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# 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## October 22, 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, "*At Your Service*," visit our YouTube Channel or [wpcnow.org/october-services](http://wpcnow.org/october-services).

### UPCOMING WORSHIP:

- **Oct 29:** "*Partnership In The Gospel*" by Rev. Jay Wittmeyer. 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) or scan the QR code.
- **Nov 5:** "*The Malachi Principle*" by Dr. Tim McQuade. Third Graders receive their Bibles / All Saints' Sunday. We want to make this an exciting day as they receive their own Bibles (see back page). We also invite you to visit the Columbarium to celebrate the resurrection of those saints who have gone on before us to eternal life.



**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, Oct 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.

### PLEASE RSVP FOR TUESDAY NIGHTS TOGETHER

OCT 24

We had so much fun that we can't wait to get together again! Spaghetti is on the menu, and it's going to be a great time. Please RSVP, so we can make sure we have enough to go around. The fun starts at 6pm. You can RSVP on our website [wpcnow.org](http://wpcnow.org) or by scanning the code.



for all ages  
**TUESDAY  
Nights  
TOGETHER**  
2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month  
6 - 7:30pm

### DONATE CANDY OR DECORATE A TRUNK! 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!



**21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
SANCTUARY (IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM)  
**OCTOBER 22, 2023 – 10:00 AM**



**GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

*\* Please rise in body or spirit.*

**WELCOME & RENEWAL OF THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH** Nicholas Robison  
**INVITATION TO MISSION & DISCIPLESHIP** (*Please sign & pass the Friendship Pads*)  
**MOMENT FOR GENEROSITY** Chris Campbell  
**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** *Italian Hymn* arr. Roberta Rowland-Raybold  
Dr. Stephen Jacoby, organist  
*The music is a call to open one's spirit to God's presence in our midst.*

**OPENING SENTENCES (Psalm 95:1-3)**

**Leader:** Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**People:** Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

**Leader:** For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

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

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

**Almighty Father; we enter your presence confessing the things we try to conceal from you and the things we try to conceal from others. We confess the heartbreak, worry, and sorrow we have caused others. We confess that we have made it difficult for others to forgive us because of the hurt we have**

caused. There have been times we have made it easy for others to do wrong. We have not forgiven others as you have forgiven us. Lord, please have mercy and forgive us through Christ in whose name we pray.

(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.*

### *“Shout to the Lord”*

YOUTH WORSHIP TEAM  
Shine Robison, Director

#### **Verse 1**

*I will lift up my voice  
I will raise up my hands  
I will dance and I'll shout  
For I know Jesus lives  
Use my lips to give praise and I'll sing all  
my days  
I will worship the Lord of all the earth*

#### **Verse 2**

*God has lifted me up, up out of the pit  
He walks with me through the shadows  
of life  
Though I can't see it now  
I will cling onto faith  
That God always holds me in His hands*

#### **Verse 3**

*When I'm stuck on the path, and I'm lost  
all around  
My feet stumbling and I cannot quite  
catch the light  
I will listen for Your voice that steadies  
me through  
You are there  
You have always from the start*

#### **Chorus**

*So we will shout to the Lord  
Thank Him always  
Remember the things He has done  
Walk with us Spirit and guide our way  
home  
We look to Your ways always*

#### **Interlude**

*Whoah— oah*

# PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

## MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

Nicholas Robison

*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

Josh Bodnar

## FIRST READING

### Psalm 99:1-5 (NIV1984)

The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble; he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake. Great is the Lord in Zion; he is exalted over all the nations. Let them praise your great and awesome name-- he is holy. The King is mighty, he loves justice-- you have established equity; in Jacob you have done what is just and right. Exalt the Lord our God and worship at his footstool; he is holy.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## ANTHEM

### *Jubilate Deo*

Dale Wood

THE CHANCEL CHOIR  
Russell Nagy, Interim Director

*Sing to the Lord with a jubilant voice;  
Glory to God in the highest!  
O serve him with gladness, before him rejoice;  
Praise to the Lord in the highest!*

*O enter his gates with thanksgiving and praise;  
Glory to God in the highest!  
To honor his Name thankful voices we raise;  
Praise to the Lord in the highest!*

*The Lord is our God, our Creator, not we;  
Glory to God in the highest!  
The sheep of his pasture we ever shall be;  
Praise to the Lord in the highest!*

*For good is the Lord, and his mercy is sure;  
Glory to God in the highest!  
To all generations his truth shall endure;  
Glory to God! Glory to God!  
Praise to the Lord in the highest!*

## SECOND READING

## Romans 12:1-2 (NIV1984)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *"In Christ's Love, We Connect, Serve, and Transform"* Dr. McQuade

\* HYMN #434

*"Restore in Us, O God"*

BAYLOR

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*Andante con moto*

R. Vaughan Williams

\* 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 #720

*“Jesus Calls Us”*

GALILEE

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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.*



## WORSHIP LEADERS

Ushers: **Team C** – John Smith, Sue Funk, Captains  
Carillon: **Debb Wilson** Audio: **Andrew DeWeese**  
Video/Livestream: **Emerson Greuling, Russ Nagy, Bill Yost**

## YOUTH WORSHIP TEAM

Mentors: **Shine Wu Robison**: Keys, vocals;  
**Caitlyn MacKay**: Percussion; **Stephen Warner**: Voice

**Katie Becker** - bass guitar, vocals; **Ellie Turner** – keys; **Thomas Becker** – keys; **Tristan Arthur** - acoustic guitar; **Cohen Arthur** – percussion; **Eli Matchett** – percussion

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God by Vera Coniglio  
in honor of breast cancer awareness month*

## 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

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## TODAY

- 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)
- 10:15am Confirmation (Youth Room)
- 11:00am Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:00am NNEMAP Breakdown (Fellowship Hall)
- 2:00pm Pet Blessing (Village Green)

Sack lunches are due today. You can assist the Food Bank after worship. **Join us in Fellowship Hall after the 10am service** to breakdown bulk pantry items for **NNEMAP**. All ages are welcome to participate in the breakdown.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### REMINDER - YOUR 2024 PLEDGE

Please bring your completed pledge card to worship on Commitment Sunday, Oct. 29. You can also return it to the church office or complete it on our website at [wpcnow.org/pledging](http://wpcnow.org/pledging)

### ATTENTION SCRIPTURE READERS

A SignUpGenius with dates has been published for you to sign up to read into 2024. If you have trouble navigating it, please contact the church at 614-885-5355, and we can sign you up. Please limit sign ups to about once every 3 months to allow all who may want to read a chance. Thank you for your service of reading scripture to the congregation at the 10am service.

### 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 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) ASAP so we can be prepared to celebrate!

### 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!

### FALL YOUTH RETREAT: CAMP AKITA NOV 18-19

We are excited to be heading back to Camp Akita this year, to make new friends and learn more about God. This is a trip with all the churches in the Presbytery, giving our youth an opportunity to bond with other Presbyterian teens throughout the state. Contact Nick Robison at [nrobison@wpcnow.org](mailto:nrobison@wpcnow.org) with questions or to register.

### BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES:

**Making Sense of the Bible** | 9am in Room 222 or Zoom

**Christian Life Circle** | 1pm, Thursday, Nov 2 in Room 222 - You are invited to attend Christian Life's Bible study on how a women, 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? How has self-advocacy led to changes in women's lives today and in the past? Coffee, tea and fellowship begin at 12:30pm.

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