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

## October 15, 2023



**WORTHINGTON  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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

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WELCOME TO WORTHINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## IN CHRIST'S LOVE, WE CONNECT, SERVE, AND TRANSFORM

WPC has worshiped together in the Worthington community since 1805. We welcome all who seek faith, hope, and joy in the Lord Jesus Christ. Today's sermon is part of a series focused on our mission statement. To view last week's sermon, "*In Christ's Love, We Connect*," visit our YouTube Channel or [wpcnow.org/october-services](http://wpcnow.org/october-services).

### UPCOMING WORSHIP:

**Oct. 22:** "*In Christ's Love, We Connect, Serve, and Transform*" by Dr. Tim McQuade and the Youth Worship Team returns.

**Oct 29:** "*Partnership In The Gospel*" by Rev. Jay Wittmeyer and Pledge Commitment Sunday. Pledge cards have been mailed. Please return them to church or submit a confidential pledge at [wpcnow.org/pledging](http://wpcnow.org/pledging).



**Nov 5:** Third Graders receive their Bibles / All Saints' Sunday. We want to make this an exciting day as they receive their own Bibles (see announcements). We also invite you to visit the Columbarium to celebrate the resurrection of those saints who have gone on before us to eternal life.

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### WORSHIP LEADERS

Ushers: **Team B – Bob Freed, Jordan Quickel**, Captains

Carillon: **Shine Robison** Audio: **Andrew DeWeese**

Video/Livestream: **Emerson Greuling, Russ Nagy, Bill Yost**

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God by Carol and Eric Sterbenz in memory of Earle Mead, Dennis Chrobak & Phillip Chrobak*

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### 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

**Annie Barner** – Interim Coordinator of Children's 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

**20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
SANCTUARY (IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM)  
**OCTOBER 15, 2023 – 10:00 AM**



**WORTHINGTON**  
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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 GENEROSITY:**

Taylor Surface

**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**

**“Amazing Grace”**

arr. Lloyd Larson

THE CELEBRATION RINGERS

Jennifer Fry, Director

*In memory of WPC member and Celebration Ringer  
Marietta Brits (1947 – 2023).*

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

**OPENING SENTENCES**

**Leader:** Sharing stories, sharing food;

**People:** **This is our life.**

**Leader:** Sharing wisdom, sharing hope;

**People:** **This is our truth**

**Leader:** Sharing laughter, sharing pain;

**People:** **This is our way.**

**Leader:** We are servants of our Living Lord;

**People:** **Let us worship God!**

**\* HYMN # 268**

**“Crown Him with Many Crowns”**

DIADEMATA

## \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have done something different. If we had known if was you, Lord, we would have given you food. If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have taken you in. If we had known it was you, Lord, we would not have passed you by. But we did. Too often we make excuses for not taking care of each other. We have ignored your commandments to love and care. We do not deserve forgiveness, but we ask for it anyway, amazed by the power of your grace. Help us change our ways. 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

Nick Robison and Annie Barner

*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: **Living Room**; Confirmation: **Youth Room***

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Linda Irwin - Soiu

**FIRST READING****Ephesians 2:8-10**

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM*****Create in Me a Clean Heart***

John Leavitt

THE CHANCEL CHOIR

Russell Nagy, Interim Director

*Create in me a clean heart, O God;**And renew a right spirit in me.**Cast me not away from your presence, Lord;**Take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**Restore to me the joy of Your salvation.**Grant a willing spirit to sustain me.**Create in me a clean heart, O God;**And renew a right spirit in me.**My lips, Lord, open,**And I will sing Your praise.**Alleluia, Amen.***SECOND READING****Matthew 25:31-46**

Rev. Dr. Tom Rice

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then

they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life.”

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

SERMON

*“At Your Service”*

Dr. Rice

WPC Mission Statement: *In Christ’s Love, We Connect, **SERVE**, and Transform*

\* HYMN # 726

*“Will You Come and Follow Me”*

KELVINGROVE

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dr. Tim McQuade

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

*Beecher*

arr. Dale Wood

\* 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](http://www.easytithe.com/wpcgive).*



## GOING IN GOD'S NAME

\* HYMN # 761      *“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”*

BEECHER

## \* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                                      *Diademata*                                      arr., Timothy Albrecht  
*We request that you remain seated during the postlude as it is the final “Amen” to our worship. Thank you.*

## UPCOMING SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

**THANKSGIVING DINNERS:** Join us in Fellowship Hall as we remember those we will feed. Our goal is for WPC volunteers to deliver 252 meals to Central Ohio families in need. We will be in Fellowship Hall after worship today, October 22, 29, Nov. 12, and 19 to receive financial donations for this ministry.

