
17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 24, 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 **TODAY** from 4:30 - 6:30pm. We'll reflect on what it means to follow Jesus, what makes someone a Presbyterian, and ways to grow in faith and in relationship with God. Please RSVP to Betsy Rice at brice@wpcnow.org.



NEW! Tuesday Nights Together (TNT) Our All-Church, All-Ages Ministry starts October 10 from 6 – 7:30pm. Please RSVP at bit.ly/wpctuesdaynights or by scanning the code so we can plan our first dinner together. We can't wait to see you there!

WORSHIP LEADERS

Ushers: **Team D – Doug Fell, Bob Harrington**, Captains
Carillon: **Linda Ranck** Audio: **Andrew DeWeese**
Video/Livestream: **Emerson Greuling, Russ Nagy, Bill Yost**
*The flowers on the chancel are given to the glory of God
by Joyce Blackmore in memory of Josiah Blackmore*

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
Bryon Irvin – Sunday Custodian
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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
SANCTUARY (IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM)
SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 – 10:00 AM



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

** Please rise in body or spirit.*

WELCOME & RENEWAL OF THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH Rev. Dr. Tom Rice
INVITATION TO MISSION & DISCIPLESHIP *(Please sign & pass the Friendship Pads)*
MOMENT FOR MISSION: Peace & Global Witness Offering Larry McDonald
MOMENT FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Melissa Robol
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 *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"* arr. Mark Hayes
IN MUSIC Dr. Stephen Jacoby, piano

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

OPENING SENTENCES Dr. Rice

Leader: Father, Son, Holy Spirit make your presence known in this place.

People: Through our worship, our prayer, the reading of your Word, and in the fellowship we shall enjoy, may God be praised!

Leader: Let us worship God!

*** HYMN #263** *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"* CORONATION

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

Gracious Heavenly Father, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts you have poured into our lives more than you the giver. In your mercy, help us to see that all the things we desire are passing shadows. We seek your forgiveness

through Jesus Christ. Accept his worthiness for our unworthiness, his sinlessness for our transgressions, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his righteousness for our dead works, his death for our life. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

(A brief 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 (*Stanza 1 from Hymn # 582*)

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 Betsy

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 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

Deanna Olson

FIRST READING

Psalm 145:1-8 (NIV1984)

I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever. Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts. They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works. They will tell of the power of your awesome works, and I will proclaim your great deeds. They

will celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness. The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

A Jubilant Song

THE CHANCEL CHOIR
Russell Nagy, Interim Director

*Sing to the Lord a jubilant song. Sing to the Lord a jubilant song.
Rejoice and sing and let the earth be glad, let the heavens be filled with joy, and
a jubilant song.*

*Sing alleluia to the Lord, alleluia.
Tell of His salvation from day to day. Shout His marvelous works among the
people. For great is the Lord, great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.*

*Sing to the Lord a jubilant song. Sing to the Lord a jubilant song.
Rejoice and sing and let the earth be glad, let the heavens be filled with joy, and
a jubilant song.*

*Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were made, or the land and the sea were born,
From age to age you are God, and we pray for the coming of your Kingdom.
We shall rejoice, we shall be glad all the days of our lives.*

*Sing to the Lord a jubilant song. Sing to the Lord a jubilant song.
Rejoice and sing and let the earth be glad, let the heavens be filled with joy, and
a jubilant song.*

SECOND READING **Philippians 2:1-11 (NIV1984)** Rev. Dr. Tim McQuade

If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Healthiest Frame of Mind”

Dr. McQuade

* HYMN #215

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

WONDROUS LOVE

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

Wondrous Love

arr. Charles Callahan

* 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 #265 *"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"* DUKE STREET

* 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.

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS SPECIAL OFFERING | OCT 1

*The Peace and Global Witness Special Offering will be received next **Sunday, October 1** (World Communion Sunday). Twenty-five percent of our offering will go to support the ministry of our friend and mission partner, **Rev. Saman Perera** (who was with us in 2018), and the congregation he serves (Scots Kirk, Kandy in **Sri Lanka**). Our support will help feed families in need in Sri Lanka. You can give online through easytithe, or you can send a check to the church payable to WPC with the memo "Peace Special Offering." Thank you for your generous support.*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO ELECT LEADERS | OCT 8

WPC members are encouraged to attend the Special Congregational Meeting Sunday, Oct 8, at approximately 11am, following the Sanctuary worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect Ruling Elders, Deacons, and Nominating Committee members. Please watch for more details.

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 Fellowship / NNEMAP Breakdown (Hazelton Hall)
- 4:30pm Membership Seminar (Youth Room)
- 5:00pm Youth Mini Golf (Off-site)

LAST SUNDAY FOR GROOMING SUPPLIES

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.

Join us for the **NNEMAP BREAKDOWN** in Hazelton Hall after the Sanctuary service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOOKING FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER LEADERS

As fall nears we are planning for our annual Thanksgiving dinner project. If you are interested in learning the nuts and bolts of this project, please contact:

Dick Posey at 614-679-8201, **Marylou**

Posey at 614-679-7776 or **Pam Hume** at 614-668-0349 / humeps@yahoo.com

EVENTS

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.

CHRISTIAN LIFE CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

OCT 5 at 1pm Did you know that there are more than 60 stories and references about demon possession and exorcism in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke? The healing of a demoniac in Geraga illustrates how no physical, spiritual, or mental illness

can prevent us from experiencing the power of Jesus' saving grace. Dr. Tom Rice leads our discussion from 1-2 pm in Room 222 and by Zoom.

HABITAT VOLUNTEER DAY | OCT 7

8:30am – 3:30pm at 1262 Genessee Ave. in Columbus. Come make a real difference in a family's life. We need 7 more volunteers. Volunteers will need to go to the Habitat website below and set up an account. Once that is done, they can go to the Habitat volunteer hub and find October 7 and follow the directions for signing up. Contact Pastor Tom with questions.

Sign up to work:

habitatmidohio.volunteerhub.com/vv2/lp/nsp

Northside Partnership Website:

habitatmidohio.org/get-involved/nsp.html

NEW! MAKING SENSE OF THE BIBLE |

OCT 8 at 9am Who decided which books made it into the Bible and why? Is the Bible ever wrong? Pastor and author Adam Hamilton addresses these and other important questions leading us to deeper faith. Books for this series are now in the church office.

WELCOME BRUNCH | OCT 8

Following the congregational meeting, we are hosting a brunch in Hazelton Hall. This is an opportunity for WPC members to break bread with visitors, especially those from Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church, who have been worshiping with us since their church closed in June. If you plan to attend, please RSVP. You can call Shana at 614-885-5355.

SUPPORT OUR BSA TROOPS | OCT 8

Purchase popcorn after a worship service!

COAT & BLANKET DRIVE | OCT 8 & 15



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