

# WORTHINGTON

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*PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*  
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**BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**  
**JANUARY 13, 2019**  
**10:00 A.M.**

# WORTHINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY Baptism of the Lord Sunday

January 13, 2019

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](mailto:bnordquist@worthingtonpresbyterian.com).*

### GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

#### WELCOME AND RENEWAL OF THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Rev. Betsy Rice

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

Moment for Mission: Per Capita Offering

Dana Nichols

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 "Wer nur lieben Gott" (BWV 647)

J. S. Bach

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

#### OPENING SENTENCES

One: Come, all who thirst. Come to the font!

**All: Dip your soul into the water of life.**

One: Come, all who are weary. Come to worship!

**All: Rest your spirits in the house of God.**

#### \* HYMN #436

"God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us"

O QUANTA QUALIA

#### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. 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.*

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

### MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

Pastor Julia

*After the Children's Message, children ages 3 years through 6<sup>th</sup> 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      3-4<sup>th</sup> grade: Chapel  
1-2<sup>nd</sup> grade: Room 112      5-6<sup>th</sup> grade: Room 111*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Joyce Blackmore

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." ...

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

One: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

### ANTHEM

"Come to the Water"  
The Chancel Choir

John Foley

*O let all who thirst, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: without money, without price. Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord? And let all who thirst, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: without money, without strife. Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord? And let all who toil, let them come to the water. And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord: all who labor, without rest. How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord? And let all the poor, let them come to the water. Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord: bring the children without might. Easy the load and light: come to the Lord.*

### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 19:3-9a

Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do." Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD. Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to come to you in a dense cloud, in order that the people may hear when I speak with you and so trust you ever after."

### A LITANY OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

from Exodus 20:1-17

One: God spoke all these words, saying: I am the Lord your God.

All: **You shall have no other gods before me.**

One: You shall not make for yourself an idol. You shall not bow down to them or worship them.

**All: You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.**

One: Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

**All: Honor your father and your mother.**

One: You shall no murder.

**All: You shall not commit adultery.**

One: You shall no steal.

**All: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**

One: You shall not covet your neighbor's home, your neighbor's spouse, nor anything that belongs to your neighbor.

One: The Word of our Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Four More"

Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont

Part 2 of 3 "Gospel Shorthand: The Christian Journey in 13 Words"

\* HYMN #816

"If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"

WER NUR LIEBEN GOTT

### **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dr. Tom Rice

Sharing of Prayer Requests and Blessings

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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Offertory

"Air in A minor"

Joe Utterback

\* 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 #65

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

CWM RHONDDA

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Wer nur lieben Gott" (BWV 642)

J. S. Bach

*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:** Mark Ranck

**Carillon:** Bill Allman

**Usher Team A:** Gregg Russell and Dan Foley, Co-Captains; Jeff Appel, Brendan Beck, Dan Bevan, Diana & Bob Clouse, Walt Furnas, Michael Geiger, Dan Gibson, George & Cindy Leonard, Harry Pukay-Martin, Don Sandoval, Mark & Betsy Senff

### 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](mailto:wmorrison@worthingtonpresbyterian.com).*

Prayers of healing for Anthony Cottone, Ann Cupp and Kathleen Freund Malecki.

### Those Serving Our Country

<u>Army</u>	<u>Navy</u>	<u>Air Force</u>	<u>Marines</u>
Jeff Gibbons	Tyler McMillen	Cody Albright	Joseph Hempfling
Leighann Holcomb	Michael Sargent	Kelly Mason	
Nate Holcomb	Joseph Seida	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  
*Vacant*, 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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We are a Stephen Ministry congregation. For more information, please contact Rev. Betsy Rice at [brice@worthingtonpresbyterian.com](mailto:brice@worthingtonpresbyterian.com).

TODAY

**JANUARY SERMON SERIES Gospel Shorthand: The Christian Journey in 13 Words** continues today. The first five words are "Blessed to Be a Blessing." We'll learn four more words today and the final four on January 20<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**LOVE IS NOT A MYSTERY:** Romantic love is not a mystery anymore! WPC member and psychologist **Colby Srsic, PhD.** leads this program 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 Adult Education).

Would you like to know more about Worthington Presbyterian Church? Please come to the **MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR**, 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. today and Sundays, **January 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>** in the Chapel. 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 17<sup>th</sup>. Questions, please contact Betsy Rice at [brice@worthingtonpresbyterian.com](mailto:brice@worthingtonpresbyterian.com).

**STAFFORD VILLAGE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:** Join us today 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.

**WPC YOUTH GROUP:** We meet tonight 6-8 p.m. for a great dinner and "I've Always Wondered..." Led by Jenni Whitford, we'll play group games and get to ask questions of our church staff and pastors.

