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# 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## October 8, 2023



**WORTHINGTON  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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

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## TODAY: OCT 8

- 8:00am Religious Studies (Zoom)
- 8:00am Worship (Chapel)
- 9:00am Making Sense of the Bible (Rm 222/Zoom)
- 9:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 9:45am Nursery Care (Nursery)
- 10:00am Worship (Sanctuary/Livestream)
- 10:15am Sunday School (Various Rooms)
- 11:00am Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 11:15am Welcome Brunch (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:15am Youth Worship Team Practice (Sanctuary)
- 7:30pm Small Group Meeting (Rm 111/Zoom)

**COAT & BLANKET DRIVE TODAY** We are collecting coats and blankets for the Guadalupe Center, a ministry to individuals & families in need in West Columbus through Oct. 15. Coats may be donated from your closet or purchased new or second-hand at Volunteers of America, Goodwill or Three Bags Full Consignment Sales.

**MAKING SENSE OF THE BIBLE** | 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 6-week series are in the church office.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO ELECT LEADERS**  
Following the Sanctuary worship service, we'll be electing Ruling Elders, Deacons, and Nominating Committee members.

**WELCOME BRUNCH** | Following the congregational meeting, we are hosting a brunch in Fellowship Hall for WPC members to break bread with visitors and new members, especially those from Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church. WPC is not funding this gathering. To help with this meal, please contact Pam Hume at 614-668-0349 or [humepps@yahoo.com](mailto:humepps@yahoo.com) or Marylou Posey at 614-679-7776.

**SUPPORT OUR BSA TROOPS BY PURCHASING POPCORN TODAY** | **After both services** We can offer camping, merit badge work, and exciting experiences thanks to the great support we get from this community during our largest fundraiser of the year! We will have popcorn on hand and can accept checks, cash, and credit cards!

## EVENTS

### TUESDAY NIGHTS TOGETHER | OCT 10 at 6pm

Our first 'Tuesday Nights Together' begins this week at 6pm. Please RSVP and help us plan for you. We already have more than 70 people registered – help us get to 100! See the back of your bulletin for more details.

### BLOOD DRIVE | Oct 9 at 11:30am - 5pm WPC

partners with the American Red Cross to hold blood drives throughout the year here at the church. Walk-ins are welcome or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)

### PRESCHOOL PARENTS GATHERINGS ARE BACK |

**Oct 10 & Oct 24 at 9am in the Nursery** It's HARD to be the parent of a preschooler! Screentime, discipline, potty training—the list goes on. You're not alone! Dr. Yvonne Gustafson (an expert on early childhood development) has been meeting with our WPPS parents for years, providing wisdom, fellowship and support. Come enjoy coffee and fellowship. Please RSVP.

### THANKSGIVING MISSION PROJECT SCHEDULE:

Monetary donations will be collected Oct 15, Oct 22, Oct 29, Nov 12, Nov 19. Please designate THANKSGIVING on your check.

- Nov. 18 - Potatoes / fruit bagged
- Nov. 19 - Set up tables / boxes
- Nov. 20 - Pack boxes with food
- Nov. 21 - Deliver 252 meals to schools

### TRUNK OR TREAT RETURNS | Friday, Oct 27 at

**6pm** WPC will be hosting our annual "Trunk or Treat" Friday. All are invited to donate candy, decorate a trunk, or participate in the fun! Please sign up if you can donate candy or decorate a trunk. Hot dogs, chips, and a drink will be provided to participants. Scan the code to sign up or visit [bit.ly/wpctrunks](http://bit.ly/wpctrunks)



### SAVE THE DATES:

- **Thursday, Oct 26** - Open House for Montana de Luz Mission Trip (in Honduras)
- **Sunday, Oct 29** - Pledge Commitment /Lombard Reconciliation Sunday

See an event listed here, but no sign up? Visit [wpcnow.org/announcements](http://wpcnow.org/announcements) for more detail.

**19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
SANCTUARY (IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM)  
**OCTOBER 8, 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: Thanksgiving Boxes** Marylou Posey and Pam Hume  
**MOMENT FOR GENEROSITY** 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 IN MUSIC** *Chaconne in g* Louis Couperin  
Dr. Stephen Jacoby, organist  
*The music is a call to open one's spirit to God's presence in our midst.*

**OPENING SENTENCES** *(Psalm 100:1-4)*

**Leader:** Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

**People:** **Worship the LORD with gladness; come before God with joyful songs.**

**Leader:** Know that the LORD is God. It is God who made us, and we are his; we are God's people, the sheep of his pasture.

**People:** **Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to God and praise his name**

**Leader:** For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; God's faithfulness continues through all generations. Let us Worship God!

**\* HYMN # 318**

*"In Christ There is No East or West"*

ST. PETER

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

Dear Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before you and confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as though there were no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to You. For these things we ask your forgiveness and we also ask for your grace and strength. Please give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to You in our world. Remind us to be who You have redeemed us to be. Hold us to You and build our relationship with You and with those whom You have given us on earth. We pray this 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.*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Elder Anne Krieger and Rev. Betsy Rice

*We welcome new members Sophina, John, and Sidonie*

UNISON PRAYER

Holy God, thank you for calling us to be your people and joining us to Christ's body, the church. We praise you for leading Sophina, John, and Sidonie to this congregation. Empower us by your Spirit, that we might love one another as Christ loved us, honoring him in all that we say and do, giving our lives in service to others, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

# PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

## MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

Pastor Tom

*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 1<sup>st</sup> grade: **Room 112**; 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade: **Room 111**; 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade: **Room 222**; 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade: **Youth Room***

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Don Anderson

## FIRST READING            **Matthew 12:46-50 (NIV1984)**

While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him. Someone told him, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you."

He replied to him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" Pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

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

## ANTHEM

### *Be Still, My Soul*

Setting by Craig Courtney

THE CHANCEL CHOIR

Russell Nagy, Interim Director

Be still, my soul: The Lord is on your side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Leave to your God to order and provide;  
In ev'ry change God faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake  
To guide the future as in ages past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;

All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: The waves and winds still know  
The Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: The hour is hast'ning on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord,  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: When change and tears are past,  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

**SECOND READING**

**1 Peter 3:8-9 (NIV1984)**

Rev. Dr. Tim McQuade

Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**

*"In Christ's Name, We Connect"*

Dr. McQuade

**\* HYMN # 311**

*"Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather"*

TOKYO

**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**

*"I Love to Tell the Story"*

arr. Charles W. Ore

**\* DOXOLOGY #606**

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom 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](http://www.easytithe.com/wpcgive).*

# GOING IN GOD'S NAME

\* HYMN # 306

*“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”*

DENNIS

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Te Deum*

16c. anon. French

*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.*

*Please stay for the congregational meeting following the worship service.*



## WORSHIP LEADERS

Ushers: **Team A – Dan Foley, Gregg Russell, Captains**

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 Judy Furnas in memory of Ken and Claudia Wilkinson*



## 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

**Tiffany Ramos** – Nursery Caregiver

# TUESDAY

*Nights*

# TOGETHER

STARTING: **10** OCTOBER  
2023

Every 2<sup>th</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month

6:00pm Opening - Prayer & Dinner in Fellowship Hall

6:30pm Ministry Time (Split into Children's, Youth, and Adult Activities)

7:20pm Closing - Prayer and Benediction in the Sanctuary

7:30pm End of the Night

Please visit [wpcnow.org](http://wpcnow.org) to RSVP