

WORTHINGTON

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 20, 2019

10:00 A.M.

WORTHINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 20, 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.*

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.

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

"I Am Thine, O Lord"

arr. Linda Lamb

Celebration Ringers, Jennifer Fry, Handbell Director

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

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE (from Psalm 103)

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

**All: The Lord is merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

One: As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us.

All: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

* HYMN #439

"O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer"

STUTT GART

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

A moment for silent confession

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"The Kyrie"



*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 Phoebe, Graham and Quinn by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of His church.

(Baptized: Phoebe Josette Claybon, daughter of Kevin and Megan Claybon;
Graham Hochwalt Giessler, son of Amy and Greg Giessler; and
Quinn Annabelle Heise, daughter of Happy Giessler Heise and Thomas Heise)

* The Apostles' Creed

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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 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: Chapel
1-2nd grade: Room 112 5-6th grade: Room 111

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sharon Tipton

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 5:16-19

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

One: The Word of our Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"Here I Am, Lord"

Dan Schutte

The Chancel Choir with Timothy Dickey, Guest conductor

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I Here I am, Lord, is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night. I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away, I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them, my hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6:9-15

“Pray then in this way:
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one.

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”

One: The Gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“The Final Unforgettable Four”

Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont

Part 3 of 3 “Gospel Shorthand: The Christian Journey in 13 Words”

* HYMN #445

“God, How Can We Forgive”

LEONI

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

“In Babilone”

setting by Wilbur Held

* 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 #435

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

IN BARILONE

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Leoni”

setting by Michael Burkhardt

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
the Getty Family in memory of Rosemary Getty.*

SERVING US THIS MORNING

Audio: Duane Cable

Carillon: Jennifer Hambrick

Flower Delivery: Vera Coniglio and Suzanne Surface

Sunday Secretary: Eva Goode

Usher Team B: Peggy Foster and Dave Wilson, Co-Captains; Dick Baker, Carol & David Balsler, Pete Barnhart, Marilou Beachler, Sam Guy, Steve Guy, John Litchfield, Bailey Moore, Ben Moore, Dan Owens, Andrew Rice, Barb Turley, Paul Wilcox, Dave & Nancy Wilson

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 Anthony Cottone, Ann Cupp and Kathleen Freund Malecki.

Prayers of sympathy for the Barger & Irmiter Families upon the death of Susan Barger's mother, Doris Irmiter, January 14th (Service to be in the Spring).

Those Serving Our Country

	<u>Army</u>	<u>Navy</u>	<u>Air Force</u>	<u>Marines</u>
Jeff Gibbons	Scott Testa	Tyler McMillen	Cody Albright	Joseph Hempfling
Leighann Holcomb	Zach Wilson	Michael Sargent	Kelly Mason	
Nate Holcomb	Jacob T. Wixom	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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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

GOSPEL SHORTHAND: *The Christian Journey in 13 Words*, Dr. Piermont's January sermon series, concludes today with the final phrase, four unforgettable Christian words. The first nine words are "Blessed to be a Blessing, Chosen to be Choosing." We hope you have enjoyed this series. Coming up in February will be a short series on being in mission.

FAITH AND FILM! Join Pastor Tom **TODAY** at 9 a.m. in Room 222 as we watch clips from *Places in the Heart*, *Amistad* and *Simon Birch*. Popcorn included! A 3-week series continuing through February 3rd.

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 Sunday, **January 27th** 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 17th. Questions, please contact Betsy Rice at brice@worthingtonpresbyterian.com.

IMMERSION, A 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 Rev. Wayne Morrison. Youth will rejoin the congregation during the hymn after the sermon.

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.