If you requested 2019 **GIVING ENVELOPES**, they are in the Fellowship Hall on a table. To request envelopes, please contact Jenny Farber at [jfarber@worthingtonpresbyterian.com](mailto:jfarber@worthingtonpresbyterian.com).

Today **PASTOR WAYNE** is leading worship at Rose Run Presbyterian Church in New Albany.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THANK YOU FROM STEWARDSHIP.** This past fall, we asked you to recognize WPC's

"Generations of Generosity" and prayerfully consider increasing your giving so our church could sustain our pastoral staff and robust programs. We are grateful for your response to date with returning 2019 pledge cards. As of January 7<sup>th</sup>, we had received 323 pledges totaling \$1,194,380, an average of \$3,698 per pledge. The total represents 95% of our \$1.25 million goal to fully fund the 2019 church budget. More significantly, the average pledge is 8.9% greater than the final average for 2018. We thank all members who have increased your pledge to sustain and grow our programs and ministries that will continue to have a profound effect on people's lives, both now and in generations to come.

If you have not yet submitted your pledge card for 2019, please do so at your earliest convenience. Pledge cards are available in the church office - look for brochures highlighted with "2019 Pledge Estimate". You may contact our Accountant, Jenny Farber at [jfarber@worthingtonpresbyterian.com](mailto:jfarber@worthingtonpresbyterian.com) for assistance. Every pledge carries our church closer to achieving fiscal sustainability. Through good stewardship we will accomplish what your gifts fund.

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

**YAHAS:** Mark your calendar! On Sunday, **January 27<sup>th</sup>**, 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!

Please plan to attend WPC's **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** on Sunday, **February 3<sup>rd</sup>** in the Sanctuary following the 10:00 a.m. service. This meeting will include: presentation of reports for 2018, action on pastoral terms of call, presentation of the 2019 General Budget, and election of an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (for the youth ministry vacancy). Because it is a "stated" meeting of the congregational, any active member may bring business to this meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Clerk, Kathy Mead.

Join us on Sunday, **February 10<sup>th</sup>** for our **ANNUAL LOVE & PANCAKE BREAKFAST** in the Fellowship Hall. The Membership/Fellowship Committee invites you to stay following the 10:00 a.m. worship service for food, fellowship and fun. Free will offering.



## ADULT EDUCATION

**FAITH AND FILM!** Join Pastor Tom and members and friends of WPC on **Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. in Room 222** as we watch great movie clips and talk about what they teach us about Christian faith and life. Popcorn included! A 3-week series continuing through Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> to February 27<sup>th</sup>**, 6:30-8:30 p.m., with dinner and childcare provided). RSVP by **January 16<sup>th</sup>** to [srsic.1@gmail.com](mailto:srsic.1@gmail.com).

## MISSION

Come on **Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 :00 p.m.** to Room 124 for an informational meeting about our **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. This meeting will be led by Drew Sheppard, the trip coordinator. If you can't make it and would like to go on this wonderful mission opportunity, or have questions, e-mail [drewanderew@gmail.com](mailto:drewanderew@gmail.com).

**LUNCHES FOR THE HOMELESS:** Please pick up bags in the Fellowship Hall! Fill each with a 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 **January 27<sup>th</sup>**.

On **Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>** we will be leaving the church at 4:30 p.m. to prepare and serve dinner at the **YWCA FAMILY CENTER**. We get back at about 8 p.m. All are welcome. We served 1,100 adults and children over the last 12 months! For more information or to sign up, contact Brandi Neylon at [bfowler410@yahoo.com](mailto:bfowler410@yahoo.com) or speak with Pastor Tom.

**MISSION TRIP FOR HURRICANE RECOVERY February 3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>**, 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 ASAP. Cost is \$250 per person. Scholarships are available.

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual **MISSION PALOOZA** is Sunday, **February 17<sup>th</sup>!** Worship on Sunday morning will focus on mission outreach ministries, and at 11 a.m. we will have hands-on opportunities for all ages to make a difference in the world. Lunch will be provided while we make blankets for foster children, package family-sized portions for NNEMAP Food Pantry, put together Flood Relief Buckets, and much, much more. 2018 was a year of horrific natural disasters. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is providing help to areas across the globe for those affected. The **Cleanup Buckets** we prepare truly help. The list of items needed for the buckets is on a flyer in the Fellowship Hall and at the Sanctuary entrances. Please pay attention to the sizes requested in order to get everything into the bucket!

Individual families may prepare buckets or church groups may want to go together and prepare one.

