

WORTHINGTON

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
JANUARY 5, 2020
10:00 A.M.

WORTHINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Second Sunday after Christmas

January 5, 2020

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 Michael Tyler at webmaster@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.

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

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”--Part I

Dietrich Buxtehude

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

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE (from Psalm 90)

One: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**All: Before the mountains were brought forth,
Or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
From everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

One: So teach us to count our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

**All: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
So that we may rejoice and be glad all our deays.**

One: Let your work be shown to your servants,
And your glorious power to their children.

**All: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
And prosper for us the work of our hands—
O prosper the work of our hands!**

* HYMN #686

“God of Our Life”

SANDON

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, as we begin a new year, we offer this prayer of confession to invite the clean slate you promise. We confess 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, so 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

* CHRISTMAS GLORIA #113 (“Angels We Have Heard on High”)

GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

Jenni Whitford

Communion Sunday: After the Children’s Message, children ages 4 years through 3rd grade may go to the Chapel for a large group worship. 4th-5th-6th graders will remain in worship, with their families and participate in Communion. Following the postlude, please pick up your child in his/her classroom.

*Classroom locations: 4’s and K: Room 113 2nd-3rd grade: Room 111
1st grade: Room 112*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mike Foley

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Verses from Genesis 1 and 2

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ... And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so... And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so... And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ... And God saw that it was good... And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so... And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness.. So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them... And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

One: The Word of our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“We Have Seen His Star in the East”

John Carter

The Chancel Choir

We have seen his star in the East and have come to worship him. Arise, shine, for thy light is come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. O Morning Star, how fair and bright, thou bearest forth in truth and light! O Sovereign meek and lowly! Thou root of Jesse, David's son, my Lord and Savior thou hast won my heart to serve thee solely! Thou art holy, fair and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing. Rule and might o'er all possessing.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:45-46

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

One: The Gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“It's about Time”

Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont

*** HYMN #687**

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

ST. ANNE

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

“The Kings”

Peter Cornelius

Harper Markiewicz, tenor

Three kings have journeyed from the eastern land; a star hath led them to Jordan's strand. And in Judea inquire the three where the Newborn Infant King may be. With gold and myrrh and incense sweet, they bring the Holy Child an offering meet. And brightly shineth the guiding star; unto the manger they travel far. With rapture filled on the boy they gaze and bow before Him in joy and praise. O child of man, hold thee firm and true; the kings came hither; O come thou, too! The star of mercy, the star of love shall point thee the pathway to Heaven above. And fail thee gold and incense sweet, lay thou thy heart at the Savior's feet. Bring Him thy heart!

* 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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

All who put their trust in Christ are welcome to receive communion.

Please note: Gluten-free bread is placed in the center of each tray.

Grape juice is red, and wine is white.

Invitation and Sharing of Prayer Requests and Blessings

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

* HYMN FOR EPIPHANY #827 "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" WIE SCHON LEUCHTER

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"--Part II Dietrich Buxtehude

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.



SERVING US THIS MORNING

Audio: Duane Cable

Carillon: Bill Allman

Usher Team B: Peggy Foster and Dave Wilson, Co-Captains; Dick Baker, Carol & David Balsler, Pete Barnhart, Mark & Kay Fowler, Sam Guy, Steve Guy, 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 Dick Evans, Jewell Paxton and Sharon Stohrer.

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	Robert Pukay-Martin	
Nate Holcomb	Joseph Seida		
Maura Stepanski			
Scott Testa			
Zach Wilson			
Jacob T. Wixom			

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, Chapel Pianist

Rev. Dr. Thomas Rice, Pastor for Discipleship
Rev. Wayne Morrison, Parish Associate for Visitation
Nicholas Robison, Director for Youth Ministries
Jenni Whitford, Director for Children's Ministries
Russ Nagy, New Connections Music Leader

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

VITAL WORSHIP-VITAL CONGREGATIONS:

Come hear TWO national PCUSA speakers THIS Saturday, **January 11th** at 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the **PARTNERS IN EDUCATION (P.I.E.)**. WPC is hosting a Presbytery-wide event with workshops on Christian Education, mission outreach, worship and more. Lunch is included, and our church will pay for your registration. **Reservations are due today.** Forms are available at Welcome Centers, or contact Pastor Tom Rice.

