

WORTHINGTON

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

10:00 A.M.

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 16, 2018

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* 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.

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

Azmon

setting by Barbara Harbach

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

OPENING SENTENCES

One: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;

All: Our God is full of compassion.

One: Let us walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living,

All: Through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

* HYMN #610

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

AZMON

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, in the face of sin, our gravest enemy, we call to you for rescue. You know our faults before we speak. We have not loved you or our neighbors as much as we love ourselves. We have denied our dependence on you. Forgive what we have been, amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may grow in grace and wisdom, for the glory of your 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 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

Pastor Wayne

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

Judy Barnhart

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 116:1-9

I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, save my life!"

Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful. The LORD protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me. Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. I walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"The Heavens Are Telling"

L. van Beethoven

The Chancel Choir

The heavens are telling the Lord's endless glory, through all the earth His praise is found. The seas re-echo the marvelous story: let all repeat that glorious sound! The starry hosts He does order and number, He fills the morning's golden springs, He wakes the sun from his night-curtained slumber; let all adore the King of kings! The heavens are His and the earth knows His favor, His power in all things we have seen; the Lord of hosts who forever and ever our God and Savior still shall be. He is our Maker whose love shall not waver, a God of wisdom, ever kind; praise Him and love Him with all our endeavor, in Him salvation shall we find!

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same

opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Flammable”

Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont

HEAD, SHOULDERS, KNEES AND TOES: EMBODYING CHRISTIAN LIFE (Part 3 of 4)

* HYMN #693

“Though I May Speak”

GIFT OF LOVE

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

Gift of Love

setting by John Leavitt

* 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 #722

“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

CANONBURY

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (“Christ before us...” – *please follow the pastor’s lead.*)

* CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Azmon

setting by Paul Manz

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.

*The flowers on the chancel are given to the glory of God by Dorie Eisenman
in loving memory of Mark Eisenman.*

SERVING US THIS MORNING

Audio: Dick Baker **Carillon:** Jennifer Hambrick **Flower Delivery:** Dick Patton & Connie Syron

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

Prayers of healing for Evelyn Moore, Marylou Posey and Ralph Poulson.
Congratulations to Megan Ann Cable & Brant Musser Leitnaker on their marriage on September 15th.
The flowers by the organ are in honor of Megan & Brant's marriage.

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.

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
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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TODAY

HEAD, SHOULDERS, KNEES AND TOES: EMBODYING CHRISTIAN LIFE. Our sermon series continues. The New Testament Letter of James is a feisty, impassioned appeal to ways we can put faith into action. For James, faith is not just what's in your mind and heart; it takes your whole body! Please plan to attend and invite a friend or neighbor.

OUR CLOSING BLESSING for this sermon series, we are using the benediction that is used daily by the children of Montaña de Luz (the orphanage we support in Honduras). It is also a favorite of our Choir Plus children. We "embody" a modern version of a very old prayer. St. Patrick in the 5th century had this prayer on his breastplate (his armor), as a reminder of God's presence and power with him each day as he brought the good news of Jesus to Ireland, facing great danger.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE: Join us this morning at 8:45 in Fellowship Hall to help **NNEMAP** Food Pantry. We'll repackage bulk food donations into family-sized portions--a quick, fun way to help feed the hungry.

HYMN SING today at 3:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary; part of our *Celebration of Sound Concert Series*. Our choir and congregation will join **with the choir and the congregation of St. John's African Methodist Episcopal Church**. All are welcome! A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

WPC FAITH RUNNERS welcome all runners and walkers at the Steps of Faith 5K Run/Walk **today at 4 p.m.** The 5K Run/Walk or 1.5-mile Fun Walk begin and end in Alum Creek Park North on West Main Street in Westerville. The cost to participate is \$30. Race proceeds will be distributed equally between the Heinzerling Community and Bradley's House of Hope in Nicaragua, both engaging and developing individuals with disabilities in a loving and nurturing environment. Sign up at <https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Westerville/stepsofffaith>. WPC has a team, "WPC Faith Runners/Walkers" (with password "WPC") you can join. Questions, contact Jeff White at jpwhite17@gmail.com or 614-564-7662.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIGITAL DANGER: Dr. Tim Conrad has made his keeping kids safe online PowerPoint presentation and his "contract between youth and parents for social media safety" available. Contact Pastor Tom for a copy.

