
SUNDAY WORSHIP
OCTOBER 31, 2021
REFORMATION DAY

loving



We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

(1 John 3:16-18)

WPC GENEROSITY CAMPAIGN 2021



WORTHINGTON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31: REFORMATION SUNDAY, HALLOWEEN, COAT & BLANKET DRIVE (Kevin on Call)

- 8:00 AM Worship, Dr. Piermont (Chapel)
- 8:00 AM Religious Studies (Zoom)
- 9:00 AM Adult Education: Science and Faith (Room 222 & Zoom)
- 9:45 AM Nursery Care for babies - age 3 (Nursery)
- 10:00 AM Worship (in-person and livestream), Dr. Piermont, Leitnaker Baptism (Sanctuary)
- 10:15 AM Children (preschool-5th grade) Sunday School (Room 111, 112, 113, 222 and Chapel)
- 10:15 AM 67 Sunday School (Youth Room)
- 11:00 AM Fellowship (East Lawn)
- 6:00 PM Trick or Treat Night (City of Worthington)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1 (Tom on Call)

- 12:15 PM Daily Devotional Teleconference (240-591-0333; access 783190#)
- 2:00 PM Worship Planning (Room 222)
- 5:00 PM Community Friendship Dinner via Dick Patton's Adult Ed Class (Hazelton Hall)
- 6:00 PM Boy Scouts #268 (Youth Room and Room 111)
- 7:00 PM Stated Session Meeting (Hazelton Hall)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 (Betsy on Call)

- 6:30 PM Tech Committee (Zoom, Russ)
- 7:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry (Living Room or East Lawn)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3 (Betsy on Call)

- 12:15 PM Daily Devotional Teleconference (240-591-0333; access 783190#)
- 5:00 PM Stephen Leaders (Living Room)
- 6:30 PM Celebration Ringers Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous Open Meeting (Hazelton Hall)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4 (Kevin on Call)

- 1:00 PM Christian Life Circle Meeting (Room 222)
- 5:00 PM Choir Plus (Various Rooms)
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary, Choir Room)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5 (Kevin on Call)

- 12:15 PM Daily Devotional Teleconference (240-591-0333; access 783190#)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6 (Betsy on Call)

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Zoom)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7: PLEDGE DEDICATION, ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY (Kevin on Call)

- 8:00 AM Worship and Communion, Dr. Piermont (Chapel)
- 8:00 AM Religious Studies (Zoom)
- 9:00 AM Lies My Preacher Told Me: An Honest Look at the Old Testament (Room 222 & Zoom)
- 9:45 AM Nursery Care for babies - age 3 (Nursery)
- 10:00 AM Worship and Communion (in-person and livestream), Dr. Piermont (Sanctuary)
- Stew Baby Dedication
- 10:15 AM Children (preschool-5th grade) Sunday School (Room 111, 112, 113, 222 and Chapel)
- 11:00 AM Fellowship (East Lawn)
- 11:15 AM Confirmation Class, Part 2 (Youth Room)
- 5:00 PM Youth Worship Team (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 PM MS Youth Group (Hazelton Hall)
- 6:00 PM HS Fellowship Night: Escape Room at Lockology (Powell)

To reach the on-call pastor, call 614-885-5355, press 1, and leave a message. Your call will be returned.

REFORMATION DAY WORSHIP

IN THE CHAPEL

OCTOBER 31, 2021 – 8:00 AM



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

** Please rise in body or spirit.*

GATHERING MUSIC

Arrival of the Queen of Sheba

George Frederick Handel

Melissa Robol, pianist

Sharon Stockhausen, guest duet pianist

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

WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES

Rev. Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont

MOMENT FOR GENEROSITY

Bill Hertz

* HYMN #694

"Great God of Every Blessing"

AURELIA

*Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,
you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.*

*Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace,
in death and life extending your covenant embrace.
In Christ we are one body; each member has a part:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.*

*Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search,
transforming broken people into the holy church.
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* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

- Leader: "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." (*Hebrews 11:1*)
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- Leader: "I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope." (*Psalms 130:5*)
- People: **We hear these words, but we do not want to wait for you, O God; and in our impatience we fail to find any hope at all in your word.**
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- All: **O God, forgive us our lack of conviction, our lack of patience, our lack of committed compassion. Transform and guide us toward becoming the people you wish us to be, living as you wish for us to live. Make us new, so that together we may give a holy glimpse to the world of a community vibrant with your gifts of faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

(A Brief Time for Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Piermont

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

The Word of our Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Heart for Being Third"

Dr. Piermont

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

"Seek Ye First"

Karen Lafferty

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS AND BLESSINGS

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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"Though I May Speak"

GIFT OF LOVE

*Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control;
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.*

(Hal H. Hopson, 1972)

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"For All the Saints"

Ralph Vaughan Williams
arr. Matt Limbaugh

Please enjoy a time of fellowship with each other at the conclusion of worship.

To submit a concern to the Prayer Chain, please contact Dick Jones at 614-204-7633.

THINGS TO DO & WAYS TO HELP

PANDEMIC PRECAUTIONS

The City of Worthington instituted a face covering requirement for all publicly accessible indoor locations effective Thursday, Sept. 16. The requirement applies to all individuals, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status. While churches are exempt from this mandate, we request that whenever possible masks be worn inside the building. During preschool hours, masks are required in the preschool areas.