First **YOUTH GROUP** of the New Year is tonight at 6:00 p.m. Come join us for food, fun, and a deep discussion of this new journey we are about to take together!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUEST PREACHER NEXT SUNDAY.

We welcome the Rev. Dr. David Gambrell as our preacher for all three services next Sunday, January 12th. Dr. Gambrell was one of the preachers our youth heard last summer at the national PCUSA Youth Triennium, and he is the author (poet)



of some hymns we have sung in our services. He serves on the PC(USA) national staff as Associate for Worship in the Office of Theology and Worship. He was an advisor to the committee which created our hymnal (*Glory to God*) and contributed to Presbyterian worship resources our pastoral and music staff use regularly. David is a graduate of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary (M.Div.) and Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary (Ph.D). Please welcome him to our church. (P.S. The WPC pastoral staff will be present next Sunday as usual.)

ORDINATION/INSTALLATION of OFFICERS

NEXT SUNDAY. At the 10 a.m. service next Sunday, January 12th, we will ordain and install the members we elected in August to serve as elders (on Session) and deacons, beginning terms in 2020. Please surround them with your prayers.

Please join us for our next **STAFFORD VILLAGE** program on Wednesday, **January 8th** at 1:00 p.m. We are going to LAUGH our way into the New Year! Now that the holidays are over and the long days of January are upon us, what better time than to share some "corny" jokes, talk about our all time favorite TV comedy shows...and comedians...and share thoughts on some of our favorite movies that made us laugh right out loud! So, let's enjoy fellowship...and share

some laughter. We will also play TV trivia! See you on January 8th at 1:00 p.m.

Please join **CHRISTIAN LIFE CIRCLE** on Thursday, **January 9th** as we discuss the sixth commandment "You shall not murder" (Exodus 20:13). The meanings of the Hebrew word translated as "murder" will be discussed as well as, if there are ever limits to honoring life. Bible study, under the leadership of Pastor Tom Rice, will be from 1:15-2:00 p.m. in Room 222. However, we invite you to come earlier for fellowship, dessert and coffee at 12:30 p.m., followed by an update on Presbyterian Women United activities from 12:30-1:15 p.m. Some men have been joining us, so this study is not just for women. All are welcome!

Want to know more about WPC? There will be a **MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR** on Sunday mornings, 9-9:45 a.m. in the Chapel, **January 19th, 26th, and February 2nd**. Any who choose to join the church will meet the Session members on **February 9th** and be introduced at the 10:00 worship service on that morning. Questions, comments, or RSVPs to Pastor Betsy at brice@worthingtonpresbyterian.com.

Attention ELDERS and DEACONS (current and past): All installed and ordained members of WPC may serve Communion. If you are able to serving communion in 2020, and have not served in 2019 or simply need a refresher, please plan to attend the training held Sunday, **January 12th**, shortly after the postlude. We will gather in the first few pews and begin training as soon as the sanctuary clears out. Training shouldn't take more than 30 minutes. If you are interested in serving and do not have access to Sign Up Genius, please let Marian Greuling know. If you are unable to attend the training, we can review together at a later date. Don't let this hold you back from serving!

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PRESCHOOL

registration materials for the 2020-2021 school year are available on-line. Current and past families and church members have priority registration until **January 17th**. If you are interested in a tour or would like more information, please contact the Director, Melinda Wood, at 614-885-3765 or via email, director@worthingtonpresbyterian.com.

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Would you like to donate **CHANCEL FLOWERS** in honor or in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion? Please contact Karen Linden at 614-885-5355 or klinden@worthingtonpresbyterian.com. The cost of two bouquets is \$85. Open dates through July are: January 12, 19, 26; March 22; April 19; May 31; June 7, 21, 28; July 12, 26.

GOT TALENT? On Tuesday, February 25th, 6:30-8:00 p.m. all are invited to enjoy a **MARDI GRAS DESSERT POTLUCK and TALENT SHOW!** We will begin with dessert in the Fellowship Hall, then go to the sanctuary for the entertainment. The talent show welcomes singers, instrumentalists, dancers, poets and storytellers. If you have a talent you would like to share, contact David Rives at drives@worthingtonpresbyterian.com by Wednesday, February 5th.

