

WORTHINGTON

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Brought to you by Jesus...
to make a difference*



REFORMATION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 28, 2018
10:00 A.M.

*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

Jenni Whitford

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

Susan Barger

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 145:1-8 (*The Message*)

I lift you high in praise, my God, O my King! and I’ll bless your name into eternity. I’ll bless you every day, and keep it up from now to eternity. GOD is magnificent; he can never be praised enough. There are no boundaries to his greatness. Generation after generation stands in awe of your work; each one tells stories of your mighty acts. Your beauty and splendor have everyone talking; I compose songs on your wonders. Your marvelous doings are headline news; I could write a book full of the details of your greatness. The fame of your goodness spreads across the country; your righteousness is on everyone’s lips. GOD is all mercy and grace—not quick to anger, is rich in love.

One: The Word of our Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“Take My Life That I May Be”

Scott Perkins

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee. Amen.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

2 Timothy 1:1-7 (*The Message*)

I, Paul, am on special assignment for Christ, carrying out God’s plan laid out in the Message of Life by Jesus. I write this to you, Timothy, the son I love so much. All the best from our God and Christ be yours!

Every time I say your name in prayer—which is practically all the time—I thank God for you, the God I worship with my whole life in the tradition of my ancestors. I miss you a lot, especially when I remember that last tearful good-bye, and I look forward to a joy-packed reunion.

That precious memory triggers another: your honest faith—and what a rich faith it is, handed down from your grandmother Lois to your mother Eunice, and now to you! And the special gift of ministry you received when I laid hands on you and prayed—keep that ablaze! God doesn’t want us to be shy with his gifts, but bold and loving and sensible.

One: The Word of our Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Telling Stories without Words”

Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont

* HYMN #694

“Great God of Every Blessing”

AURELIA

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Saman Perera

Sharing of Prayer Requests and Blessings
The Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Betsy Rice

(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

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"
Sharon Tipton and Judy Hazelton

Walter Howe Jones

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care; in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare: blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us thine we are. We are thine, do thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way; keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray; blessed Jesus, hear thy children when they pray. Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will; blessed Lord and only savior, with thy love our bosoms fill: blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us love us still.

* 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 #275

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

EIN FESTE BURG

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Ein' feste Burg

setting by Aaron David Miller

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 WORSHIPING 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
John & Patty Wiechel & Family in memory of Aaron Wiechel.*

SERVING US THIS MORNING

Audio: Dick Baker

Carillon: Sue Rapier

Flower Delivery: Danielle Heiden

Sunday Secretary: Adrianna Kenworthy

Usher Team E: John Gray and Dick Jones, Co-Captains; Andy Balsler, Don Batton, Spencer Budros, Dennis Decker, Jack Dicke, Cliff Frasher, Joyce Hinkle, Laurie Holden, Simmey Ketchum, Shirley Lambert, Larry & Leslie Snyder, Joann & Dury Sudduth

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

Congratulations to Bruce & Cheryl Kaiser on the birth of their twins, Cameron and Lucas Kaiser, on October 5th. The proud grandparents are Dury & Joann Sudduth.

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

TODAY is REFORMATION SUNDAY. We celebrate our branch of the Christian family tree today with opening hymn tunes from the Genevan Psalter, the songbook prepared under the supervision of John Calvin, founder of the Reformed Tradition. At 10 a.m., both prelude and postlude are settings of the tune Martin Luther composed for "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," our closing hymn.

Today's **SCRIPTURE READINGS** are from *The Message* translation of Scripture to honor its translator: author and Presbyterian pastor Eugene Peterson, who died on Monday at the age of 85. We encourage you to "google" his name and read some of the ways he inspired Christians worldwide, from Bono of U2 to folks in our own congregation.

WE BID REV. SAMAN PERERA FAREWELL today. We will be offering our Sri Lankan guest our blessings as he prepares to journey home on Friday, November 2nd.

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 rejoin the congregation during the hymn after the sermon.

Today is your final chance to pick up your STEWARDSHIP Packet from the boxes in the Fellowship Hall. This saves us postage: all remaining after today will be mailed by USPS. Please pick yours up today—thank you!