We thank **Timothy Dickey** and **Julie Payne** for their extra leadership this morning. Dr. David Rives and Jenni Whitford are on vacation today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

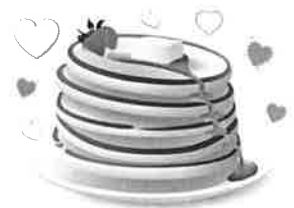
Next Sunday, the congregation has the opportunity to contribute to the **2019 PER CAPITA OFFERING**. This offering is used to support the work of the wider church, including the General Assembly, Synod and Presbytery. For 2019, the assessed amount is \$35.75 per member. Please label your offering envelope or check with "Per Capita" in order for your contribution to be counted towards the work of our denomination. Thank you!

On Sunday, **January 27th** from 6-8 p.m., the **YAHAS** will be joining the 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 3rd** 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 10th** for our **ANNUAL LOVE & PANCAKE BREAKFAST** in the Fellowship Hall. The Membership/Fellowship Committee invites you to stay following the worship services for food, fellowship and fun. Suggested donation: \$4 per plate.



ADULT EDUCATION

WIN FILM FESTIVAL: On Sunday, January 27th at the McConnell Arts Center at 5:30 p.m. is a catered dinner and at 7 p.m. is *Ramchand Pakistan* a film based on the 2002 true story of Ramchand, an 8-year-old boy who accidentally crossed the Pakistani border and is imprisoned in India. His family is Hindu and they are members of the "untouchable" caste. A panel discussion will follow. (Tickets at McConnellArts.org or 614-431-0329)

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE CONFESSIONS (February 10th - March 3rd). Most churches find a way to declare who they are, what they believe, and what they resolve to do. Presbyterians do this through a collection of creeds and confessions of faith called *The Book of Confessions*. We are excited to begin a series of adult education classes to explore our own beliefs as they relate to beliefs as expressed by the Reformed Tradition (our stream of Christianity). Each year or so we will offer a class on one of our confessions. This year **Dr. Piermont** will lead the discussion on *A Brief Statement of Faith*, a creed adopted in 1991. Participants will have the chance to learn the big ideas in the confession, consider how they compare to one's own understanding of Christian faith and life, and discuss in what ways these ideas pertain to our lives today. **Sundays, February 10th - March 3rd, 9 a.m. in the Room 222.**

MISSION

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 27th**.

On **Monday, January 28th** 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 or speak with Pastor Tom.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY! On Sunday, **February 3rd** our youth will be at the exits holding soup pots after worship. You are welcome to put a dollar or two in the pot for the team you are rooting for. The money will go to Worthington Resource Panty. Presbyterian youth groups around the country participate in this fundraiser for the hungry.

MISSION TRIP FOR HURRICANE RECOVERY 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 ASAP. Cost is \$250 per person. Scholarships are available.

Our 3rd Annual **MISSION PALOOZA** is Sunday, **February 17th**! 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.

THANK YOU

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 7th, 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 for assistance. Every pledge carries our church closer to achieving fiscal sustainability. Through good stewardship we will accomplish what your gifts fund.



Church Activities This Week at WPC

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

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 and Film, Room 222
9:00 AM Membership Seminar, Chapel
9:00 AM Religious Studies, "Living" Room
10:00 AM Immersion Sunday, Choir Room
10:00 AM Worship, Dr. Piermont Preaching, Sanctuary
10:15 AM Church School: Preschool - Grade 6, Chapel, 111, 112, 113, 222
11:15 AM Choir Officer Meeting, Room 124
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 21

Church Office Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

7:00 PM Mission Ministry, Room 222

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

7:30 PM Adult Education, Room 222

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

12:30 PM ROMEO's Lunch, OSU Golf Course
6:30 PM Celebration Ringers, Sanctuary
6:30 PM Created for Connection, Room 222
6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Supervision, Room 111, Room 112

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

7:30 AM Finance Committee Meeting, 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 25

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

8:00 AM Session Retreat, Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27 PER CAPITA OFFERING

8:00 AM Worship & Communion, Dr. Rice preaching, Chapel
8:45 AM Childcare: Infant & Toddler, Nursery
9:00 AM Confirmation Class, Youth Room
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