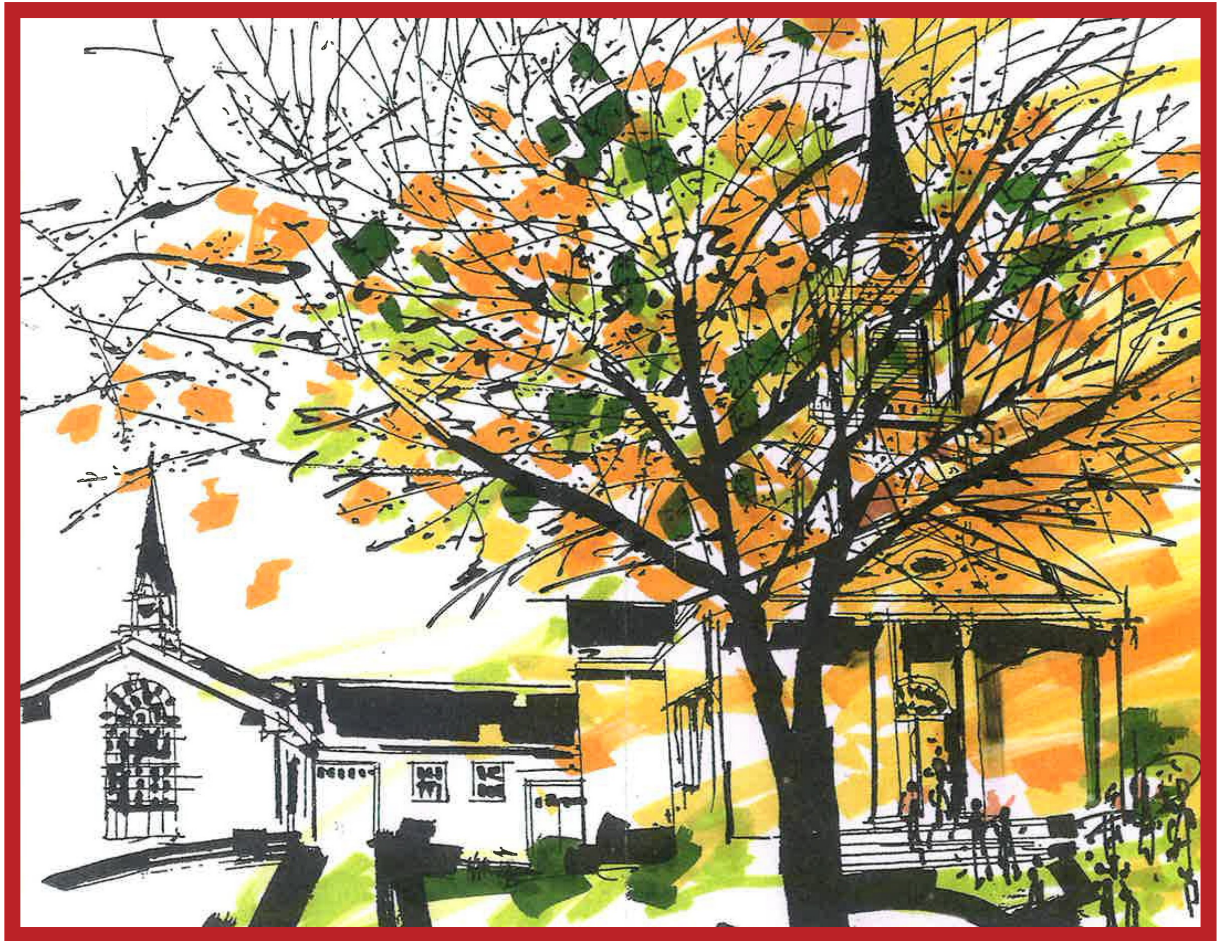


# COMMITMENT SUNDAY

## October 29, 2023



**WORTHINGTON**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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

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.

