

WORTHINGTON

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS

Solo:

*Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.*

All:

*Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.*

*Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.*

*Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.*

CHRIST THE KING/THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 25, 2018 ~ 10:00 A.M.

WORTHINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Christ the King/Thanksgiving Sunday

November 25, 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.*)

Moment for Generosity

Carol Giessler

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

Spanish Hymn

setting by J. Wayne Kerr

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

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

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

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: Jesus Christ is coming to reign.

All: To God be glory forever and ever!

One: Let us worship God.

* HYMN #367

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

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

Kate Hunter

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened...

As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

One: The Word of our Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"A Jubilant Song"
The Chancel Choir

Mary Lynn Lightfoot

Cantate Domino canticum novum, omnis terra. sing to the Lord a new jubilant song, all the earth. Let the sea roar and the floods clap their hands. Let the hills sing together for joy. Let the heavens and the earth all rejoice, for the Lord is greatly to be praised. Proclaim God's salvation, declare God's great glory. Lift up a jubilant song and make joyful noise!

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6:25-33

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

One: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

SERMON

“Living What Hasn’t Happened”

Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont

* HYMN (See cover page.)

“Lord of All Hopefulness”
(stanza 1 solo, stanzas 2-4 congregation)

SLANE

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Wayne Morrison

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

Romance

Reinhold Gliere

Grace Wilcox, French Horn

* 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 #36

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

AR HYDY NOS

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

St. George’s Windsor

setting by Flor Peeters

The Postlude is the final Alleluia of our worship. Please be respectful of fellow worshippers, 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.



SERVING US THIS MORNING

Audio: Dick Baker

Carillon: Jennifer Hambrick

Sunday Secretary: Adrianna Kenworthy

Usher Team D: Jeff White and Bob Harrington, Co-Captains; Steve Burk, Robyn Caples, Emma Edwards, Doug Haddix, Susan Hershberger, Milo Hilty, Don Lynne, 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 healing for Linda Bloomberg and Ann Cupp.

Prayers of sympathy for Glenn Alban and the Alban family upon the death of David A. Alban, November 13th.

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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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

IMMERSION, A NEW WORSHIP EXPERIENCE FOR YOUTH at 10 a.m. 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, Director for Youth Ministries.

LUNCHES FOR THE HOMELESS are due today.

WPC takes part in Old Worthington's HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE! Be a part of the fun as we lend a little Christian love to the City's holiday season opener **today**. You have two choices:

- **11 a.m.–2 p.m. SOUP LUNCHEON.** The Youth are serving the BEST homemade soup in all of Ohio: chili, chicken noodle, tomato bisque (Brian's favorite!). All proceeds go towards the summer mission trip known as S'MORE (Summer Mission OutReach Experience). What a fun and delicious way to support our youth and let our neighbors see how soul-nourishing life is at WPC!
- **4:45-5:25 p.m. CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGALONG.** Warm your heart (and toes) before the Worthington Tree Lighting on the Green, by enjoying Christmas Carols in our **Chapel**. Led by Columbus' very own Russ Nagy at the piano, we'll enjoy the music (and maybe some cocoa) until it's time to go watch the tree-lighting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark your calendars now for **ADVENT ON HIGH**, a series of three 30-minute yuletide concerts at three different churches in Worthington. The programs will begin at

noon, and they're **free!** Worthington Presbyterian will be first in the series on **December 6th**, with performances by Stephen Jacoby, organist; Nancy Jacoby, soprano; and Jeff Johnson, tenor. Concerts will continue at All Saints Lutheran Church on **December 13th** and St. John's Episcopal Church on **December 20th**. Join us for a musical path to Christmas with **Advent on High**.

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 (via offering plate or to Jenny Farber, church office). Pledge cards are available in the pew racks or the church office—look for brochures with “2019 Pledge Estimate”. Your pledge helps the Session plan responsibly for the coming year. Thank you, and may you learn the blessing of the **“Generations of Generosity.”**

STAFF APPRECIATION GIFT: The Personnel Committee invites you to contribute Christmas bonus gifts for all staff (pastors exempt). We are deeply blessed by their passion for the gospel and their talents and dedication shared with WPC. A contribution of any amount is welcome. Please make your check payable to WPC, with “Staff Christmas” on the memo line and submit via the offering plate or church office no later than Sunday, **December 16th**. Questions may be directed to Dan Beck, Personnel Chair, at 614-477-0447.

WPC SPONSOR-A-FAMILY needs your help with sponsoring 50+ families in need this Christmas. On **November 25th**, **December 2nd**, or **December 9th** please come to Fellowship Hall to select a family. On Sunday, **December 16th**, we will collect all gifts for the families in Fellowship Hall. We will also be collecting Target gift cards to help the youth group shop for a family as well as household items for the Guadalupe Center. Salem Elementary, St. Stephens Community House and Guadalupe Center families will benefit from your generosity. God bless you for your help! If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, contact Mindy Steel at 614-209-9603 or bob-mindy@sbcglobal.net.

Join the **YAHAs (Young At Heart Adults) for a CHRISTMAS PARTY** at the Residences of Worthington party room, 5935 North High Street, Worthington, on Saturday, **December 1st** from 7:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

Please bring a finger food appetizer or dessert to share, as well as your own adult beverages of choice. Soft drinks and paper products will be provided. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays or on the sign-up board outside Fellowship Hall to indicate your attendance and the food you will bring. The room is limited to 40 people. To help defray the cost of the rental fee we are asking for \$2 per person.

The YAHAs are members and friends of Worthington Presbyterian Church who are 55 years of age or older (and those who WISH they were 55 years of age or older!) Join us as we kick off the holiday season!