Our Presbyterian Women United is proud to present "**Worthington Presbyterian CARES**" t-shirts, polo shirts, baseball shirts, and jackets. These are available to order online at www.ElkPromotions.com/wpc. Samples are on display on Sunday in Fellowship Hall. Shirts are on sale to the end of September. Any orders placed can be picked up at the church office. *Our thanks to Amanda Trueman for the new design and to Scott Wieclaw, President of Elk Promotions, for his advice, production and special pricing.* Let's show everyone that "Worthington Presbyterian Cares."



We need to add some **bass and baritone voices** to the **CHANCEL CHOIR**. At this point, we will gladly accept basses, lower tenors, or a woman with a severe cold for this voice part. A full bass section functions as the firm foundation of the choir. The Chancel Choir rehearses each Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Also, our **Celebration Ringers** handbell ensemble can use more players (adults and high school students). Beginners are welcome. The group meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. For more information about these opportunities contact David Rives at drives@worthingtonpresbyterian.com.

The **BRIDGE GROUP** will meet Friday, **September 21st** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Carol & Fred Hofer. Please call 614-488-8557 to reserve your place.

You are invited to join the women of **EVENING CIRCLE OF GRACE** as we start a new year of programs. Circles are small groups that belong to the larger community of Presbyterian Women United and meet regularly for participation in local outreach programs, Bible study and to promote Christian fellowship. Our Circle generally meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month from September through June and is also the only one that meets in the evening. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, **September 25th** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 111. We enjoy conversation, devotions and fun charitable projects such as making cookie trays for Kobacker House or making blankets for foster children. It is a great way to make new friends and support local service projects in our community. We are always looking for ways to serve through prayer, study, service and love. For more information, contact either Sue Funk at 614-436-4792 or Nancy Currie Atkinson at 614-766-4767.



International Potluck



POTLUCK, FELLOWSHIP, FRIENDSHIP! Plan to bring an international dish and stay for lunch at 11:00 a.m. on **October 14th**. Christians worship Jesus all over the world; let's share foods from all nations. Bring a food that is part of your family heritage or culture, or choose a nation you love. Please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409of45aeae2da7fe3-international> or on the clipboard outside Fellowship Hall.

Do you need a **NAME BADGE**? We will place the last order of the year at the end of this month. Please place your order with Lori by calling her at 614-885-5355 or email lsheppard@worthingtonpresbyterian.com by September 30th. Thank you!

CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT: Friday, November 9th-Saturday, November 10th (7 p.m.-7 p.m.) at Kirkmont Conference Center in Zanesfield (45 minutes away). Our keynote speaker is a stand-up comedian and a Presbyterian pastor. Programs and activities for all ages--come experience our theme: "The Joy of Jesus!"

ADULT EDUCATION

SEASONS OF THE SPIRIT: Learning about the Church Year a 4-week series continues with Dr. Rice at 9 a.m. Breakfast and childcare are provided. Come on a spiritual journey through the seasons.

WPC SMALL GROUPS: Friends for the journey. A safe place for holy conversations. Our church has many different small groups meeting monthly (October to May) find one that works for you. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4fa9ac2ca6f58-worthington> or contact Dr. Rice about new groups forming.

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.

MISSION

A family in need is looking for a gently used **WASHING MACHINE**. If you are able to help, please contact John Hamilton at 614-888-4768.

LUNCHESES FOR THE HOMELESS: Please pick up bags in the Fellowship Hall! Fill each with a large 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 **September 23rd**.

Please Help! We are still looking for people to pick up bread and goodies from **PANERA**. Starting in January, we need someone to pick up the first and fifth Friday evenings and deliver it locally on Saturday morning. We also still need volunteers to pick up Panera's goodies every Monday night at 8:30 p.m. one Monday night of each month (you choose one evening per month) and deliver to a variety of agencies throughout Columbus, to be arranged according to the schedule of the delivery person. If you can help with this mission to feed those who are hungry in Columbus, please call Leslie Snyder at 614-404-8229 or email to lesliesnyder54@gmail.com.