### WELCOME, REV. JAY WITTMAYER



Jay Wittmeyer is the executive director of the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center, which he joined on January 15, 2020. Wittmeyer had previously served with LMPC from 2004 to 2006. He is an ordained minister through the Illinois-Wisconsin District of the Church of the Brethren. His career focus has been on organizational capacity building and has spent many years in international faith-based contexts.

### NEXT SUNDAY: *"The Malachi Principle"* by Dr. Tim McQuade

- **Third Graders receive their Bibles** - We want to make this an exciting day (see announcements for ways to help).
- **All Saints' Sunday** - We invite you to visit the Columbarium, which will be decorated with white bows, to celebrate the resurrection of those saints who have gone on before us to eternal life.

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### 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 chancel flowers are given to the glory of God  
by Abby, John, & Pam Galipault in memory of John Galipault*

### 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 for Children's Ministries  
**Russ Nagy** – Interim Director of Music  
**Dr. Stephen Jacoby** – Organist  
**Melissa Robol** – Chapel Pianist

**COMMITMENT SUNDAY**  
**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
SANCTUARY (IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM)  
**OCTOBER 29, 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)*

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Congregation: 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** *Lobe den Herren* arr. Franklin D. Ashdown

Dr. Stephen Jacoby, organ

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

**OPENING SENTENCES** (Revelation 15:3-4)

Leader: Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God, the Almighty!

Congregation: **Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!**

Leader: Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name?

Congregation: **For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you,**

Leader: For your righteous acts have been revealed. Let us worship God.

**\*HYMN #35** *"Praise Ye the Lord, The Almighty"* LOBE DEN HERREN

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

Heavenly Father, we know you are compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in loving kindness. We are thankful you have not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. Please forgive our self-righteous attitudes and our refusal to forgive the offenses of others as deeply as you have forgiven us. We know that as far as the east is

from the west, so far have you removed our transgressions from us. Help us to live this forgiveness toward others. Lord, please have mercy and forgive us through Christ in whose name we pray. 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

Dr. Jacoby

*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 from their 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

Shine Robison

### FIRST READING II Corinthians 5:16-21 (NIV1984)

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be

reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

*“Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All”*

Larry Shackley

THE CHANCEL CHOIR  
Russell Nagy, Interim Director  
Anna Kasunick, flute

Jesus, my Lord, my God, my All,  
Hear me, blest Savior, when I call;  
Hear me, and from Your dwelling place,  
Pour down the riches of Your grace.

*Jesus, my Lord, I do adore,  
O help me love You more and more.  
Jesus, my Lord, I do adore,  
O help me love You more and more.*

Jesus, too late for You I've sought,  
How can I love You as I ought?  
And how to praise Your matchless fame,  
The glorious beauty of your name?

Jesus, what did You find in me,  
That You have dealt so lovingly?  
How great the joy that You have brought,  
So far exceeding hope or thought!

Jesus, of You shall be my song,  
To You my heart and soul belong,  
All that I have is your alone,  
And You, blest Savior are my own.

*Jesus, my Lord, I do adore,  
O help me love You more and more.  
Jesus, my Lord, I do adore,  
O help me love You more and more.*

SECOND READING

**Philippians 1:1-6 (NIV1984)**

Rev. Jay Wittmeyer

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.<sup>3</sup> 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.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*“Partnership In The Gospel”*

Rev. Jay Wittmeyer

\*HYMN #761

*“Called as Partners in Christ's Service”*

BEECHER

# 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 PLEDGES, 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)*

OFFERTORY

*In Babilone*

arr. Michael Burkhardt

## \*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 PLEDGES, TITHES, AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Dr. Tim McQuade

*As part of our Generosity Campaign, we dedicate our pledges for the year 2024, as well as today's offerings. Information about pledging and giving is available at [wpcnow.org/pledging](http://wpcnow.org/pledging).*

## GOING IN GOD'S NAME

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION

*"Son of God, Eternal Savior"*

IN BABILONE

(see next page)

