

WORTHINGTON

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY
DECEMBER 30, 2018
10:00 A.M.

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY First Sunday after Christmas Day

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* *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

Dr. Tom Rice

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

"He is Born"

Robert Powell

Carol Hofer, guest organist

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

OPENING SENTENCES

One: We are brought together by the call of God.

All: The One who has loved us from the beginning.

One: We are bound together by the presence of the Spirit.

All: The One who has challenged us to love more deeply.

One: We worship together in the name of Christ.

All: The One who was Love made flesh.

* CAROLS BY REQUEST

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we have seen the Christ child in the manger, and we know that you are a light to all people. Forgive us when our lives are not shaped by the Christmas story, when our hearts are not open to the leading of your spirit, when our hands are not open to help a neighbor in need. Speak your good news to us once more, forgive us, and bring us peace. 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 up-on us.

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

The Congregation’s Promise: **We, members of the Church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Audrey and Hunter by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of His church.**

(Baptized: Audrey Jane Keegan, daughter of Allison and Christopher Keegan,
and Hunter Michael Holzworth, son of Elizabeth and Chris Holzworth)

Congregation Singing:



Child of blessing, child of promise, Baptized with the Spirit's sign, With this wa-ter God has sealed you Un-to love and grace di-vine.

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

Pastor Tom

*After the Children’s Message, children will return to sit with their families.
Worship bags are available at each of the entry doors.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dan Rice

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, “May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD”; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the Lord and with the people.

One: The Word of our Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:41-52

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day’s journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, “Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.” He said to them, “Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

One: The Gospel of our Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

“Spending the Inheritance”

Rev. Betsy Rice

* HYMN #159

“O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”

KINGSFOLD

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing of Prayer Requests and Blessings

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (in unison)

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PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(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

“A Child Has Been Born”
(Flemish Carol)

Margrethe Hokanson

* 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

GOING IN GOD’S NAME

* HYMN #110

“Love Has Come”

BRING A TORCH

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Once He Came in Blessing”

Paul Manz

The Postlude is the final Alleluia of our worship. Please be respectful of fellow worshipers, who wish to listen, by refraining from conversation until the postlude concludes. Following worship, all are encouraged to enjoy a time of conversation and refreshment in the Hazelton Fellowship Hall.

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.



SERVING US THIS MORNING

Audio: George Leonard

Carillon: Sue Rapier

Usher Team D: Jeff White and Bob Harrington, Co-Captains; Steve Burk, Robyn Caples, Doug Haddix, Susan Hershberger, Milo Hilty, Rex Lynne, Brent Mulgrew, Mike & Debbie Murphy, Bill Woods

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

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.

Prayers of continued healing for Joyce Evans and Tom Hull.

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			

MINISTRY DIRECTORY

Rev. Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont, Senior Pastor
Rev. Betsy Rice, Pastor for Member Ministries
Dr. David Rives, Director of Music
Dr. Stephen Jacoby, Organist
Melissa Robol, Pianist for Chapel Service

Rev. Dr. Thomas Rice, Pastor for Discipleship
Rev. Wayne Morrison, Parish Associate for Visitation
Jenni Whitford, Director for Children's Ministry
A full staff directory may be found on our website.

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Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Friday: 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

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We are a Stephen Ministry congregation. For more information, please contact Rev. Betsy Rice at brice@worthingtonpresbyterian.com.

TODAY

WORSHIP BAGS FOR CHILDREN who will be staying in worship this morning: A worship bag with children's materials is available at each entrance for children today.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE the baptisms of **Audrey Jane Keegan**, daughter of Allison Riddle Keegan and Christopher Charles Keegan and **Hunter Michael Holzworth**, son of Elizabeth Alesi Holzworth and Christopher Michael Holzworth.

JOIN US IN FELLOWSHIP HALL AFTER WORSHIP THIS MORNING for refreshments and fellowship.

If you requested 2019 **GIVING ENVELOPES**, they are in the Fellowship Hall on a table. If you didn't request envelopes but would like them, please contact Jenny Farber at 614-885-5355 or jfarber@worthingtonpresbyterian.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONTRIBUTIONS REMINDER: All offerings for 2018 must be postmarked by **December 31, 2018** to be considered a contribution for 2018.

PLEDGES for 2019 are coming in steadily—thank you very much to the families who submitted their giving commitment for 2019. For the strength of our congregation, it is important that as many members as possible participate. If you have not submitted yours yet, please do so as soon as possible. Pledge cards are available in the pew racks or the church office—your pledge helps the Session plan responsibly for the coming year. Thank you, and may you learn the blessing of the **“Generations of Generosity.”**

NEW! JANUARY SERMON SERIES – Gospel Shorthand: The Christian Journey in 13 Words. Dr. Piermont has created this series to offer an “elevator speech” of sorts on what it means to be a Christian, a shorthand way to remember the basics of who we are and what we aim to be as Christian disciples, as well as a way to engage in positive, “unchurchy” conversation about your faith journey with non-Christian co-workers and friends. Begin your new year with this faith-renewing opportunity, set for **January 6th, 13th, and 20th.**

WPC YOUTH GROUP: On Sunday, **January 6th**, 6-8 pm, we have our New Year's Blowout Bash! Join us for City Barbecue, Cookie Decorating,

Karaoke, and more! We are better together--come enjoy faith and fellowship.