DRUGS IN THE SUBURBS: Lori Povich, Drug Free Schools Coordinator at Worthington Public Schools, will be presenting for our "Speaking of Mission" series **today at 9 a.m. in Room 222.** Come get an update on substance abuse issues in our schools and community and learn how to help.

SACK LUNCHES for the homeless are due today.

On the 4th Sunday of each month, **PASTOR WAYNE** leads worship at Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church on West Broad Street.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT SUNDAY Daylight Saving Time ends, so remember to fall back!

NEXT SUNDAY we celebrate "GENERATIONS OF GENEROSITY" in three ways:

- With our **All Saints** ceremony, remembering WPC members who have died in the last year.
- With our **Pledge Dedication**, making an offering of our commitment cards (from the Stewardship Packets) to pledge to God our tithes and offerings for 2019.
- With **Fellowship Celebration** and refreshments after the 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and 5 p.m. services.



Please plan to take part in this very special day!

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.

At times we all lose heart. **CHRISTIAN LIFE CIRCLE** invites you to join us on Thursday, **November 1st** in Room 222 as we discuss **"God With Us In Our Discouragement."** Led by Pastor Tom Rice, we will learn about Joshua who led the Israelites into the promised land. Later in history, God's prophet Haggai returned with his fellow exiled Jews to their homeland in Palestine only to find it devastated. How did Joshua and Haggai find the courage and strength to help their people in the times in which they lived? What lessons can be applied to our life today? Please join us at 12:15 p.m. for fellowship, dessert and coffee, at 12:45 p.m. for up-dates on PWU's activities, and from 1:15 - 2:00 p.m. for our Bible study.



CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT: Friday, November 9th and Saturday, November 10th (7 p.m.-7 p.m.) at Kirkmont Conference Center in Zanesfield (45 minutes away). Come for all or for part. 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!"** Registration forms are available at the main office, from Jenni Whitford or Pastor Tom, or on the worthingtonpresbyterian.com home page. Sign up by November 1st and get free s'mores at the campfire :)



BELLS OF PEACE

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BELLS OF PEACE on **November 11th**: a special service for the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day. Worship on 11/11 will be a chance for us as people of faith to honor the past and stir our courage for the future. The 10 a.m. service will feature anthems for the occasion and conclude with our participation in the nationwide observance of "Bells of Peace,"

sponsored by the Congress' Commission for the Centennial of World War I.

HOLY PIPES, a program of understanding our WPC organ, learning about our organist's life and hearing his music presentations is scheduled for Wednesday, **November 14th** at 1:00 and 7:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary. Our organist Dr. Stephen Jacoby (Steve) will present this program, sponsored by Presbyterian Women United. The 1:00 p.m. group can come for refreshments at 12:30 p.m. in the choir room. The 7:00 p.m. group can come to the Sanctuary for the program. Please come and learn about our organist and how the organ works on Wednesday, November 14th.

WE GATHER TOGETHER...the title of a most beautiful hymn we sing at Thanksgiving. We will "gather together" for our annual Thanksgiving program at **STAFFORD VILLAGE** on Wednesday, **November 14th** at 1:00 p.m. Please join us to celebrate the gift of friendship and, as we anticipate Thanksgiving, to give thanks for our many blessings!

The **BRIDGE GROUP** will meet Friday, **November 16th** at **1:30 p.m.** at the home of Carolyn and Dan Owens. Please call the Owens' at 614-888-7265 to reserve your place.

The ninth "**HARMONY FOR HUNGER**" concert benefitting **NNEMAP** will be held at King Avenue United Methodist Church at 299 Neil Avenue on Friday, **November 16th** at 7:30 p.m. This concert highlights top talent from many of the churches supporting NNEMAP and includes all types of music – soloist, quartets, and instrumentalists. Our own Melissa Robol will be performing a piano solo. The MC this year will be Yolanda Harris, a Channel 10 Anchor, and the featured group is Vox, a select group of the Columbus Gay Men's Chorus. This is always a great evening and includes a silent auction and light refreshment during intermission. Please come and support NNEMAP for the cost of \$20 per ticket. Tickets will be available after the 10:00 service in Fellowship Hall on **November 4th** and **11th**. They will also be available at the door or by calling Kathy Wolken at 614-436-1015. Please plan to attend and make this the best concert ever!