You may donate by check to WPC (memo: “Thanksgiving”) or you can use **EasyTithe** (link and QR code above). We estimate that each dinner will be about \$65, but we welcome ANY amount.

- Sunday, Nov.19, we’ll ask members to help carry in food after the 10am worship.
- Monday, Nov. 20, we’ll need help packing boxes with food.
- Tuesday, Nov. 21, we’ll need help to deliver 252 meals to local schools.

**LUNCHESES FOR THE HOMELESS:** Please pick up bags in the Fellowship Hall! Fill each with a large peanut butter sandwich, a bag of chips, a bag of cookies, a small container of applesauce, a juice box or Capri Sun, a piece of fruit, a napkin, and a plastic spoon. Lunches due **October 22**.

**COMMUNITY FRIENDSHIP DINNER | NOV 6 at 4:30pm** WPC provides a free meal for the community on the first Monday of each month. The dinner has operated as a drive-thru for several months, but it will become a sit-down meal in Fellowship Hall on Nov. 6. We will need some additional volunteers to help make things happen. Please contact Harry Pukay-Martin at [pukay-martin@columbus.rr.com](mailto:pukay-martin@columbus.rr.com) if you would like to help.

## TODAY

- 8:00am Religious Studies (Zoom)
- 8:00am Worship (Chapel)
- 8:00am Celebration Ringers Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 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)
- 10:15am Confirmation (Youth Room/Living Room)
- 11:00am Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:00am Youth Worship Team Practice (Sanctuary)

**LAST DAY FOR COAT DRIVE:** We are collecting coats and blankets for the Guadalupe Center, a ministry to individuals & families in need in West Columbus. Please place your donations in the bin in Fellowship Hall before noon.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our **NNEMAP** cupboard supplies are low and we are in need of flour, sugar, bottled water, dog & cat food, toilet paper, and personal hygiene items including dental items, razors, shampoo and feminine hygiene products. Please deposit any contributions into the NNEMAP bin in Fellowship Hall. Our next breakdown is **Oct. 22 at 11am**.

### OPEN HOUSE FOR MONTANA DE LUZ | OCT 26

For more than 20 years WPC has empowered families and children affected by HIV/AIDS in Honduras. To learn about this ministry, and to explore a WPC mission trip this summer, join us Thursday, Oct. 26 at 7pm at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Grandview Heights.

### THIRD GRADERS RECEIVE THEIR BIBLES | NOV 5

- At WPC, we take seriously our promise to nurture baptized children in the Christian life. We provide third graders their own personal copy of God's Word. You're invited to participate in this day:

- Please bring a Bible of YOUR own to worship on Nov 5 - if you mostly read the Bible on your phone, bring your phone!
- Visit Fellowship Hall after worship during October - the Bibles will be available for you

to help fill the inside covers or highlight favorite verses.

- If you are the family member of a 3rd grader, please contact Kate Lane at [kathryn.humphries@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.humphries@gmail.com) as soon as possible so we can be prepared to celebrate!

### TRUNK OR TREAT RETURNS |

**Friday, Oct 27 at 6pm** All are invited to donate candy, decorate a trunk, or participate in the fun on Friday, Oct 27! If you are decorating a trunk, we ask that you arrive by 5:30pm so the fun can begin at 6pm. Our goal is to have at least 32 trunks this year, so please spread the word! Scan the code to sign up or visit [bit.ly/wpctrunks](http://bit.ly/wpctrunks)



### PWU PRESENTS: HOW FAITH INSPIRES THE ART OF CODY F. MILLER | Nov 7 at 7pm

Cody F. Miller explores the word 'grace' as a mixed media artist with cut paper, printmaking techniques and paint. At the Columbus College of Art and Design Cody began looking at the village of people who cared for him after leaving home when he was 12 years old. His paintings often show people on a journey, navigating the interplay between light and darkness, as they find their way home. Cody's work has won numerous awards. Nov. 7 is election day, so be sure to vote early. Please join us!

### HOW HAS SELF-ADVOCACY LED TO CHANGES IN WOMEN'S LIVES?

You are invited to attend Christian Life's Bible study on how a woman, shamed by society because of a long-standing physical ailment, uses her faith to embolden her to seek Jesus' healing. What does Jesus' reaction tell us? Please join us Thursday, Nov. 2 at 1pm in Room 222 as Pastor Tom Rice leads our study. Coffee, tea and fellowship begin at 12:30pm.

**FACING LOSS** meets Oct 16 at 1pm in the St. John's Atrium. Please bring a poem, reading, or song that you have found helpful in processing your grief.

There is a meeting of the **USHER CAPTAINS** Oct 29 in Room 111 at 9am.