
16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 17, 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 C – Sue Funk, John Smith, Captains
Carillon: Shine Robison **Audio:** Andrew DeWeese
Video/Livestream: Emerson Greuling, Russ Nagy, Bill Yost

*The flowers on the chancel are given to the glory of God
by Dorie-Ellen & family in loving memory of Mark Eisenman*

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 17, 2023 – 10:00 AM



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

** Please rise in body or spirit.*

WELCOME & RENEWAL OF THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH Rev. Dr. Tim McQuade
INVITATION TO MISSION & DISCIPLESHIP *(Please sign & pass the Friendship Pads)*
MOMENT FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
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 *"Rejoice the Lord Is King"* arr. Lloyd Larson

THE CELEBRATION RINGERS

Jennifer Fry, director

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

OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: Our Lord takes us seriously;

People: and listens to our questions.

Leader: Our Savior walks alongside us;

People: and shares our journeys

Leader: Our God surprises us and blesses us;

People: and fills us with wonder. Let us worship God!

*** HYMN #619** *"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"*

LAUDA ANIMA

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

O Lord, your commandment is clear: Love. Love one another.

Owe one another nothing but love. We confess we have fallen short,
causing harm to others through careless action and thoughtless inaction.

Forgive us, Lord. Help us love and support one another in our journeys of faith. Help us enjoy and glorify you together. In Jesus' name, 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 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 his/her classroom.

Classroom Locations:

- *Preschool (ages 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: Youth Room*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pete Barnhart

FIRST READING

Ephesians 4:1-7 (The Message)

In light of all this, here's what I want you to do. While I'm locked up here, a prisoner for the Master, I want you to get out there and walk—better yet, run!—on the road God called you to travel. I don't want any of you sitting around on your hands. I don't want anyone strolling off, down some path that goes nowhere. And mark that you do this with humility and discipline—not in fits and starts, but steadily, pouring yourselves out for

each other in acts of love, alert at noticing differences and quick at mending fences.

You were all called to travel on the same road and in the same direction, so stay together, both outwardly and inwardly. You have one Master, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who rules over all, works through all, and is present in all. Everything you are and think and do is permeated with Oneness. But that doesn't mean you should all look and speak and act the same. Out of the generosity of Christ, each of us is given our own gift.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Christ Be in My Waking

THE CHANCEL CHOIR

Russell Nagy, Interim Director

Stuart Townsend,

Larry Shackley

*Christ be in my waking,
As the sun is rising,
In my day of working,
With me every hour.
Christ be in my resting,
As the day is ending,
Calming and refreshing,
Watching through the night.*

*Christ be in my thinking,
And my understanding,
Guarding me from evil,
Walking in the light.
Christ be in my speaking,
Every word a blessing,
Pure and not deceiving,
Grace to all who hear.*

*Jesus, this is my devotion,
All my life to know You,
Every day to walk with You.
Savior, You're my deepest longing,
You're the One I live for,
Teach me, Lord, to walk with You.*

*Christ be in my gladness
For the joy of living,
Thankful for the goodness
Of the Father's hand.
Christ be in my sorrow,
In my day of darkness,
Knowing that I follow
In the steps He trod.*

*Christ when hope has faded,
Nothing left to cling to,
Every pleasure jaded,
Every well is dry.
Christ the loving Shepherd
Draws me with His kindness,
Leads me from the desert
To the streams of life.*

SECOND READING

Psalm 121 (NRSV)

Rev. Dr. Tom Rice

I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Lessons from Bear Spray”

Dr. Rice

* HYMN #301

“Let Us Build a House”

TWO OAKS

(stanzas 1,2,3 and 5)

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Betsy 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

“Jesus Is All the World to Me”

arr. Mark Hayes

Dr. Stephen Jacoby, piano

* 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 #547 *"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"*

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* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION *WPC Benediction*

Russell Nagy

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.



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 Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
9:45am Nursery Care (Nursery)
10:00am Worship (Sanctuary)
10:15am Sunday School (Various Rooms)
11:00am Fellowship (Front Lawn)

GROOMING SUPPLIES DRIVE

We're collecting **5 items** through 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

Using the 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. This series runs through Oct. 1. Join us in Room 222 or Zoom at 9am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE | FIRST TUESDAY NIGHT MINISTRY

We are happy to announce that our all-ages Connections Night will start **Tuesday, Oct. 10 from 6-7:30pm**, will include dinner, and be held the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. More details will follow.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION | OCT 8

Session has called for a special meeting of the congregation for Sunday, October 8, for the purpose of electing Elders, Deacons and members of the nominating committee. The meeting will follow the 10am service.

REGISTER FOR FINAL LOMBARD WORKSHOP | SEPT 23

We move from theory to practical application of what we have been learning. We will focus upon specific recommendations for a healthier WPC. Please RSVP: 8:30am-1pm in Hazelton Hall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS NEEDED

We are filling volunteer positions for the 2023/24 Sunday school year. You do not need to be a Bible scholar to help with Sunday school! Lessons and materials are provided. Contact Pastor Tom if interested.

Y FAMILY CENTER DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED | SEPT 25

We will serve our homemade baked mac-n-cheese to approximately 100 homeless adults and children. **Donations from our congregation are needed to fulfill our mission.**

SCRIPTURE READER COORDINATOR

We are looking for a Worship & Arts committee secretary and a scripture reader coordinator. To learn more about the inner workings of worship at WPC, please contact Gregg Russell at kttcrussell@aol.com.

THANK YOU to more than 330 of you who took the time to update your member info last month. We will be contributing to **Worthington Resource Pantry** in the name of 5 individuals who were randomly selected in our drawing.

- **Vera Coniglio**
- **Yvonne Gustafson**
- **Dan Owens**
- **Irene Anderson**
- **David Wilson**

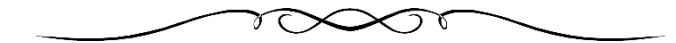
SABBATICAL STORIES: Lessons & Laughter from Assisi to Yellowstone | Oct 3 at 7pm - You are invited to enjoy photos and reflections by Pastor Tom regarding Clare and Francis of Assisi and why they are so important to Christians of all ages today.

Facing Loss, our **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**, meets the third Monday of the month, Sept 18, in the St. John's Atrium at 1pm. Ann Farley, grief counselor at Ganzhorn will be the presenter.

CHURCH OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED | SEPT 26 – 28 The office staff will be at a database training Sept 26 - 28 and we are looking for a few volunteers to help in 2-hour increments. Thank you!

HABITAT VOLUNTEER DAY | OCT 7 Come make a real difference in a family's life. We need 9 more volunteers. No experience needed! Come make a real difference in a family's life. We need 9 more volunteers.

SUPPORT OUR BSA SCOUT TROOPS | OCT 8 by purchasing popcorn after a worship service. Mark your calendars.



Visit wpcnow.org/announcements to sign up for an opportunity above.