ADULT EDUCATION

BEING MORTAL: END OF LIFE ISSUES is a 3-week series beginning **Sunday, November 4th at 9 a.m. in Room 222 with Pastor Wayne Morrison**. Join as a pastor, doctor, estate attorney, funeral director and hospice volunteer help us talk about some of the biggest questions regarding death and end of life decisions. On behalf of our parents and ourselves come address the spiritual, legal, medical and caring questions we all will face.

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/30e0b4fa9ac2ca6f58-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. Our current topic is The Beginning of Life and Death in the chapter on *The Human Creature* as created by God.

MISSION

The youth group is sending **COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES** to our college students. If you'd like to receive a care package (or have your child receive one) please send the following information to Brian Edwards at bedwards@worthingtonpresbyterian.com; 1. student's name 2. student's school 3. student's mailing address 4. student's email address. Part of the care package will be emailed to them!

CALLING ALL PILGRIM HELPERS! WPC Mission Committee will be purchasing and assembling **THANKSGIVING DINNERS** for those in need in the Worthington Schools, Salem Elementary and Hamilton Elementary in Columbus. Last year we delivered 225 meals. We will be collecting money (any amount) in the Fellowship Hall on **October 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 meals to area schools.

Church Activities This Week at WPC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28 Reformation Sunday

- 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 Faith Seekers, Room 124; Religious Studies, "Living" Room
- 9:00 AM Ruling Elder Training, Room 111; Small Group, Room 112; Speaking of Mission, Room 222
- 10:00 AM Worship, Dr. Piermont Preaching, Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Young Children & Worship, Room 113
- 10:00 AM Immersion Sunday, Choir Room
- 10:15 AM Church School: Preschool - Grade 6, Chapel, 111, 112, 222
- 11:00 AM Coffee Hour, (Collecting for Thanksgiving Dinners) Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 AM Choir Officer Meeting, Room 124
- 5:00 PM New Connections Worship, Dr. Piermont preaching, Chapel

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 11:00 AM Tower Tidings Mailing, Office Work Room

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

- 6:30 PM David Study, Room 222

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

- 6:30 PM Celebration Ringers, Sanctuary

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- 7:45 AM Stewardship Committee, Room 111
- 9:00 AM Walking Group, Antrim Park
- 12:00 PM Christian Life Circle, Room 222
- 5:00 PM Choir Plus, Fellowship Hall, All Rooms; Parent Discussion (Choir Plus), Room 124
- 6:15 PM Thursday Small Group, "Living" Room
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir, Sanctuary, Choir Room

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- 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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4 Dedication Sunday (Daylight Saving Time Ends)

- 8:00 AM Worship & Communion, Dr. Piermont preaching, Chapel
- 8:45 AM Dedication Sunday Celebration, Fellowship Hall
- 8:45 AM Childcare: Infant & Toddler, Nursery
- 9:00 AM Confirmation Class, Youth Room
- 9:00 AM Being Mortal, Room 222; Faith Seekers, Room 124
- 9:00 AM Religious Studies, "Living" Room; Ruling Elder Training, Room 111
- 10:00 AM Worship & Communion, Dr. Piermont Preaching, Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Young Children & Worship, Room 113
- 10:15 AM Church School: Preschool - Grade 6, Chapel, 111, 112, 222
- 11:00 AM Dedication Sunday Celebration & NNEMAP Breakdown, Fellowship Hall
- 11:30 AM Monthly Worship & Communion, Rev. Wayne Morrison, Chapel
- 5:00 PM New Connections Worship & Communion, Dr. Piermont, Chapel
- 5:45 PM Dedication Sunday Celebration, Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 PM Jr. & Sr. High Youth Activity, Fellowship Hall, Youth Room