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Lobe den Herren*

arr. David Dahl

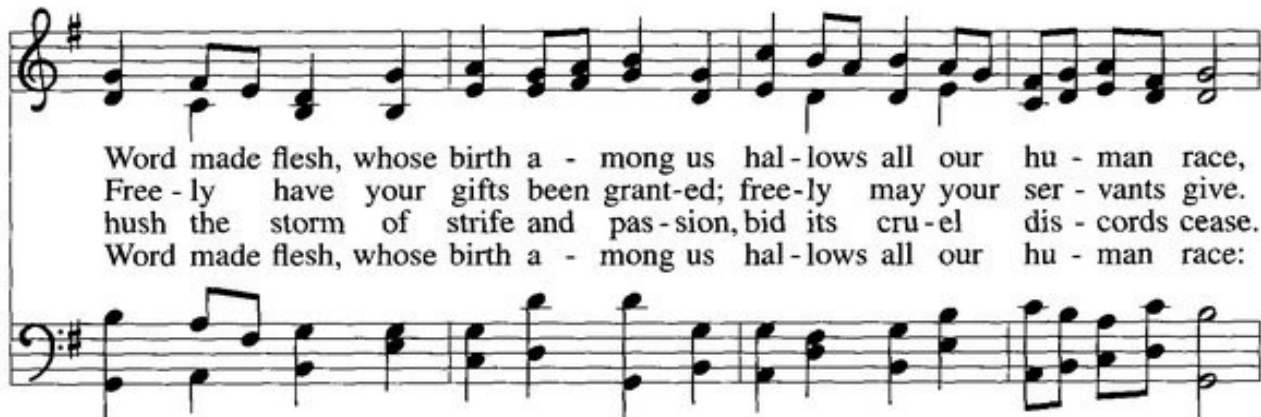
*We request that you remain seated during the postlude as it is the final "Amen" to our worship. Thank you.*

## Son of God, Eternal Savior

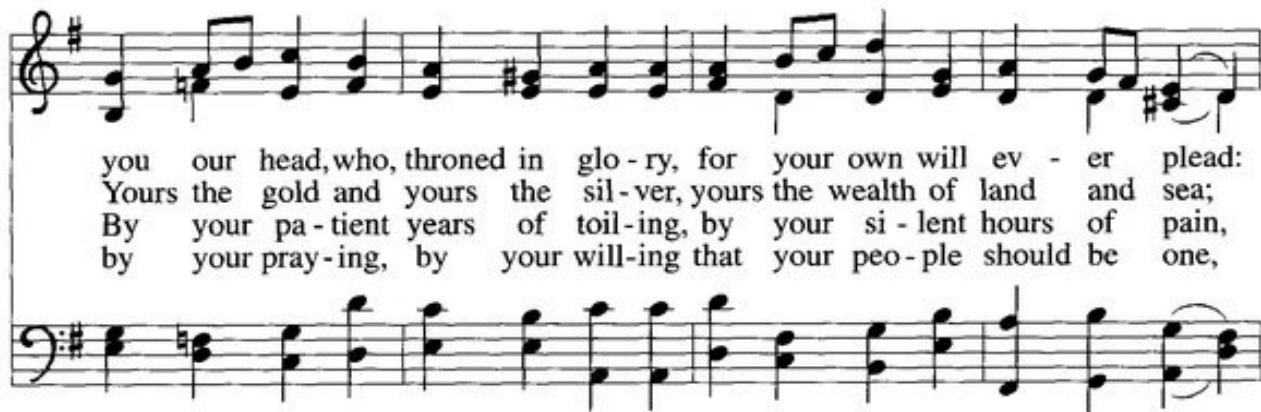
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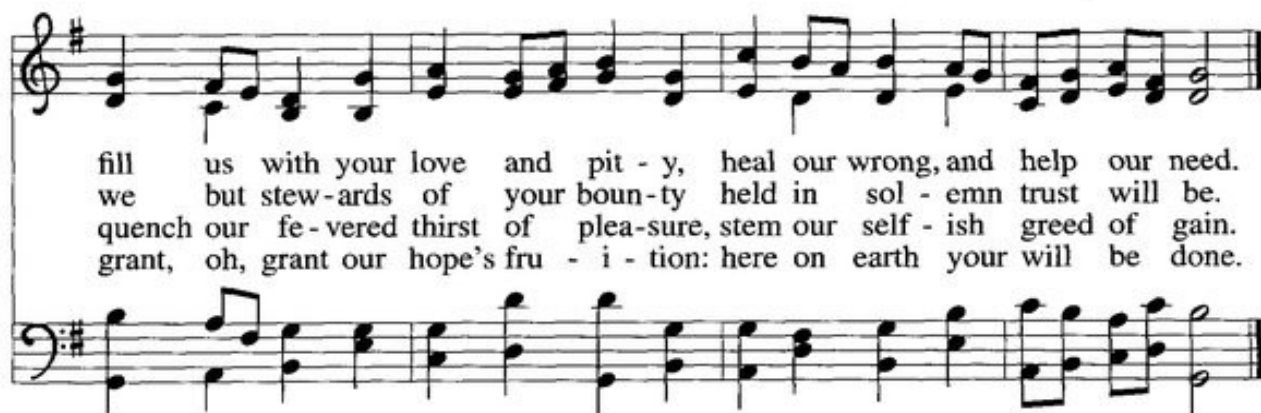
1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,  
 2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.  
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;  
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,  
 Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.  
 hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.  
 Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:  
 Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;  
 By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,  
 by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.  
 we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.  
 quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
 grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