MISSION

We will be **COLLECTING SOCKS** for the homeless on Sunday, **January 19th**. Warm socks are one of the most needed items in the winter for our homeless friends. Because socks get wet and there is no way to dry them, these folks end up having severe problems with their feet. Won't you please help us and bring a package of socks or just one pair? Help us do what the Lord asked in Matthew 25:35.



NNEMAP FOOD PANTRY is in need of peanut butter, cereal, coffee, quart & sandwich size baggies, and toilet paper and personal hygiene items including dental items, razors, shampoo and feminine hygiene products are needed. Your continued help and donations are appreciated!

BREAD BUDDIES NEEDED: Bread Buddies is a simple mission program where the unsold bread and pastries from Panera are delivered to various shelters and pantries around Central Ohio. We make deliveries to Faith Mission, St. Stephens, Guadalupe Center, and the Van Buren Center and several other locations. We need some more volunteers for open slots. First Tuesdays and Third Mondays are needed. I am also looking for people to pick up each Saturday and the fifth Sunday when there is one. Pick up time is 8:30 p.m. – you arrive just prior to closing and they will bag/box everything for you. You may deliver that night or the next morning, depending on the site selected. Interest volunteers or for more information contact Debb Wilson at debbwilson1984@gmail.com.

ADULT EDUCATION

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY: A 9-week class full of wisdom for personal finance—reducing debt, increasing savings, increasing generosity. A nationally-acclaimed video series with Dave Ramsey, led by our own Tyler and Brittany Schuch. Starts Wednesday, **January 15th** at 7:00 p.m. and continues on Wednesday nights through March 18th. Please help spread the word! **For more information or to sign up go to fpu.com/1104413**. The cost of the class and the materials is \$99. Childcare is available

upon request. If you need a scholarship to help pay for the class please contact Dr. Rice at trice@worthingtonpresbyterian.com.

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THE FUTURE? A class to talk about heaven, the Second Coming, Christian hope--things we all wonder about but don't often get to talk about. Led by Pastors Wayne Morrison and Tom Rice. **January 12th, 19th and 26th** at 9:00 a.m. in Room 222.

The **RELIGIOUS STUDIES** class will be studying the Confessions of St. Augustine on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the "Living" Room. Please join us.

Church Activities This Week at WPC

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

- 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 Religious Studies, "Living" Room
10:00 AM Worship & Communion, Dr. Piermont Preaching, Sanctuary
10:15 AM Church School: Preschool - Grade 3, Room 111, 112, 113, 222, Chapel
11:00 AM Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
5:00 PM New Connections Worship & Communion, Dr. Piermont preaching, Chapel (includes Childcare)
6:00 PM Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group, Youth Room

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

- 5:30 PM Worship & the Arts Committee, Room 124
6:00 PM Community Friendship Dinner, Kitchen, Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM Soul Space Committee, Room 222

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

- 7:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry, "Living" Room

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

- 9:00 AM Sacristy Guild, Sanctuary
11:00 AM Small Group (Betsy Morrison), "Living" Room
4:30 PM Sue Alban Memorial Service & Reception, Chapel
5:00 PM Stephen Training, Room 111, 112
6:30 PM Celebration Ringers Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:00 PM Book Lovers, "Living" Room
8:00 PM AA, Fellowship Hall



Hearing Loop:
Switch hearing aid to t-coil
or see an usher for headphones.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

- 7:45 AM Generosity Committee, Room 112
7:45 AM Personnel Committee, Room 111
12:00 PM Tower Tidings Deadline
5:00 PM Choir Plus, Fellowship Hall, 111, 112, 113, 124, 222, Chapel
7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

- 9:00 AM Presbytery ~ PIE, ALL ROOMS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

- 8:00 AM Worship & Communion, Dr. Gambrell preaching, Chapel
8:45 AM Childcare: Infant & Toddler, Nursery
8:45 AM Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM Faith Seekers, Room 124
9:00 AM Religious Studies, "Living" Room
9:00 AM What Does the Bible Say About the Future? Room 222
10:00 AM Worship, Ordination/Installation, Dr. Gambrell Preaching, Sanctuary
10:15 AM Church School: Preschool - Grade 6, Room 111, 112, 113, 222, Chapel
11:00 AM Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
11:00 AM Officer Communion Training, Sanctuary
5:00 PM New Connections Worship, Dr. Gambrell preaching, Chapel (includes Childcare)
6:00 PM Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group, Youth Room