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21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 14, 2018
10:00 A.M.

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S 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.*)

Moment for Generosity: *Generations of Generosity*

Jeff White

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.

NEW! *Jr. and Sr. High youth are invited to greet others and then go to the Choir Room for "Immersion: Worship Experience for Youth."*

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

St. Denio

setting by Michael Burkhardt

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

OPENING SENTENCES

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

All: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One: How can a mortal receive eternal life?

All: **For God all things are possible.**

One: Let us worship God.

* HYMN #12

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

ST. DENIO

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will. You have shown us what is good, but we remain enthralled by evil. You have offered us abundance, but we are satisfied with wealth. Forgive us, God of grace. By the power of your Word cut away all that is false and open our hearts to new life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 PATRI #581

GLORIA PATRI

*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.*

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES AND
DEDICATION OF THE PEACE POLE

Pastor Tom

After the Children's Message, children ages 3 years through 6th grade may go to the Chapel for a large group worship. Following the postlude, please pick up your child in his/her classroom.

Classroom locations: Preschool-K: Room 113 3-4th grade: Room 222
 1-2nd grade: Room 112 5-6th grade: Room 111

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Saman Perera

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 4:12-16

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

One: The Word of our Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"Open My Eyes"
The Chancel Choir

K. Lee Scott

Open my eyes and I shall see; incline my heart and I shall desire; order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of your commandments. O God, be my only Lord, and beside you let there be none else, no other, none else with you. Teach me to worship you and serve you in all my undertakings with truth of spirit, with honor of body, with blessing of mouth, both in public and private. Open my eyes...

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:17-27

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They

were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

One: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

SERMON “Even Jesus Says It’s Impossible” Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont

* HYMN #691 “Lord, When I Came into This Life” LAND OF REST

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS Rev. Betsy Rice

We welcome new members Jeff & Lindsey Bell, Mark & Kay Fowler, Chris & Liz Holzworth, Sue Humbert, Brant Leitnaker, JB & Susan Love, and Ray Sanborn.

O God who calls, you call us to love you with all we have and all that we are. You call us to love one another and to be the Body of Christ in the world. Bind us together, O Lord. Help us to be one in you. We thank you for these brothers and sisters who join with us in being family today—the family of God in this place. Bless us all as we enjoy you and glorify you together. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

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

“O Lux Beatissima”

Howard Helvey

The Renaissance Ensemble

O Light most blessed, fill the inmost heart of all thy faithful. Without your grace, there is nothing in us, nothing that is not harmful.

* 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 #749 “Come! Live in the Light!” WE ARE CALLED

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE St. Denio setting by J. Bert Carlson

*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 come downstairs to Hazelton Fellowship Hall to enjoy our **International Potluck Luncheon**.*

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 the WPC Pastors to welcome
Rev. Saman Perera from Sri Lanka.*

SERVING US THIS MORNING

Audio: Dennis Decker

Carillon: Sue Rapiet

Flower Delivery: Judy Hazelton

Sunday Secretary: Eva Goode

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 of healing for Beckie Dicke and Marylou Posey.

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 Our Country

Army

Jeff Gibbons
Leighann Holcomb
Nate Holcomb
Maura Stepanski

Scott Testa
Zach Wilson
Jacob T. Wixom

Navy

Tyler McMillen
Michael Sargent
Joseph Seida

Air Force

Cody Albright
Kelly Mason
Robert Pukay-Martin

Marines

Joseph Hempfling

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
Brian Edwards, Director for Youth Ministry
Jenni Whitford, Director for Children's Ministry
A full staff directory may be found on our website.

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TODAY

GENERATIONS OF

GENEROSITY is the theme for our Stewardship Season this year. ("Stewardship" refers to the faithful use of our time, talent, and treasure for God's purposes. This season especially focuses on spiritual preparation for making our financial pledge for the coming year.) **Stewardship packets** have been prepared for every member household. Please pick yours up today in the Fellowship Hall.



Generations of Generosity

IMMERSION, A NEW WORSHIP EXPERIENCE FOR YOUTH at 10 a.m. service.

During the Passing of the Peace all Jr/Sr High youth are invited to go to the Choir Room for a Bible study focusing on today's Bible passages with Brian Edwards, our Director for Youth Ministries. Youth will rejoice the congregation during the hymn after the sermon.

Today during the 10 a.m. service we will **DEDICATE** the new **PEACE POLE**. Our children at Vacation Bible School in June studied peace and purchased the Peace Pole.



