

WORTHINGTON

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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to make a difference*

January 6, 2019 ~ 10:00 a.m.

2019 Session

Class of 2019

Jeff Appel

Dan Beck

Henry Guy

Tracy MacDowell

Dan Srsic

Taylor Surface

Jeff White

The Rev. Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont, Moderator

The Rev. Dr. Tom Rice, Pastor for Discipleship

The Rev. Wayne Morrison, Parish Associate for Visitation

The Rev. Betsy Rice, Pastor for Member Ministries

Class of 2020

Nancy Case

Marsha Cavanaugh

Wade Duym

Steven Guy

Sally Hough

Dick Posey

Class of 2021

Linda Barber

Carol Giessler

Tracy MacDowell

Ann Mehl

Jon Neylon

Colleen Rembolt

Vern Vick

Kathy Mead, Clerk of Session

John Gray, Treasurer

2019 Board of Deacons

Class of 2019

Olivia Cook

Brenda Lynne

Danielle Heiden

Debbie Murphy

Mike Murphy

Dick Patton

Harry Pukay-Martin

Jane Riddle

Connie Syron

Nancy Wardwell

The Rev. Wayne Morrison, Parish Associate for Visitation

Class of 2020

Becky Ament

Sandy Bell

Vera Coniglio

Jan Elliott

Jennifer Feucht

Judy Hazelton, Moderator

Cindy Leonard

Mark Ranck

Melissa Wilson

Class of 2021

Regina Ausich

Anthony Cottone

Joanne Crockett

Peter Okyere

Mark Senff

Lou Ann Shearer

Suzanne Surface

Kevin Wadsworth

Nila Whitfield

Following Christ, **ruling elders** lead the congregation in all facets of our life together. Following Christ, **deacons** offer one-on-one ministries of compassion to those in need. All of us can support ruling elders and deacons with prayer, words of encouragement and support, and our willing participation. The Holy Spirit helps us in this way to extend the strength of Christ to one another.

WORTHINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 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 "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" setting by Paul Manz
The music is a call to open one's spirit to God's presence in our midst.

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

One: We have seen a star in the East!

All: God is with us. Light has come!

One: We have heard the songs of the angels.

All: God is with us. Love has come!

One: Now we follow the light into the world.

All: God is with us. Christ has come!

* HYMN #152

"What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright"

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Savior, we confess that we fail to live in your light. You have searched for us, and yet we hide from you. You have lavished us with blessing, and yet we treasure earthly things. Forgive us, God of grace. Let the mystery of your saving love be revealed, even in our lives, according to your eternal purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 u - 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

Jenni Whitford

After the Children’s Message, children ages 3 years through 3rd grade may go to the Chapel for a large group worship. Children in 4-5-6th grades are invited to remain in worship and take part in Communion. Following the postlude, please pick up your child in their classroom.

*Classroom locations: Preschool-K: Room 113 3rd grade: Room 222
 1-2nd grade: Room 112*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kate Hunter

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 12:1-2, 26:2-5

Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ...

The LORD appeared to Isaac and said,...“Settle in the land that I shall show you. Reside in this land as an alien, and I will be with you, and will bless you; for to you and to your descendants I will give all these lands, and I will fulfill the oath that I swore to your father Abraham. I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven, and will give to your offspring all these lands; and all the nations of the earth shall gain blessing for themselves through your offspring, because Abraham obeyed my voice and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.”

One: The Word of our Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“We Have Seen His Star in the East”
The Chancel Choir

John Carter

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 beamest forth in truth and light! O sovereign meek and lowly! Thou root of Jesse, David’s son, my Lord and Savior thou has 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.

SERMON

“The First Five Words”

Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont

Part 1 of “Gospel Shorthand: The Christian Journey in 13 Words”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF MEMBERS ELECTED TO ORDERED MINISTRIES

Statement on Ordination and Installation

Constitutional Promises of Members Elected to Ordered Ministries

1. Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the church, and through him believe in One God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

2. Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?
3. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?
4. Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?
5. Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?
6. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
7. Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?
8. Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

Ruling Elder: Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry, will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Deacon: Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry, will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Constitutional Promises of the Congregation

1. Do we, the members of the church, accept **Linda Barber, Carol Giessler, Henry Guy, Tracy MacDowell, Ann Mehl, Jon Neylon, Colleen Rembolt, and Vern Vick**, as ruling elders and **Regina Ausich, Olivia Cook, Anthony Cottone, Joanne Crockett, Peter Okyere, Mark Senff, Lou Ann Shearer, Suzanne Surface, Kevin Wadsworth, and Nila Whitfield** as deacons chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Christ? **We do.**
2. Do we encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of this Church? **We do.**

Prayer for Ordination and Installation

All elders and pastors may come forward to take part in "the laying on of hands."

*** Hymn #69**

"Here I Am, Lord"

HERE I AM

Those who came forward may return to their seats during the hymn.

***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.***

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

Puer nobis nascitur

setting by Paul Manz

* 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

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

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GOING IN GOD'S NAME

* HYMN #744

"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

FESTAL SONG

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Festal Song

setting by Rick Seaton

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.

MISSION

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 lodge). Randy Bell, Richard Birnie, Larry Case, Dan Foley, Brent Mulgrew, Mike Murphy, and Paul Wilcox are going and would be glad to talk to you. A deposit of \$75 is due to Pastor Tom by **ASAP**. Cost is \$250 per person. Scholarships available.

