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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 9, 2018
10:00 A.M.

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 9, 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.*)

Moment for Mission: Turning Point

Sheriff Russell Martin

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

Ash Grove

Setting by David Cherwien

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

OPENING SENTENCES

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

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: Be strong; do not fear! God is with us.

All: The Lord will come to save us.

* HYMN #37

"Let All Things Now Living"

ASH GROVE

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of favor, we have not been true to you. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have favored the rich and despised the poor. We have dismissed the needy with empty words. Soften our hearts, and make straight our ways. Heal our unbelief, and turn us back to you. 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

Sharon Tipton

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you."
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
One: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"Come, Thou Fount" The Chancel Choir

Craig Courtney

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love. Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come; and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God, he, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

James 2:1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Who’s Sitting in Your Café?” Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont
HEAD, SHOULDERS, KNEES AND TOES: EMBODYING CHRISTIAN LIFE (Part 1 of 4)

* HYMN #203 “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” CHEREPONI

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Betsy Rice
Recognizing the Musical Service of Deanna Olson
Sharing of Prayer Requests and Blessings
The Pastoral Prayer
The Lord’s Prayer (in unison) Hymnal Page 35

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 “To God Alone on High Be Praise” J. S. Bach

* 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 #450 “Be Thou My Vision” SLANE

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

* CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Ash Grove setting by John Leavitt

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 Kathy & Tom Hull
in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary on September 7th.*

SERVING US THIS MORNING

Audio: Dennis Decker **Carillon:** Alice Miskell **Flower Delivery:** Judy Hazelton
Usher Team C: John & Marsha Smith and Sue Funk, Co-Captains; Peggy Albright, Elaine Christian, Mary & Scott Dahs, Debbie Dieringer, Tom & Kathy Hull, Dave LaHue, Bill Leiter, Connie Lewis, Mark Ranck, Matt Smith, Pete Wilkins

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

Prayers of healing for Chuck Evans and Marylou Posey.
Prayers of joy for Larry & Kathy Mead on the birth of their granddaughter, Elise Scarlett Mead, born on September 4th. Daughter of Mike & Renae Mead.
Prayers of sympathy to the family of Mary Heinbach upon her death on September 4th.
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 Hempling
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. 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	Brian Edwards, Director for Youth Ministry
Dr. Stephen Jacoby, Organist	Jenni Whitford, Director for Children's Ministry
Melissa Robol, Pianist for Chapel Service	<i>A full staff directory may be found on our website.</i>

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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

We will honor **DEANNA OLSON** for her sixteen years of ensemble directing at WPC during the 10:00 a.m. worship.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 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.

HEAD, SHOULDERS, KNEES AND TOES: EMBODYING CHRISTIAN LIFE. Our sermon series continues today. 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.

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. 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 congregation is cordially invited to the wedding ceremony of Megan Ann Cable to Brant Musser Leitnaker on September 15th 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.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Ruling Elder

Class of 2019

Tracy MacDowell
Henry Guy

Class of 2021

Linda Barber
Carol Giessler
Ann Mehl

Jon Neylon
Colleen Remboldt
Vern Vick

Deacon

Class of 2019

Olivia Cook

Class of 2021

Regina Ausich
Anthony Cottone
Joanne Crockett
Peter Okyere
Mark Senff

Lou Ann Shearer
Suzanne Surface
Kevin Wadsworth
Nila Whitfield

Nominating Committee, Class of 2019

Elder (chair)

Marsha Cavanaugh

Elder

Carol Giessler

Deacon

Harry Pukay-Martin

Bill Elliott

Betsy Senff

Julie Roddy

Holly Wilcox

Geoff Scott

Rick Zarnoch

Let's learn digital self-defense. A presentation on **CYBERBULLYING**, recognizing and fighting it, is scheduled for **September 11th** 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 12th** 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.

The **WPC FAITH RUNNERS** welcome all runners and walkers to join them at the Steps of Faith 5K Run/Walk on Sunday, **September 16th** 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 or 614-564-7662.

JOIN THE YAHAS IN SEPTEMBER! On Wednesday, **September 19th** at 1:00 p.m. we will visit the Kelton House, a 19th 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 21st** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Carol & Fred Hofer. Please call 614-488-8557 to reserve your place.

ADULT EDUCATION

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/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

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**.

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 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; 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th**. Items needed for each kit are:

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.

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 12th through November 2nd**, 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 or 614-885-5355.

Church Activities This Week at WPC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- 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; 4th Grade Sacrament Class, Room 112
9:00 AM Faith Seekers, Room 124; New Officer Training, Room 111; Religious Studies, "Living" Room
9:00 AM Seasons of the Spirit Class, Room 222
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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- 5:30 PM Weight Watchers, Youth Room
6:00 PM **"Digital Danger"** Program ~ Presbyterian Women, Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM Membership/Fellowship, Room 222
6:30 PM David Bible Study, "Living" Room
7:00 PM Youth Committee, Room 111

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- 11:00 AM 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, 112
7:00 PM Book Lovers, "Living" Room
7:00 PM Small Group, Room 124
8:00 PM AA, Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- 7:45 AM Stewardship Committee, Room 111
7:30 PM Chancel Choir, Choir Room

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study, Youth Room
8:00 AM Faith Runners, Antrim Park
10:00 AM Montaña de Luz "Walk and Waddle," Creekside Park, Gahanna

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- 8:00 AM Worship & Communion, Dr. Piermont 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; 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
3:00 PM **COS - Hymn Sing**, Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall
5:00 PM New Connections Worship Service, Dr. Piermont preaching, Chapel