

# WORTHINGTON

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*PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*  
*Brought to you by Jesus...*  
*to make a difference*



**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**SEPTEMBER 2, 2018**  
**10:00 A.M.**



**\* GLORIA**

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***PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD***

**MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES**

Pastor Betsy

*After the Children's Message, children ages 3 years through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade may go to the Chapel for a large group worship. Children in 4-5-6<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to remain in worship and take part in Communion.*

*Following the postlude, please pick up your child in their classroom.*

*Preschool & K: Room 113    1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade: Room 112    3<sup>rd</sup> grade: Room 222*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Mike Foley

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

"One Bread, One Body"

John Foley

The Chancel Choir

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth, we serve one Lord, we are one body in this one Lord. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all.*

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

“Quick, Slow, Slow”

Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont

*Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes: Embodying Christian Life (Part 1 of 4)*

\* **HYMN #451**

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

OPEN MY EYES

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Dr. Tom Rice

*(Online giving: text your offering dollar amount to 614-808-8580 or go to [www.easytithes.com/wpcgive](http://www.easytithes.com/wpcgive).)*

Offertory

“If With All Your Hearts”

F. Mendelssohn

David Rives, soloist

*If with all your hearts ye truly seek me, ye shall ever surely find me, thus saith our God. Oh, that I knew where I might find Him, that I might even come before His presence!*

\* 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**

Dr. Tom Rice

*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)

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Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

**GOING IN GOD’S NAME**

\* **HYMN #515**

“I Come with Joy”

DOVE OF PEACE

*(stanzas 1, 2, and 5)*

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

**POSTLUDE**

Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux

L. N. Clérambault

*The Postlude is the final Alleluia of our worship. You are invited to remain in silence. If you must leave before the end of the Postlude, please do so quietly in respect to the organist and those remaining to listen. Following worship, all are encouraged to enjoy a time of conversation and refreshment downstairs 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:** George Leonard

**Carillon:** Bill Allman

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

### PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

Prayers of healing for Chuck Evans, John Litchfield, and Marylou Posey.

Prayers of sympathy for Doris & Howard Moye, upon the death of their son-in-law, Eric Emerson, in Quing, MA on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, Laura Legge on the death of her mother, Martha Burton, on August 27<sup>th</sup>, Jack & Beckie Dicke upon the death of Jack's mother on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

*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).*

### 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			

### STAFF

Rev. Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont.....	Senior Pastor	Rev. Dr. Thomas Rice.....	Pastor for Discipleship
Rev. Betsy Rice.....	Pastor for Member Ministries *	Rev. Wayne Morrison.....	Parish Associate for Visitation *
Dr. David Rives.....	Director of Music	Jenny Farber.....	Accountant
Dr. Stephen Jacoby.....	Organist *	Karen Linden.....	Administrative Assistant
Russell Nagy.....	New Connections Music Leader *	Patty Wiechel.....	Kitchen Manager *
Melissa Robol.....	Pianist for Chapel Service *	Dave Matthias.....	Business Manager
Sharon Stohrer.....	Children's Choir Accompanist *	Lori Sheppard.....	Membership Clerk *
Brian Edwards.....	Director for Youth Ministry	Tiffany Ramos.....	Nursery Coordinator *
Bill Nordquist.....	Communications Specialist *	Larry Shepherd.....	Head Custodian
Jenni Whitford.....	Director for Children's Ministry	Tommy Slappy, Jr.....	Custodian *
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\*denotes part-time staff

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## TODAY

**NEW SERMON SERIES BEGINS TODAY** with a 4-part sermon series, *Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes: Embodying Christian Life*. 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

**HELP SERVE NNEMAP FOOD PANTRY THIS MORNING!** Join us at 11 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for an all-ages hands on mission to help feed the hungry.

**OUR CLOSING BLESSING** Starting last week, and for the month of September, 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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](http://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."

The **CHANCEL CHOIR** is open to all who love to sing. We rehearse on Thursday evenings, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. and sing in the 10:00 a.m. worship service each Sunday. We are a caring, fun-loving community which makes its purpose to glorify God with the riches of inspirational music. Come and sing with us! For more information contact David Rives at [drives@worthingtonpresbyterian.com](mailto:drives@worthingtonpresbyterian.com).

**CHRISTIAN LIFE CIRCLE** will meet on Thursday, **September 6<sup>th</sup>** in Room 222 to begin a new Bible study entitled *God's Promise: I Am with You*. The first Thursday in September through May we will discuss God's presence in the lives of women and men of Scripture. The God we serve is not only a promise-making, but a promise-keeping God. Lesson 1 focuses on the stories of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob found in Genesis. How were God's promises fulfilled through these lives and how do they apply to our personal circumstances today? Please join us at 12:15 p.m. for a time of fellowship, cookies and coffee, followed at 12:45 p.m. with information on up-coming Presbyterian Women United (PWU) programs. From 1:15-2:00 p.m. our Bible study will be led by Pastor Tom Rice. You are encouraged to come for all or part of our meeting!

In the 10:00 a.m. service next Sunday, **September 9<sup>th</sup>** we will honor **DEANNA OLSON** for her sixteen years of ensemble directing at WPC.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** following the 10 a.m. service, we will convene a Special Meeting of the Congregation to elect leaders, as specified by our constitution and by-laws. This includes ruling elders (who serve on Session), deacons, and nominating committee members. All are welcome; members are especially encouraged to attend.

