

WORTHINGTON

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

10:00 A.M.

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
19th Sunday after Pentecost

September 30, 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

Rev. Betsy Rice

Invitation to Mission and Discipleship (*Please sign & pass the Friendship Pads.*)

Moment for Mission: Crop Walk

Wendy Reichenbach

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

In Babilone

setting by Michael Burkhardt

(“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”)

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

OPENING SENTENCES

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

All: God’s steadfast love endures forever.

One: Let us worship God.

* HYMN #33

“Praise the Lord! God’s Glories Show”

LLANFAIR

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we are inclined to set limits on your grace. We try to oust from our circles those who do not think like us, act like us, look like us. We are prone to be more on the lookout for what makes us different, than what could unite us. We pray your forgiveness for our shortsightedness and sin. Give us the eyes of our Teacher, whose compassion knows no bounds. It is in his name we pray. 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 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

Joyce Blackmore

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 124

If it had not been the LORD who was on our side
—let Israel now say—
if it had not been the LORD who was on our side,
when our enemies attacked us,
then they would have swallowed us up alive,
when their anger was kindled against us;
then the flood would have swept us away,
the torrent would have gone over us;
then over us would have gone
the raging waters.
Blessed be the LORD,
who has not given us
as prey to their teeth.
We have escaped like a bird
from the snare of the fowlers;
the snare is broken,
and we have escaped.
Our help is in the name of the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
One: The Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”
The Chancel Choir

Ken Medema

(Refrain: Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place. Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love, send us power, send us grace.) Something’s gonna happen like the world has never known when the people of the Lord get down to pray. A door’s gonna swing open and the walls come a-tum-ba-lin’ down when the people of the Lord get down to pray, He’s gonna take over. He’s gonna take control when the people of the Lord get down to pray. He’s gonna move the mountain. He’s gonna make the waters roll when the people of the Lord get down to pray. You’re gonna know it when the Lord stretches out His hand and the people of the Lord get down to pray. There’s gonna be a brand-new song of victory in this land when the people of the Lord get down to pray.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9:38-40, 50

John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us...

Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON “Whose Side Are You On Anyway?” Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont

* HYMN #435 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” IN BABILONE

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

“Prayer”

E. Humperdinck

Brittany Schuch, violinist

* 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 #72 “O Jesus, I Have Promised” ANGEL’S STORY

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Llanfair (“Praise the Lord, His Glories Show”) setting by Robert Powell

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
Joyce Blackmore in memory of Josiah Blackmore.*

SERVING US THIS MORNING

Audio: Duane Cable

Carillon: Sue Rapiere

Flower Delivery: Danielle Heiden

Sunday Secretary: Adrianna Kenworthy

Usher Team A: Gregg Russell and Dan Foley, Co-Captains; Jeff Appel, Brenden Beck, Dan Bevan, Diana & Bob Clouse, Walt Furnas, Michael Geiger, Dan Gibson, George & Cindy Leonard, Harry Pukay-Martin, Don Sandoval, Mark & Betsy Senff

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

Congratulations to Alexandra Blanke and Zach Meneely on their wedding today, September 30th in Cincinnati. Alex is the daughter of Keenan and Jennifer Blanke.

Prayers of healing for Claire Arthur.

Prayers of comfort and strength to those affected by Hurricane Florence.

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

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

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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TODAY

Our 4th grade Sacrament Class met for the last time today. The kids made “quick-rise” breads to share at coffee hour/fellowship time. Enjoy!

Today's bulletin insert is for the **PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING**: On Sunday, **October 7th** we will receive a special offering which supports missionaries around the world as well as peacemaking ministries. 25% of the offering will go to Turning Point, the new (and only) domestic violence shelter opening in Delaware County. Checks can be payable to WPC (Memo: Peace & Global Witness). Thank you for your generosity!

NNEMAP GROOMING KIT items are due today.

Interested in becoming more active at Worthington Presbyterian Church? You are invited to a single-session **MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR today** from 2:30 to 5 p.m. We will discuss what it means to be a follower of Jesus, what makes us Presbyterian, and how to grow in faith and service. Refreshments will be served. All who choose to join the church will be received on **October 14th**. Childcare is available.

Do you need a **NAME BADGE**? We will place the last order of the year tomorrow. Please place your order with Lori by calling her at 614-885-5355 or email lsheppard@worthingtonpresbyterian.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Have you ever felt God's call to act but doubted your abilities and thought yourself inadequate for the task? We invite you to join **CHRISTIAN LIFE CIRCLE** on Thursday, **October 4th** as we discuss how God's presence with Moses and Gideon in their weakness equipped them for their calling. Pastor Tom Rice will lead our Bible study entitled “God with Us in our Uncertainty” from 1:15-2:00 p.m. in Room 222. Come early and join us for fellowship, coffee and cookies at 12:15 p.m., followed by an update on Presbyterian Women United's activities at 12:45 p.m.

We need to add some **bass and baritone voices** to the **CHANCEL CHOIR**. At this point, we will gladly accept lower tenors as well 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, contact David Rives at drives@worthingtonpresbyterian.com.

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. Last chance to order shirts is October 7th. Any orders placed can be picked up in 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."

WORTHINGTON CARES: Come on Wednesday, **October 10th** to Worthington Kilbourne. A free dinner is at 6 p.m., the program and activities for children are at 6:45 p.m. Chief Jerry Strait of the Worthington Police Department and Lori Povisil, Safe and Drug-Free Schools Coordinator for Worthington Schools will be sharing the current trends facing our youth and community (vaping/JUULing, bullying, social media, alcohol and other drugs, sexting, human trafficking, etc.). Come for some insight into the challenges facing youth and parents and leave with a greater understanding of how to navigate these challenging times.



