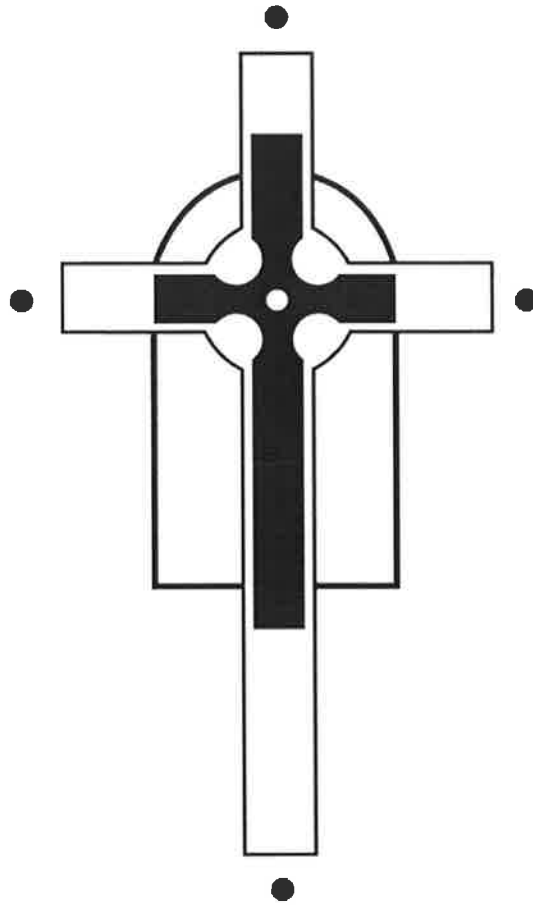


WORTHINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Presbyterian Church (USA)

Serving Christ in Community Since 1805



July 1, 2018
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m.

Worthington Presbyterian Church Statement of Vision

*In the service of Jesus Christ,
We are a dynamic, growing, regional congregation whose vision is
To love God; to nurture faith and spiritual growth;
And to welcome, embrace, and serve each other, the community beyond,
And a world we cannot yet imagine.*

Worthington Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 1, 2018

10:00 a.m.

* *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

*If you are inspired to snap a **photo** today, please share it with our
Communications Specialist at bnordquist@worthingtonpresbyterian.com.*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME AND RENEWAL OF THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Rev. Wayne Morrison

Invitation to Mission and Discipleship *(Please sign & pass the Friendship Pads.)*

* Passing of the Peace

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

All: **And also with you.**

Please stand and greet one another in the Peace of Christ.

Prayer requests may be shared via the Prayer Cards in the pew racks.

Please pass them to the center aisle. Ushers will pick them up after the Assurance of Forgiveness.

CALL TO WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

setting by Gilbert M. Martin

INVITATION: "Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal"

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

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE (from Psalm 98)

One: Shout to the Lord, you earth, break into song, into praise!

All: **Sing praise to God with a harp and sound of music.**

One: The Lord our God comes to rule the earth,

All: **Justly to rule the world, to govern the peoples aright.**

* HYMN #39

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful, Almighty God, you have blessed us with a land rich in resource and a nation founded in freedom. As we worship you today, we lift our hearts in confession for the ways we neglect these precious gifts. In our selfishness, we fail to count the cost of the natural resources. In our party divisions, we lose sight of the common good. Have mercy, O God, on the heart of this land and the soul of our nation. Help us amend what we are and direct what we shall be, so that as citizens we may build up this nation in liberty and justice, and as disciples we may build up the church in faithfulness to your Son, our Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

A moment for silent confession

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"The Kyrie"



Lord, have mer - cy u - pon us. Christ, have mer - cy u - pon us. Lord, have mer - cy u - on us.

*** ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

*** GLORIA**

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia glo - ry to the Lord. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia glo -
- ry to the Lord. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia glo - ry to the Lord. Al - le - lu - ia glo - ry to the Lord.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

Pastor Julia

After the Children's Message, children ages 4 years through 6th grade may go to the Chapel for a large group worship. We will sing, pray, listen to a story and a Bible verse. The children will return to the Sanctuary during the last hymn. 4-5-6th graders worship and receive communion with their families today.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Brittany Schuch

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 34:1-4, 10, 15-16

The word of the LORD came to me: Mortal, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel: prophesy, and say to them—to the shepherds: Thus says the Lord GOD: Ah, you shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fatlings; but you do not feed the sheep. You have not strengthened the weak, you have not healed the sick, you have not bound up the injured, you have not brought back the strayed, you have not sought the lost, but with force and harshness you have ruled them...

Thus says the Lord GOD, I am against the shepherds; and I will demand my sheep at their hand, and put a stop to their feeding the sheep; no longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, so that they may not be food for them...