**NNEMAP URGENT NEEDS** for our next breakdown event are **coffee and salt**. We also could use more flour. As always, any shelf stable food or grooming item is helpful. Please deposit any contributions into the wooden NNEMAP bin in the Fellowship Hall. A big THANKS to all who assisted in last week's **NNEMAP BREAKDOWN** event.

## 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, thank you!

**The WPC STAFF** is so grateful to everyone who contributed to the "Staff Christmas Appreciation Gift". Your generosity is very appreciated.

A collection of handwritten signatures in black ink, arranged in a roughly circular pattern. The names are: Tiffany, Karen, Larry Sheppard, Milissa, David, Bill, Dare, Melinda, Karen, Sharon, Emma, Jennifer, Rudy, and AT.

## Church Activities This Week at WPC

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 13**

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      Love is Not a Mystery, Room 222  
9:00 AM      Membership Seminar, Chapel  
9:00 AM      Religious Studies, "Living" Room  
10:00 AM     Worship, Dr. Piermont Preaching, Sanctuary  
10:15 AM     Church School: Preschool - Grade 6, Chapel, 111, 112, 113, 222  
11:30 AM     Stafford Village Meeting, Chapel  
5:00 PM      New Connections Worship Service, Dr. Piermont preaching, Chapel  
6:00 PM      Jr. & Sr. High Youth Activity, Fellowship Hall, Youth Room

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 14**

9:15 AM      WPPS Committee, Nursery  
4:30 PM      Facilities Committee, Room 111  
5:00 PM      Worship & the Arts Committee, Room 124

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 15**

7:00 PM      Board of Deacons, Chapel  
7:00 PM      Montaña de Luz Trip Meeting, Room 124

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16**

6:30 PM      Celebration Ringers, Sanctuary  
6:30 PM      Children's Committee, "Living" Room

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 17**

9:00 AM      Sacristy Guild, Sanctuary  
10:00 AM     Endowment Committee, Room 111  
5:00 PM      Choir Plus, All Rooms  
5:00 PM      Parent Discussion (Choir Plus), Room 124  
7:30 PM      Chancel Choir, Sanctuary, Choir Room

### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 18**

7:00 PM      Bridge Group, Offsite

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 19**

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

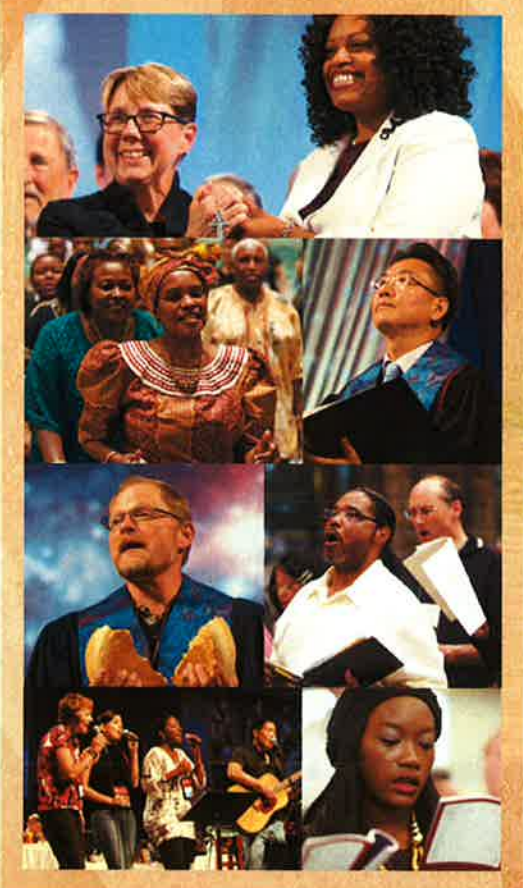
### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 20**

8:00 AM      Worship & Communion, Dr. Piermont preaching, Chapel  
8:45 AM      Childcare: Infant & Toddler , Nursery  
8:45 AM      Coffee Hour & NNEMAP, Fellowship Hall  
9:00 AM      Confirmation Class, Youth Room  
9:00 AM      Faith and Film, Room 222  
9:00 AM      Membership Seminar, Chapel  
9:00 AM      Religious Studies, "Living" Room  
10:00 AM     Immersion Sunday, Choir Room  
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## What is **Per Capita**

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- ✦ It is how Presbyterians come together to discern God’s call in their lives.
- ✦ It is how Presbyterians participate in the life of the wider church by serving on General Assembly committees and commissions, regardless of distance or financial resources.
- ✦ It is how Presbyterians participate in the life of the Church universal as we commit ourselves to work and live in fellowship with “all persons in every nation” (BOOK OF ORDER, G-4.0101)

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