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.

*The flowers on the chancel are given to the glory of God
in honor of John & Judy Gray's 50th Wedding Anniversary.*

SERVING US THIS MORNING

Audio: Duane Cable

Carillon: Jennifer Hambrick

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

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.

Congratulations to John & Judy Gray as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Prayers of healing and patience for Kathleen Malecki, recovering from a car accident.

Congratulations to Carolyn and Mark Lee on the birth of their first grandchild, Ian Thomas Churchill, born to Tory and Hugh Churchill of Royal Oak, Michigan, on December 1, 2018.

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
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

NEW! JANUARY SERMON SERIES begins today—Gospel Shorthand: The Christian Journey in 13 Words. 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. Begin your new year with this faith-renewing opportunity on **January 6, 13, and 20.**

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.

After the 10 a.m. service come help **NNEMAP FOOD PANTRY** as we repackage food donations into family-sized portions. All ages can help!

WPC YOUTH GROUP tonight from 6-8:00 p.m., it is a New Year's Blowout Bash! Join us for City Barbecue, cookie decorating, karaoke, and more! We are better together--come enjoy faith and fellowship.

If you requested 2019 **GIVING ENVELOPES**, they are in the Fellowship Hall. If you didn't request envelopes but would like them, please contact Jenny Farber at jfarber@worthingtonpresbyterian.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORTHINGTON CARES SPEAKER SERIES Wednesday, **January 9th** at Worthington Kilbourne High School: Dinner: 6–6:30 p.m.; Keynote & Youth Activities: 6:45–8 p.m. Back by popular demand, Ty Sells will help clear the air about the smoke screen and myths associated with smoking marijuana. A conversation that is free of preaching and politics, but full of the relevant facts to assist adults, parents and youth in making their own healthier decisions.

Do you have trouble letting go of worries and standing firm in your faith, expectantly waiting to see what God will do? King Jehoshaphat, great-grandson of King Solomon and ruler of the southern kingdom of Judah, was filled with fear as he faced battle with enemies of overwhelming strength. Come and see how his reliance on God gave him courage as **CHRISTIAN LIFE CIRCLE** discusses **“God With Us When We're Powerless,”** our Bible study led by Pastor Tom Rice on **Thursday, January 10th from 1:15 -2:00 p.m. in Room 222.** Come at 12:15 for dessert, coffee and fellowship, followed at 12:30 by Kathy Wolken

speaking about her work at NNEMAP's Christmas Toy Shop, which our circle helps support. All are welcome to attend part or all of our meeting!

Would you like to know more about Worthington Presbyterian Church? Please come to the **MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR**, 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. on Sundays, **January 13th, 20th and 27th.** 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 10th. Questions, email Betsy at brice@worthingtonpresbyterian.com.

STAFFORD VILLAGE CONSTRUCTION: Join us Sunday, **January 13th,** at 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel. We'll meet George Tabit, Vice President of Senior Housing Development for National Church Residences and get an update on the plans for Stafford Village.

Come and **PLAY BRIDGE** at the home of Howard & Doris Moye on Friday, **January 18th** at 1:30 p.m. Call 614-889-2385 to reserve a seat.

On Sunday, **January 27th,** 6-8 p.m., the **YAHAS** will join the Youth Group for a potluck dinner and trivia. Come, build relationships across the generations!

ADULT EDUCATION

Romantic **LOVE IS NOT A MYSTERY** anymore! WPC member and psychologist **Colby Srsic, PhD.** will lead identical programs on Sunday, **January 6th** and Sunday, **January 13th** 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 below).

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 23rd to February 27th,** 6:30-8:30 p.m., with dinner and childcare provided). RSVP by **January 16th** to srsic.1@gmail.com.

Montaña de Luz INFORMATIONAL MEETING **Tuesday, January 15th at 7 :00 p.m.** in Room 124 about our next mission trip to, the orphanage we support in Honduras for children affected by HIV/AIDS. Our trip will be June 12th-19th.

Church Activities This Week at WPC

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

- 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 Love Is Not a Mystery, Room 222
9:00 AM Religious Studies, "Living" Room
10:00 AM Worship & Communion, **Officer Ordination/Installation**, Dr. Piermont, Sanctuary
10:15 AM Church School: Preschool - Grade 6, Chapel, 111, 112, 113, 222
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 Service, Dr. Piermont preaching, Chapel
6:00 PM Jr. & Sr. High Youth Activity, Fellowship Hall, Youth Room

MONDAY, JANUARY 7

- 6:00 PM Community Friendship Dinner, (Evening Circle of Grace), Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM Stated Session, Chapel

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

- 11:00 AM Tower Tidings Mailing, Office Work Room
6:30 PM Membership/Fellowship Committee, Room 222
7:00 PM Youth Committee, Room 111

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

- 11:00 AM Wednesday Small Group, "Living" Room
6:00 PM Nominating Committee, Room 222
6:30 PM Celebration Ringers, Sanctuary
6:30 PM Stephen Ministry Supervision, Room 111, Room 112

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

- 7:45 AM Stewardship, Room 111
12:00 PM Christian Life Circle, Room 222
5:00 PM Choir Plus, all rooms; Parent Discussion (Choir Plus), Room 124
7:30 PM Chancel Choir, Sanctuary, Choir Room

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

- 6:00 PM Club 56, Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

- 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
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