Your hosts for the YAHA Christmas party are Nila Whitfield and Cindy and George Leonard – any questions, give us a call at 614-847-1260.

Join us on Sunday, **December 2nd** at 10:00 a.m. for **HANGING OF THE CHRISMONS & ADVENT WORSHIP**. The children will help decorate the Chrismon tree, followed by participating in our Advent Workshop. There are several creative stations and activities: cookie decorating, wisemen stained glass, candy cane ornament, nativity banner, mason jar silhouette and "Advent in a Box" take home kit.

BLUE CHRISTMAS ~ In scripture and song, in quiet and candlelight prepare for Christ's coming, in the Chapel on Wednesday, **December 5th** at 7:00 p.m. This worship service makes way for whatever mixture of joy and grief fills your heart.

CHRISTIAN LIFE CIRCLE'S December Bible study is entitled **"God With Us When We Seek God."** Because Old Testament Kings Solomon and Jeroboam were unfaithful in following God, the Israelites suffered severe consequences. Does this mean that God's promise of his presence depends upon our faithfulness, or does God give us unconditional love and never abandon us? Join our discussion led by Pastor Rice, on Thursday, December 6th from 1:15 - 2:00 p.m. in room 222. Come early for dessert, coffee and conversation at 12:15 p.m., followed by the latest news about Presbyterian Women United's activities at 12:45 p.m. You don't need to be a circle member to attend. It's a great way to make new friends!

PLEASE NOTE: Jenny Farber our Accountant had foot surgery. Jenny will be working remotely through December 31st. Please email her at jfarber@worthingtonpresbyterian.com with any fiscal request. Thank you.

ADULT EDUCATION

WORTHINGTON INTERFAITH NEIGHBORS presents Sharing our Stories, Tuesday, November 27th at 7:00 p.m. at Old Worthington Library (820 High St.). Moussa Diakite, an employee of Cardinal Health, will be sharing about his upbringing in the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.

DIGITAL DANGER: The Ten Commandments include the core value: "You shall not bear false witness." Lauren Glaros, teacher from Worthington Kilbourne High School, will be with us on Sunday, December 2nd at 9:00 a.m. in Room 222. Ms. Glaros teaches an AP government class in which she presents a guide for assessing the credibility and bias of news sources. Adults and youth are welcome! Come learn to be more discerning in our use of news sources and social media.

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 topic is The Beginning of Life and Death in the chapter on *The Human Creature* as created by God.

MISSION

NNEMAP NEEDS: We are in need of donations of flour and coffee to breakdown for NNMEAP Food Pantry. NNEMAP is also in need of diapers (size 5/6) and holiday food items: stuffing, mashed potatoes, canned pumpkin, corn and green beans.

Would you like to meet some of the kids from **SALEM ELEMENTARY**? We have a third grade reading day on Monday, **December 17th** at 10:00 and you are invited to join us. The children have earned books to keep and we help them choose an appropriate book and then listen to them start the book to see if it is a good fit. This is a one-time volunteer activity. Please contact Debbie Towarnicky at debtowarn@gmail.com or 614-882-9212 or Janie Wiest at jwiest70@yahoo.com or 614-787-5680. Thank you!



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

During the month of December, we decorate our beautiful Sanctuary with poinsettias. The Ministry of Worship and the Arts is accepting honorariums and memorials for poinsettias. If you would like to honor a loved one, please make a contribution of \$20, complete this form and send a check to the church **no later than Sunday, December 16th**. The dedications will appear in our Christmas Eve bulletins. **Please PRINT legibly.**

IN HONOR OF: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

DONATED BY

LAST NAME(S): _____

FIRST NAME(S): _____

Church Activities This Week at WPC

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25 ~ Christ the King/Thanksgiving Sunday

8:00 AM Worship & Communion, Dr. Piermont preaching, Chapel
8:45 AM Childcare: Infant & Toddler, Nursery
9:00 AM Confirmation Class, Youth Room
9:00 AM Faith Seekers, Room 124
9:00 AM Religious Studies, "Living" Room
10:00 AM Immersion Sunday, Choir Room
10:00 AM Worship, Dr. Piermont Preaching, Sanctuary
10:00 AM Young Children & Worship, Room 113
10:15 AM Church School: Preschool - Grade 6, Chapel, 111, 112, 222
4:45 PM Christmas Carol Singalong, Chapel

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

11:00 AM Tower Tidings Mailing, Office Work Room
1:00 PM Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team, Room 111
6:30 PM Children's Committee, "Living" Room

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

12:30 PM ROMEO's Lunch, OSU Golf Course
6:30 PM Celebration Ringers, Sanctuary
6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Supervision, Room 111, Room 112

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

5:00 PM Choir Plus, Fellowship Hall, All Rooms
5:00 PM Parent Discussion (Choir Plus), Room 124
7:15 PM Chancel Choir, Sanctuary, Choir Room

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

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
10:00 AM Sanctuary Decorating, Sanctuary
7:00 PM YAHAs Christmas Party, Residences of Worthington Party House

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 ~ 1st Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Worship & Communion, Dr. Rice preaching, Chapel
8:45 AM Childcare: Infant & Toddler, Nursery
9:00 AM Confirmation Class, Youth Room
9:00 AM Digital Danger, Room 222
9:00 AM Faith Seekers, Room 124
9:00 AM Religious Studies, "Living" Room
10:00 AM Worship, Hanging of the Chrismons & Communion, Dr. Rice preaching, Sanctuary
10:15 AM ADVENT WORKSHOP, Fellowship Hall
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 & Communion, Dr. Rice Preaching, Chapel
6:00 PM Jr. & Sr. High Youth Activity, Fellowship Hall, Youth Room