Presbyterian Women United is again leading our congregation's participation in the annual **NNEMAP GROOMING KIT COLLECTIONS**. WPC will be collecting and assembling completed kits to give to NNEMAP clients during the upcoming season. We join other local churches in hopes of together making up over 1,500 health-hygiene kits to be distributed. Collection dates are **September 16th, 23rd, and 30th**. Items needed for each kit are:

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| Toothbrush | Shaving Cream | Bar soap |
| ~ Toothpaste | Deodorant | Lotion |
| Dental floss | Wash cloth | Razor |

Happy Anniversary NNEMAP! **NNEMAP CELEBRATES ITS 50th** anniversary this year, as does the Ohio History Connection, so that is cause for a party. There will be a party/fundraiser for NNEMAP at the museum on Saturday, **September 22nd**. For details and ticket information, go to the pantry web-site at nnemappantry.org. WPC has been involved in breaking down food items, such as sugar, flour, salt and coffee, for most of those 50 years. Please keep the supplies coming. Donations can be placed in the wooden bin in Fellowship Hall.

DRIVERS AND MEAL HOSTS NEEDED: The Rev. Saman Perera from Sri Lanka will be our special guest October 12th-November 2nd. If you could help drive him any of those days, or if you would like to host him for a meal, please contact Pastor Tom Rice. Thank you!

Church Activities This Week at WPC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

8:00 AM Worship & Communion, Dr. Piermont preaching, Chapel
8:45 AM Childcare: Infant & Toddler, Nursery
8:45 AM Coffee Hour & NNEMAP Breakdown, Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM Confirmation Class, Youth Room
9:00 AM 4th Grade Sacrament Class, Room 112
9:00 AM Faith Seekers, Room 124
9:00 AM New Officer Training, Room 111
9:00 AM Religious Studies, "Living" Room
9:00 AM Seasons of the Spirit Class, Room 222
10:00 AM Worship, Dr. Piermont preaching, Sanctuary
10:15 AM Church School: Preschool - Grade 6, Chapel, 111, 112, 113, 222
11:00 AM Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
3:00 PM COS - Hymn Sing, Sanctuary, Reception after Hymn Sing, Fellowship Hall
5:00 PM New Connections Worship, Dr. Piermont preaching, Chapel
6:00 PM Jr. & Sr. High Youth Activity, Fellowship Hall, Youth Room

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

5:00 PM Worship & the Arts Committee, Room 124
7:00 PM Facilities Committee, Room 124
7:00 PM Mission Ministry, Room 222
7:00 PM Stephen Ministry Continuing Education, Overbrook Presbyterian Church

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

6:30 PM David Bible Study, "Living" Room
7:00 PM Board of Deacons, Chapel

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

6:30 PM Celebration Ringers, Sanctuary
8:00 PM AA, Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

9:00 AM Sacristy Guild, Sanctuary
9:00 AM Walking Group, Antrim Park
12:00 PM Tower Tidings Deadline
7:30 PM Chancel Choir, Sanctuary, Choir Room

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

7:00 PM Bridge Group, Offsite

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:00 AM Faith Runners, Antrim Park

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

8:00 AM Worship & Communion, Dr. Rice preaching, Chapel
8:45 AM Childcare: Infant & Toddler, Nursery
9:00 AM Confirmation Class, Youth Room; 4th Grade Sacrament Class, Room 112
9:00 AM Faith Seekers, Room 124; New Officer Training, Room 111
9:00 AM Religious Studies, "Living" Room; Seasons of the Spirit Class, Room 222
10:00 AM Worship, Teacher Dedication, Dr. Rice Preaching, Sanctuary
10:00 AM Young Children & Worship, Room 113
10:15 AM Church School: Preschool - Grade 6, Chapel, 111, 112, 113, 222
11:15 AM Choir Officers Meeting, Room 124
11:30 AM Sunday School Teacher Training, Chapel, Room 222
5:00 PM New Connections Worship Service, Dr. Rice Preaching, Chapel
6:00 PM Jr. & Sr. High Youth Activity, Fellowship Hall, Youth Room