age?" GREAT! We love when other generations help pass the faith to the next.
- "I don't have teaching experience." No worries! We have TRAINING. We will train you, support you, help you and pray for you. You could also shadow a current teacher to gain experience. The #1 qualification is that you have a servant's heart and love Jesus. Lessons are sent via email at the beginning of the week with support/tips.

The lessons are VERY easy to use with many options to choose from. We have excellent resources (maps, posters, puzzles, books, puppets, etc.), a fully stocked supply closet and great kids. **Please contact Pastor Tom at trice@wpcnow.org.**