International Potluck



POTLUCK, FELLOWSHIP, FRIENDSHIP!

Bring an international dish and stay for lunch at 11:00 a.m. Christians worship Jesus all over the world; let's share foods from all nations. Bring a food that is part of your family heritage or culture or choose a nation you love. Meet our guest pastor from Sri Lanka, the **Rev. Saman Perera**.

Worthington **CROP WALK** for Hunger begins at 3 p.m. today. Make a donation to support the walk of Rev. Tom Rice, the WPC Youth Team captained by Youth Director Brian Edwards, or the WPC Congregation Team captained by John Hamilton in Fellowship Hall after either Service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blanket & Coat Drive

COAT DRIVE October 14th and 21st. We will be collecting coats and blankets for the Guadalupe Center, a ministry to individuals & families in need in West Columbus. New (or gently used) coats and

blankets will be a blessing this winter. "They spend the night naked, without clothing, And have no covering against the cold." (Job 24:7). Coats may be donated from your closet or purchased second-hand at Volunteers of America, Goodwill or Three Bags Full Consignment Sales (threebagsfull.com). Please place your donations in the bin in Fellowship Hall before October 21nd at noon. Thank you.

A presentation by Delaware County Sheriff Russell Martin on **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE** and the new **"TURNING POINT"** domestic shelter will be on Tuesday, **October 16th** at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Domestic violence is an equal opportunity crime. It crosses all boundaries and demographics without regard to gender, age or economic status. Both WPC as a church and Presbyterian Women United have pledged financial assistance to Turning Point. Come! Learn about how we can support the shelter's mission to respond to the needs of victims through a safe shelter, counseling advocacy and education that will confront the causes of domestic violence. WPC Adult Education and Presbyterian Women United are sponsoring this program. Come at 6:30 p.m. for coffee and dessert.

FALL....F(ootball) A(pples) L(eaves) L(aughter). Please join us on Wednesday, **October 17th**, 1 p.m., at Stafford Village as we celebrate the beautiful season of Fall. Football, apple picking, raking leaves, bonfires, and last, but not least, Halloween! It is a beautiful time of year, so let's get together and share stories, play trivia games, and the gift of friendship!

BRIDGE GROUP will meet Friday, **October 19th** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Phil and Audrey Eskes. Please call 614-431-3446 to reserve a seat.

FALL FEST
Saturday, October 20th
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
 All Ages ~ Activities for Kids,
 Youth and Adults ~ FREE!
 Carnival-type Games,
 Pumpkin Carving, Bingo, Photo Booth, Face Painting,
 "Scary" Stories, Football on the BIG screen, Euchre
 Food: Chili, Mac & Cheese and Buckeye candies!
WEAR YOUR COSTUME!
 Sponsored by: Children, Youth and Membership-
 Fellowship Committees

CALLING ALL PILGRIM HELPERS, once again, WPC Mission Committee will be purchasing and assembling **THANKSGIVING DINNERS** for those in need in the Worthington Schools as well as Salem and Hamilton Elementary schools in Columbus. Last year we delivered 225 meals. We will be collecting

money (any amount) in the Fellowship Hall on **October 21st, 28th, November 11th, and 18th**. Each meal cost \$50.00.

- ♥ **Sunday, November 18th** we will be asking members to help carry in food after the 10:00 worship.
- ♥ **Monday, November 19th** at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, one of the highlights of the year. We will pack 225 Thanksgiving boxes to help feed families in need. We will also be putting together and delivering fruit baskets for residents of Stafford Village. All are welcome!
- ♥ **Tuesday, November 20th** 8:00-10:00 a.m. we need volunteers to drive and deliver the meals to area schools.

The **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** will be here on Monday, **October 22nd**, from 11:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome. Thank you to all who give this life-saving donation!

In order to continue to be a chartering organization for **SCOUT TROOP 268** and to strengthen the scouting ministry of our church, **we are looking for church members to serve on a SCOUTING COMMITTEE**. Please contact Pastor Tom at trice@worthingtonpresbyterian.org by October 31st if you are interested or if you would like to learn more.

CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT: Friday, November 9th and Saturday, November 10th (7 p.m.-7 p.m.) at Kirkmont Conference Center in Zanesfield (45 minutes away). Our keynote speaker is a stand-up comedian and a Presbyterian pastor. Programs and activities for all ages--come experience our theme: "The Joy of Jesus!"

ADULT EDUCATION

SPEAKING OF MISSION: Come meet the Executive Director of NNEMAP Food Pantry and learn about this fabulous ministry WPC actively supports. **Sunday, October 21st at 9 a.m. in Room 222**--learn about poverty in Columbus and ministries that are making a difference.