I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

One: The Word of our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Thomas Dorsey/Jack Schrader

The Chancel Choir

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home. When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, when my life is almost gone; hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall; take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

One: The Word of our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Of the People, by the People, for the People" Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont

*** HYMN #340** "This Is My Song" FINLANDIA

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Rev. Wayne Morrison

(Online giving available anytime via our account with EasyTithe: text your offering dollar amount to 614-808-8580 or go to www.easytithe.com/wpcgive.)

Offertory "At the River" arr. Aaron Copland

Dennis Piermont, baritone

Shall we gather by the river where bright angels' feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God. Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful river. Gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God. Soon we'll reach the shining river; soon our pilgrimage will cease. Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. Yes, we'll gather by the river...

* Dedicatory Praise (Tune #607)

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures, here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

* Prayer of Dedication

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

All who put their trust in Christ are welcome to receive communion.

Please note: Gluten-free bread is placed in the center of each tray.

Grape juice is red, and wine is white.

Invitation and Sharing of Prayer Requests and Blessings

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

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GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*** HYMN FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY #337** "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" AMERICA
Stanzas 1, 3, and 4

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

We will follow, we will follow Jesus. We will follow, we will follow him.

We will follow, we will follow Jesus. We will follow Jesus where he leads us.

POSTLUDE

COMPLAINER: "Jerusalem the Golden"

setting by Gilbert M. Martin

The Postlude is the final Alleluia of our worship. You are invited to remain in silence. If you must leave before the end of the Postlude, please do so quietly in respect to the organist and those remaining to listen. Following worship, all are encouraged to enjoy a time of conversation and refreshment downstairs in the Hazelton Fellowship Hall.

Notes on Today's Music

Music in today's service offers a samplings of American contributions to our Christian witness. Please note descriptions of each hymn at the bottom of its page in the hymnal.

Prelude and Postlude: Arrangements of 19th century American folk hymns comprise the organ music for today. The prelude, INVITATION, was published in a collection called *The Olive Leaf* in 1878, while the postlude, COMPLAINER, is from the 1835 edition of *Southern Harmony*.

Anthem: When Thomas Dorsey (1899-1993) composed "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" in 1938 he was moved by the death of his wife and newborn son. He was remembering a black gospel tune which had been around since 1844.

Offertory: "Shall We Gather at the River" was written in the 19th century by American Baptist minister Robert Lowry. This setting by one of America's beloved 10th century composers, Aaron Copland (1900-1990), uses open, slowly changing harmonies in many of his compositions, typifying what many consider to be the sound of American music, evoking the vast American landscape and pioneer spirit.

WELCOME!

WE ARE GLAD THAT YOU ARE WORSHIPPING WITH US.

Welcome to Worthington Presbyterian Church. This congregation has worshiped together in the Worthington community since 1805 and has had a building at High Street and Dublin Granville Road since 1830. We welcome all who seek faith, hope, and joy in the Lord Jesus Christ.

*The flowers on the chancel are given to the glory of God by Peggy Foster
in memory of her parents Howard & Ethel Surbeck.*

SERVING US THIS MORNING

Audio: George Leonard

Carillon: Alice Miskell

Usher Team C: John & Marsha Smith and Sue Funk, Co-Captains; Peggy Albright, Elaine Christian, Mary & Scott Dahs, Debbie Dieringer, Tom & Kathy Hull, Dave LaHue, Bill Leiter, Connie Lewis, Mark Ranck, Matt Smith, Pete Wilkins

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

Prayers for comfort and strength for the family of Jane Bowers upon her death on June 22nd.

Prayers of thanksgiving for Stanton Ickes on his 90th birthday (June 27th) and
Doris Irmiter on her 96th birthday (June 24th).

Congratulations to Amanda LaHue and James Oxenham, who were married on June 1st
at St. Andrews Anglican Church in Lewis Center.

Prayers of joy for John and Winona Hamilton celebrating their 71st wedding anniversary (July 5th).

*Due to privacy laws regarding medical information, we are not always aware when someone is in need of pastoral care.
Please share joys, concerns and sorrows with Reverend Wayne Morrison at wmorrison@worthingtonpresbyterian.com.*

Those Serving Christ In Mission ~ Wesley Smith, (PC(USA) Volunteer in Mission, Atlanta)

Those Serving Our Country

<u>Army</u>	<u>Navy</u>	<u>Air Force</u>	<u>Marines</u>
Jeff Gibbons	Scott Testa	Cody Albright	Joseph Hempfling
Leighann Holcomb	Zach Wilson	Kelly Mason	
Nate Holcomb	Jacob T. Wixom	Robert Pukay-Martin	
Maura Stepanski			

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Bill Nordquist.....Communications Specialist *	Tommy Slappy, Jr.....Custodian *
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TODAY

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for **LEMONADE** after the 10:00 a.m. worship service for a special patriotic celebration.

You are invited to our 5:00 p.m. New Connections casual service in the Chapel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR OFFICE IN JULY. Due to special circumstances, the Church Office will be closed on Fridays in July. July office hours will be 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Thursday (except, of course, July 4th). Non-office staff will be keeping their normal schedules. Please make a note of it. Thank you.