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/4090f45aeae2da7fe3-international> or on the clipboard outside Fellowship Hall.

The Tenth Annual Worthington CROP Walk for Hunger will be held Sunday, October 14th. The walk begins at 3 p.m. in front of the former Methodist Children's Home. Sign up (as an individual or as a family) to walk as part of our WPC Congregation team captained by John Hamilton **AFTER** the 8 a.m. or 10 a.m. service today in Fellowship Hall or **AFTER** the 5 p.m. service in the Chapel. Cash/check/online donations will be accepted to support individual walkers, the WPC Congregation team or the WPC Youth team. You may also sign up or make CROP donations next Sunday or on October 14th. Please direct questions to CROP Coordinator Wendy Reichenbach, 614-256-0623.

A presentation by Delaware County Sheriff Russell Martin on **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE** and the new "**TURNING POINT**" domestic shelter will be on Tuesday, **October 16th** at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.



We have met Sheriff Martin at a recent Sunday "Minute for Mission" as he shared his concerns and faith. Sheriff Martin indicates domestic violence is among the most common types of incidents to which our law enforcement officers respond. Domestic violence is an equal opportunity crime. It crosses all boundaries and demographics without regard to gender, age and economic status. Both WPC as a church and Presbyterian Women United have pledged financial assistance to Turning Point. Come! Learn about how we can support the shelter's mission to respond to the needs of victims through a safe shelter, counseling advocacy and education that will confront the causes of domestic violence. WPC Adult Education and Presbyterian Women United are sponsoring this program. Come at 6:30 p.m. for coffee and dessert.



FALL....F(ootball) A(apples) L(eaves) L(aughter). Please join us on Wednesday, **October 17th**, 1 p.m., at Stafford Village as we celebrate the beautiful season of Fall. Football, apple picking, raking leaves, bonfires, and last,

but not least, Halloween! It is a beautiful time of year, so let's get together and share stories, play trivia games, and the gift of friendship! See you on the 17th at 1 p.m.

BRIDGE GROUP will meet Friday, **October 19th** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Phil and Audrey Eskes. Please call 614-431-3446 to reserve a seat.

A **BUS DRIVER** is urgently needed for the refugee middle school at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church (43229). Regular shift is Monday through Thursday 5:30pm-7:00pm, bringing students home from after-school activities. \$72 per week. Applicants must have a current drivers license and pass a driver check and a background check. A CDL is not required. For more information, please contact dani@fugeesacademy.org or leave a message on the school's voicemail at 614-987-8287.

CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT: Friday, November 9th and 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 series concludes today with Rev. Betsy Rice at 9 a.m. Breakfast and childcare are provided. Come on a spiritual journey through the seasons.

STARTING SUNDAY OCTOBER 7th: "SPEAKING OF MISSION" Join us for a special 4-week series starting 10/7 on Sundays at 9 a.m. in Room 222. Come talk with the Executive Directors of the Worthington Resource Pantry (10/7), NNEMAP Food Pantry (10/21), and Drug Safe Worthington (10/28). Meet our guest pastor from Sri Lanka (10/14). Learn about the needs and the ministries our congregation supports! Breakfast and childcare provided.

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

We are looking for people to pick up bread 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 each month (you choose one) 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 contact Leslie Snyder at 614-404-8229 or lesliesnyder54@gmail.com.

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 30

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; 4 th Grade Sacrament Class, Kitchen
9:00 AM	Faith Seekers, Room 124; New Officer Training, Room 111; Small Group, Room 112
9:00 AM	Religious Studies, "Living" Room; Seasons of the Spirit Class, Room 222
10:00 AM	Worship, Dr. Piermont preaching, Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Young Children & Worship, Room 113
10:15 AM	Church School: Preschool - Grade 6, Chapel, 111, 112, 113, 222
11:00 AM	Friends of Salem, Room 124
11:00 AM	Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
2:30 PM	Membership Seminar, 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, OCTOBER 1

6:00 PM	Community Friendship Dinner, Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Stated Session, Chapel

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2

6:30 PM	David Study, Room 124
7:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry, "Living" Room

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3

9:00 AM	Sacristy Guild, Sanctuary
6:30 PM	Celebration Ringers, Sanctuary

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4

7:45 AM	Personnel Committee, Room 111
9:00 AM	Walking Group, Antrim Park
12:00 PM	Christian Life Circle, Room 222
6:15 PM	Thursday Small Group, "Living" Room
7:30 PM	Chancel Choir, Sanctuary, Choir Room

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

7:30 AM	Men's Breakfast Bible Study, Youth Room
8:00 AM	Faith Runners, Antrim Park
9:00 AM	Renaissance Ensemble, Sanctuary, Choir Room

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7 ~ World Communion Sunday

8:00 AM	Worship & Communion, Dr. Piermont preaching, Chapel
8:45 AM	Childcare: Infant & Toddler, Nursery
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; Speaking of Mission, Room 222
10:00 AM	Worship & Communion, Dr. Piermont preaching, Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Young Children & Worship, Room 113
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. Morrison preaching, Chapel
5:00 PM	New Connections Worship & Communion, Dr. Piermont preaching, Chapel
6:00 PM	Jr. & Sr. High Youth Activity, Fellowship Hall, Youth Room