Let's learn digital self-defense. A presentation on **CYBERBULLYING**, recognizing and fighting it, is scheduled for **September 11<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Presbyterian Women United and the Mission Committee invite you to hear Tim Conrad, Ph.D. discuss the use and misuse of social media. Dr. Conrad, an OSU Alumni, is a teacher, professional counselor and school counselor. He is co-author of *Digital Danger: If You Think Your Kid is Safe Online, Think Again*. Refreshments at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Conrad at 7:00 p.m. If you're attending, please sign-up or call the office at 614-885-5355.

WPC will be providing a free dinner on **Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>** at 6 p.m. at Thomas Worthington High School. At 6:45 p.m. (following dinner) there will be a program sponsored by **DRUG SAFE WORTHINGTON** speaker series. All ages are invited. There will be activities for children. If you can help with the dinner, please contact Kathleen and Ed Malecki at [kfreund-malecki@columbus.rr.com](mailto:kfreund-malecki@columbus.rr.com).

*The congregation is cordially invited to the wedding ceremony of Megan Ann Cable to Brant Musser Leitnaker on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. The wedding will be officiated by Pastor Tom and Pastor Julia. Please join in the celebration as Megan and Brant begin their life together! All are welcome.*

The **WPC FAITH RUNNERS** welcome all runners and walkers to join them at the Steps of Faith 5K Run/Walk on Sunday, **September 16<sup>th</sup>** 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 established a team, "WPC Faith Runners/Walkers" (with password "WPC") you can join. Questions, contact Jeff White at [jpwhite17@gmail.com](mailto:jpwhite17@gmail.com) or 614-564-7662.

**JOIN THE YAHAS IN SEPTEMBER!** On Wednesday, **September 19<sup>th</sup>** at 1:00 p.m. we will visit the Kelton House, a 19<sup>th</sup> century home once a stop on the Underground Railroad. Cost is \$5 a person. We will then travel to the Thurber House (\$2 a person). Questions? Please contact George or Cindy Leonard at 614-847-1260. Please join us!

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

## ADULT EDUCATION

**GOD'S WORD and WORSHIP** at 9 a.m. today in Room 222 introduces us to the Letter of James.

**SEASONS OF THE SPIRIT: Learning about the Church Year** is a 4-week series with Dr. Rice beginning next Sunday 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/30e0b4>

[fa9ac2ca6f58-worthington](#) or contact Dr. Rice about new groups forming.

**RELIGIOUS STUDIES CLASS** 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

We need volunteers to pick up goodies at Worthington's **PANERA BREAD** every Monday night at 8:30 p.m. (you choose one per month) and deliver to an agency in Columbus. If you can help with this mission, please contact Leslie Snyder at [lesliesnyder54@gmail.com](mailto:lesliesnyder54@gmail.com) or 614-404-8229.

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 the five Sundays in **September; 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>**. Items needed for each kit are:

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

Speaking of NNEMAP, Happy Anniversary NNEMAP! **NNEMAP CELEBRATES ITS 50<sup>th</sup>** 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 22. For details and ticket information, go to the pantry web-site at [nnemappantry.org](http://nnemappantry.org). On another note, 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.

**HOSTING A SPECIAL GUEST:** As part of our Synod's "Mission to the USA" program, we will be hosting **the Rev. Saman Perera, a Presbyterian pastor from Sri Lanka**. He will be with us **October 12<sup>th</sup> through November 2<sup>nd</sup>**, teaching us about life and faith in Sri Lanka, and learning about our faith and ministries. Interested in helping host? Contact Pastor Tom at [trice@worthingtonpresbyterian.com](mailto:trice@worthingtonpresbyterian.com).

## Church Activities This Week at WPC

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

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      Faith Seekers, Room 124  
9:00 AM      God's Word and Worship, Room 222  
9:00 AM      Religious Studies, "Living" Room  
10:00 AM      Worship & Communion, Dr. Piermont preaching, Sanctuary  
10:15 AM      Church School: Preschool - Grade 6, Chapel  
11:00 AM      Coffee Hour, NNEMAP Breakdown, Fellowship Hall  
11:30 AM      Monthly Worship & Communion, Rev. Morrison Preaching, Chapel  
5:00 PM      New Connections Worship & Communion, Dr. Piermont preaching, Chapel

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3      **LABOR DAY/ OFFICE CLOSED**

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

5:30 PM      Weight Watchers, Fellowship Hall  
7:00 PM      Prayer Shawl Ministry, "Living" Room

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

9:00 AM      Sacristy Guild, Sanctuary  
4:30 PM      Y Family Dinner Hosting, Offsite  
8:00 PM      AA, Fellowship Hall; ALANON, Room 112

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

7:45 AM      Personnel Committee, Room 111  
9:00 AM      Walking Group, Antrim Park  
12:15 PM      Christian Life Circle, Room 222  
7:30 PM      Chancel Choir, Choir Room  
7:30 PM      Montaña de Luz, Room 124

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

6:00 PM      Club 56, All Rooms

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:00 AM      Faith Runners, Antrim Park

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9      **Congregational Meeting**

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 Seekers, Room 124; New Officer Training, Room 111  
9:00 AM      Religious Studies, "Living" Room; Seasons of the Spirit Class, Room 222  
9:00 AM      4<sup>th</sup> Grade Sacrament Class, Room 112  
9:00 AM      Usher Captains Meeting, Office Workroom  
10:00 AM      Worship, Dr. Piermont Preaching, Sanctuary  
10:15 AM      Church School: Preschool - Grade 6, Chapel  
11:00 AM      Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary  
11:15 AM      Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall  
11:30 AM      Sunday School Teacher Mini Get-Together, Room 112  
5:00 PM      New Connections Worship Service, Dr. Piermont preaching, Chapel