WELCOME TO THE REV. SAMAN PERERA, FROM SRI LANKA! Saman arrived on Friday for a 3-week visit to our congregation. He is part of a PCUSA program called "Mission to the USA." There are many ways to meet him (see a few below), plus you may contact Tom Rice and coordinate your own visit, share a meal, etc. It's a perfect chance to



extend World Communion Sunday. **Ways to meet him:**

- **Speaking of Mission Class**, today in Room 222 at 9 a.m.
- **International Potluck**, today at 11 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
- **Travelogue Seminar**, Wed. 10/17 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 222
- **Religion and Conflict Lecture**, Wed. 10/24 at 7:30 p.m. in Chapel

SOME PEOPLE WOULD SAY an hour a month for 8 months is too much of a commitment. Others would say it is **TOTALLY** worth it! **WPC Small Groups begin meeting this month** at a day and time that can fit your schedule. Groups watch a wonderful 14 minute video about faith, talk about it, and share joys and concerns. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4fagac2ca6f58-worthington> or contact Pastor Tom.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES is discussing *The Theology of Paul the Apostle* by James D. G. Dunn. Join us in the "Living" Room at 9 a.m.

FAITH SEEKERS are studying *Basic Christian Doctrine* by John Leith at 9 a.m. in Room 124.

MISSION

LUNCHEES 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 28th**.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

WARNING REGARDING BOGUS EMAILS from WPC Staff: Please be advised that bogus emails are being sent which appear to be from church staff, in particular, from Pastor Julia, but they are NOT from her, nor from her email address. If a message seems "fishy," please check the sender's actual address. All church staff have "worthingtonpresbyterian.com" after the "@" sign. Most important, NEVER give money, gift cards, or any kind of financial information over email to any church staff member, without first speaking with him/her directly. This spurious activity (sending emails posing as leaders of organizations or companies) is now rather common. We report it to authorities, but there is little they can do at this time. If you have questions (or want to report receiving one of these emails), please contact Dave Matthias at dmatthias@worthingtonpresbyterian.com.

Church Activities This Week at WPC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14 Stewardship Kick-Off

- 8:00 AM Worship & Communion, Dr. Piermont preaching, Chapel
8:45 AM Childcare: Infant & Toddler, Nursery
9:00 AM Confirmation Class, Youth Room; Faith Seekers, Room 124; New Officer Training, Room 111
9:00 AM Religious Studies, "Living" Room; Speaking of Mission, Room 222
9:15 AM Session Meets New Members, Chapel
10:00 AM Worship, New Members Received, Dr. Piermont Preaching, Sanctuary
10:00 AM Young Children & Worship, Room 113
10:15 AM Church School: Preschool - Grade 6, Chapel, 111, 112, 113, 222
11:00 AM International Potluck (**Welcome Rev. Saman Perera**), Fellowship Hall
3:00 PM Crop Walk, Offsite
5:00 PM New Connections Worship, Dr. Piermont preaching, Chapel

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

- 9:15 AM WPPS Committee, Nursery
4:30 PM Facilities Committee, Room 124
7:00 PM Mission Ministry, Room 222

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

- 6:00 PM Presbyterian Women (Turning Point), Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM David Study, "Living" Room
7:00 PM Board of Deacons, Chapel

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

- 6:30 PM Celebration Ringers, Sanctuary
7:30 PM Seminar with Rev. Saman Perera, Room 222

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

- 7:30 AM Finance Committee Meeting, Room 111
9:00 AM Walking Group, Antrim Park
9:00 AM Sacristy Guild, Sanctuary
10:00 AM Endowment Committee, Room 111
5:00 PM Choir Plus, All Rooms; Parent Discussion (Choir Plus), Room 124
7:30 PM Chancel Choir, Sanctuary, Choir Room

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

- 7:00 PM Bridge Group, Offsite

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

- 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study, Youth Room
8:00 AM Faith Runners, Antrim Park
9:00 AM Renaissance Ensemble, Choir Room, Sanctuary
2:00 PM FALL FEST, Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

- 8:00 AM Worship & Communion, Dr. Rice preaching, Chapel
8:45 AM Childcare: Infant & Toddler, Nursery
8:45 AM Coffee Hour & NNEMAP Breakdown, Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM Confirmation Class, Youth Room
9:00 AM Faith Seekers, 124; Religious Studies, "Living" Room; Speaking of Mission, 222
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