WORTHINGTON CARES SPEAKER SERIES Wednesday, January 9th at Worthington Kilbourne High School: Dinner: 6–6:30 p.m.; Keynote & Youth Activities: 6:45–8 p.m. Back by popular demand, Ty Sells will help clear the air about the smoke screen and myths associated with smoking marijuana. A conversation that is free of preaching and politics, but full of the relevant facts to assist adults, parents and youth in making their own healthier decisions.

Would you like to know more about Worthington Presbyterian Church? Please come to the **MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR**, 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. on Sundays, **January 13th, 20th and 27th**. We will reflect on what it means to follow Jesus, what makes someone a Presbyterian, and ways to grow in faith and in relationship with God. Those who choose to join the church will be received on February 10th. If you have any questions, please contact Betsy Rice at brice@worthingtonpresbyterian.com or Lori at lsheppard@worthingtonpresbyterian.com.

STAFFORD VILLAGE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: Join us on Sunday, **January 13th**, at 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel, as we meet with George Tabit, Vice President of Senior Housing Development for National Church Residences and get an update on the plans to raze and rebuild Stafford Village.

Come and **PLAY BRIDGE** at the home of Howard and Doris Moye on Friday, **January 18th** at 1:30 pm. Call 614-889-2385 to reserve a seat.

YAHAS: Mark your calendar! On Sunday, **January 27th**, 6-8 p.m., we're joining the WPC Youth Group for a potluck dinner and intergenerational trivia contest. Come, build relationships across the generations!

ADULT EDUCATION

LOVE IS NOT A MYSTERY: Romantic love is not a mystery anymore! WPC member and psychologist **Colby Srsic, PhD.** will lead identical programs on Sunday, **January 6th** and Sunday **January 13th** at 9 a.m. in Room 222. Come find out what we now know about the science of love to better appreciate and nurture your relationship and get a brief overview of the Created for Connection Program for Couples (see below).

CREATED FOR CONNECTION: Colby Srsic, PhD., will lead a 6-week program for couples designed to help create stronger, more secure

relationships not only between partners, but between us and God. This program is for anyone wanting to further appreciate and grow their relationship with a significant other. On Wednesdays, **January 23rd to February 27th**, 6:30-8:30 p.m., with dinner and childcare provided). RSVP by **January 16th** to srsic.1@gmail.com.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING: Come on **Tuesday, January 15th at 7:00 p.m.** to Room 124 for an informational meeting about our next **mission trip to Montaña de Luz**, the orphanage we support in Honduras for children affected by HIV/AIDS. Our trip will be June 12-19.

MISSION

We invite you to donate any mittens, gloves, hats and/or scarves to our **MITTEN TREE** until **December 31st**. The Mary Lou Paton/Emma McCormick Mitten tree is in Fellowship Hall waiting to be decorated! Items are needed for children and adults in Central Ohio. Presbyterian Women United thanks you in advance for your kind contributions.

MISSION TRIP FOR HURRICANE RECOVERY on **February 3rd-9th**, an extraordinary opportunity to be the first group to go to Panama City, Florida and prepare the way for future mission teams! We need 12-15 men from WPC, serving together with 25 men from Miami Valley Presbytery (it's an all-male group because there is only one functional lodge right now). Randy Bell, Richard Birnie, Larry Case, Dan Foley, Brent Mulgrew, Mike Murphy, and Paul Wilcox are all planning on going and would be glad to talk to you about details. A deposit of \$75 is due to Pastor Tom by **January 4th**. Cost is \$250 per person. Scholarships are available.

NNEMAP needs donations of sugar, coffee, flour, salt, diapers (size 5/6), feminine hygiene products, and any canned food items.

THANK YOU

We had a lovely turn-out for our annual Reading Day at **SALEM ELEMENTARY**. Thank you to all the Friends of Salem volunteers and also to the WPC members who came out to read with the kids. The kids and their teachers loved their books and especially the time you all spent with them! A special thank you goes to Jenni Whitford, who goes to Salem every week to read with a whole group of kids, and to Tom Rice for joining us for every Reading Day.

We had an anonymous book donation of around 50 wonderful books for **SALEM ELEMENTARY**. To the person who brought the books to the office, thank you!

Church Activities This Week at WPC

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

- 10:00 AM One Service Sunday, Rev. Betsy Rice Preaching, Sanctuary
No Children's Sunday School ~ Worship bags are available
11:00 AM Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1

New Year's Day...Church Office Holiday

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

- 6:00 PM Nominating Committee, Room 222
6:30 PM Celebration Ringers, Sanctuary

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

- 7:45 AM Personnel, Room 111
12:00 PM Tower Tidings Deadline
6:15 PM Thursday Small Group, "Living" Room
7:30 PM Chancel Choir, Sanctuary, Choir Room

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

- 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study, Youth Room

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

- 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 Confirmation Class, Youth Room
9:00 AM Love Is Not a Mystery, Room 222
9:00 AM Religious Studies, "Living" Room
10:00 AM Worship & Communion, **Officer Ordination/Installation**, Dr. Piermont,
Sanctuary
10:15 AM Church School: Preschool - Grade 6, Chapel, 111, 112, 113, 222
11:00 AM Coffee Hour & NNEMAP Breakdown, Fellowship Hall
11:30 AM Monthly Worship & Communion, Rev. Wayne Morrison Preaching, Chapel
5:00 PM New Connections Worship Service, Dr. Piermont preaching, Chapel
6:00 PM Jr. & Sr. High Youth Activity, Fellowship Hall, Youth Room