Our **SUMMER CHOIR** meets each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary to practice the anthem for the 10:00 a.m. service. All are invited to join in sharing music that is beautiful. Copies of each anthem will be available one week ahead of time in the choir room. The anthem for **July 8th** will be "Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me" by K. Lee Scott.

Go to **COURT** with the **YAHAs** on Tuesday, **July 10th** at 9:00 a.m. Please join us for a look on the inside of our court system. We will have to go thru security checks. We will visit Municipal Judge Amy Salerno to hear misdemeanor cases in court room #13D at 375 South High Street. Then we will walk through a tunnel to the municipal court room #7B to visit with Common Pleas Judge Bill Woods (WPC member) to hear a possible possession/trafficking case. We will have lunch in the cafeteria on the 16th floor of the County Administration Building. If you leave the building for any reason, you will have to go thru security to re-enter. There is a sign-up sheet outside Fellowship Hall. We will leave the church by 8:30 a.m. Any questions call George and Cindy Leonard at 614-847-1260.

VACATION TIME...Come to **STAFFORD VILLAGE** (814 Hartford Street, Worthington) on Wednesday, **July 11th**, 1:00 p.m. for a "family" vacation....and all of us are one big family! In the 50's and 60's, we packed up the old station wagon and headed to our destination without cell phones, fast food joints, DVD players, etc. Bring along your memories, as well as any family vacation pictures you would like to share. Let's reminisce about the

good, bad, and (hopefully!) funny things that happened during these annual trips. Join WPC member Chris Togni for a wonderful program.

The **BRIDGE GROUP** will meet Friday, **July 20th** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Julie Johnson. Please call Julie at 614-885-9442 to reserve your place.

MISSION

LUNCHES 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 **July 22nd**.

NNEMAP FOOD PANTRY needs flour, coffee, sugar, salt, and 1-quart zip lock bags for our next breakdown event. Pantry needs include double rolls of toilet paper, canned meats and tuna, and any grooming item such as soap, toothpaste, shampoo, lotion, and feminine hygiene items. As always, any shelf stable food or grooming item is helpful. Please deposit any contributions into the wooden NNEMAP bin in the Fellowship Hall.

ADULT EDUCATION

Pastor Tom will lead a **BIBLE STUDY** in Room 222 on Sunday, July 8th at 9:00 a.m. We will be looking at the call of Moses in Exodus chapter 3 and what it means for us and our lives today. Are we "standing on holy ground" all of the time, but sometimes unaware?

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ICE CREAM SOCIAL, Sunday, **August 5th**. Please welcome the community to WPC's front lawn! Bring a fruit pie or home-baked dessert to the kitchen Sunday morning. Peach, cherry, or apple pies are the favorites. Come back at 6:00 p.m. for dessert and to enjoy the OSU Alumni Band at 7:00.

THANK YOU

Thank you to our group of amazing volunteers who served dinner to around 150 moms, dads, and kids at our June 5th **Y FAMILY CENTER** dinner hosting. Our next dinner hosting will be Monday, **July 23rd**.

This Week at WPC

SUNDAY, JULY 1

- 8:00 AM Worship & Communion, Dr. Piermont preaching, Chapel
- 8:45 AM Childcare: Infant & Toddler, Nursery
- 8:45 AM Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 AM Faith Seekers, Room 124
- 9:00 AM Religious Studies, "Living" Room
- 10:00 AM Worship & Communion, Dr. Piermont preaching, Sanctuary
- 10:15 AM Church School: Preschool - Grade 6, Chapel
- 11:00 AM Lemonade & NNEMAP Breakdown, Fellowship Hall
- 11:30 AM Monthly Worship & Communion Service, Rev. Morrison preaching, Chapel
- 5:00 PM New Connections Worship & Communion, Dr. Piermont preaching, Chapel

MONDAY, JULY 2

- 6:00 PM Community Friendship Dinner, Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, JULY 3

- 7:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry, "Living" Room

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY

Church Office Closed for Holiday

THURSDAY, JULY 5

- 9:00 AM Walking Group, Antrim

FRIDAY, JULY 6

Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, JULY 7

- 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast/Bible Study, Youth Room
- 8:00 AM Faith Runners, Antrim Park

SUNDAY, JULY 8

- 8:00 AM Worship & Communion, Dr. Rice preaching, Chapel
- 8:45 AM Childcare: Infant & Toddler, Nursery
- 9:00 AM Faith Seekers, Room 124
- 9:00 AM Religious Studies, "Living" Room
- 9:00 AM Word & Worship, Room 222
- 10:00 AM Worship and Commissioning the 2018 Montaña de Luz Mission Team, Dr. Rice preaching, Sanctuary
- 10:15 AM Church School: Preschool - Grade 6, Chapel
- 5:00 PM New Connections Worship, Dr. Rice preaching, Chapel