## TODAY

- 8:00am Religious Studies (Zoom)
- 8:00am Worship (Chapel)
- 9:00am Making Sense of the Bible (Rm 222/Zoom)
- 9:00am Usher Captains Meeting (Rm 111)
- 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 Youth Worship Team Practice (Sanctuary)
- 5:00pm Youth Halloween Party (Youth Room)

**WE DEDICATE OUR PLEDGES** for 2024 in worship today. If you did not receive a Pledge packet and would like a card, you can visit our website at [wpcnow.org/pledging](http://wpcnow.org/pledging). To allow us to complete our Budget for 2024, please complete your pledge by November 30. *Thank you for your generosity.*

### IN FELLOWSHIP HALL TODAY

- Donations received for WPC's annual Thanksgiving Dinner mission.
- Bibles ready to be highlighted and signed with encouraging messages for third graders.

**WPC YOUTH:** Join us for another amazing Halloween Party! We'll be doing a Big Spooky Game, building Care Packages for our college students, having a costume contest, and more. The fun starts at 5pm.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THIRD GRADERS RECEIVE THEIR BIBLES NOV 5** - Please bring a Bible of YOUR own to worship next Sunday (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. Please contact Kate at [kathryn.humphries@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.humphries@gmail.com) ASAP if you have a third grader, so we can celebrate!

**YOUTH RETREAT AT CAMP AKITA NOV 18-19**  
We are excited to be heading back to Camp Akita this year. 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.

**HOW FAITH INSPIRES THE ART OF CODY F. MILLER** On Nov 7 at 7pm in Fellowship Hall, Cody F. Miller explores the word 'grace' as a mixed media artist. 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.

**FACING LOSS GROUP** will meet every other month at our two respective churches: St. John's Episcopal Church Atrium and WPC's Living Room on the third Monday of the month at 1pm. The next meeting is Nov. 20 at 1pm in WPC's Living Room.

### SAVE THE DATES:

- **November 14:** Next Tuesday Nights Together – *Taco Tuesday!*
- **December 3:** Advent Workshop; Hanging of the Chrismons

## MISSION

**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, Nov. 5, 12, and 19 to receive financial donations for this ministry. You may donate by check to WPC (memo: "Thanksgiving") or you can use EasyTithe. We estimate that each dinner will be about \$65, but we welcome ANY amount.



## ADULT EDUCATION

**CHRISTIAN LIFE CIRCLE** - You are invited to attend this study on Thursday Nov. 2 at 1pm in Room 222 on how a woman, shamed by society because of a long-standing physical ailment, uses her faith to embolden her to seek Jesus' healing. Coffee, tea and fellowship begin at 12:30pm.