GENEROSITY CAMPAIGN

Watch your mailbox for your pledge packet this week if you could not pick it up at church. You also don't have to wait. Visit <https://www.worthingtonpresbyterian.com/pledging> to view the pledge packet materials and to make your pledge online.

NOVEMBER 7: DEDICATION SUNDAY & ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

Next Sunday is **DEDICATION SUNDAY**. Please return your pledge cards to whichever service you attend. After each service, join us for some social time and a little treat, as we celebrate the abundant generosity of WPC.

We will also celebrate **ALL SAINTS' DAY**. The Columbarium Board will recognize members of the church who have chosen our Columbarium as their final resting place. We invite you to visit the Columbarium to celebrate the resurrection of those saints who have gone on before us to eternal life.

"SCIENCE & FAITH": A CONVERSATION WITH COSI'S PRESIDENT & CEO AT 9 AM TODAY

What might be some areas of agreement among scientists and Biblical scholars? Is it possible to be a faithful Christian and a good scientist? Dr. Frederic Bertley, CEO of COSI, will tackle these questions. Dr. Bertley has his Ph.D. in immunology from McGill University and completed his post-doctoral fellowship at Harvard Medical School.

Find us in Room 222 or on Zoom. Contact Pastor Tom for the Zoom link.

LAST DAY TO DONATE COATS & BLANKETS

We are collecting coats and blankets for the Guadalupe Center, a ministry to those in need in West Columbus. Please place donations in Hazelton Hall by noon.

THANKSGIVING DINNERS MISSION PROJECT

WPC will be delivering 250 Thanksgiving meals to needy families from Worthington schools, Salem, and Hamilton elementary schools in Columbus. We are collecting monetary donations Oct. 31, Nov. 14, and Nov. 21 after each worship service.

- Checks are payable to "Worthington Presbyterian Church." Note "thanksgiving dinners" on the memo line.
- You may also mail checks to WPC at 773 High St. Worthington, OH 43085.
- Donations may also be made through EasyTithe.

Each dinner costs about \$55.00. We will be asking for help with assemblage of the meal boxes closer to the holiday Stay tuned!

COME TO CHRISTIAN LIFE CIRCLE'S BIBLE STUDY THIS THURSDAY

Christian Life Circle's Bible study will focus on **Rahab**, an intelligent, strong, but marginalized woman whom God works through to further his plans. Her story, as presented in the Old Testament book of Joshua, encourages us to take a deeper look at the judgments we make about others when we have incomplete information about their circumstances.

Join us **Nov. 4, 1 – 2 p.m. in Room 222 and by Zoom** as Pastor Tom Rice leads the discussion. Coffee and conversation begins at 12:30 p.m.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A COFFEE HOST?

For a small investment of time, you can help make WPC a welcoming place. WPC is looking for coffee hosts to prep hot coffee and cold water for fellowship at 11 am on Sundays. Choose a date at this link: <https://bit.ly/3FGI2Ni>

"LIES MY PREACHER TOLD ME" BEGINS NOV 7

Next Sunday we begin a 5-week series at 9 a.m. in Room 222 or via Zoom. Please pick up the book from the church office or contact Pastor Tom Rice if you need one delivered. Please read chapters 1 and 2 prior to the first class.

STORYTELLER, COMIC, PROPHET & CHURCH REFORMER: HOW FRANCIS CONTINUES TO INSPIRE

Join us at 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 8 for a program with Pastor Tom Rice will lead a program for all of us on how the life and teachings of St. Francis can help us be more joyful, peaceful, loving followers of Jesus. Learn about the inspiration and challenge of Francis for today. **Join us at 7 p.m. in Hazelton Hall** with refreshments at 6:30 p.m. Sponsored by Presbyterian Women.

LISTENING FOR GOD: CHILDREN'S BOOKS CELEBRATING DIFFERENCES

Tuesday, Nov. 9, 7 p.m. via Zoom and in the Chapel

Do you need tools and strategies for entering with thoughtfulness into topics of gender, race, developmental disabilities and socioeconomic equality with your child or grandchild?

Join 30+ year veteran teacher Jenn Wilkinson as she helps us discover diverse books and authors. She will model how to unlock creativity and imagination when we read and share children's books.

Zoom Meeting ID: **837 0043 9878**

Passcode: **diversity**

CALLING ALL KNITTERS & CROCHETERS

Join the Prayer Shawl Ministry on the **first Tuesday** of each month at 7 p.m. in the Living Room. We knit and crochet a wide variety of items that are given to recipients in our congregation and community. These include chemo hats for an infusion center, scarves for our college bound students, baptism cloths, and prayer shawls for our deacons and pastors to give as comfort on their care visits. Contact Jane Riddle at jmriddle360@gmail.com or 419-989-5613.

REFORMATION DAY WORSHIP
SANCTUARY (IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM)
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WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Tom Rice

*The Friendship Pad is located in the pew at the center aisle.
Please sign and pass it to your neighbor.*

CALL TO WORSHIP IN MUSIC

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

J.S. Bach

Dr. Stephen Jacoby, organist

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

OPENING SENTENCES

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CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"The Kyrie"



Lord, have mer-cy u-pon us. Christ, have mer-cy u-pon us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA (*Stanza 1 from Hymn #582*)

GLORY TO GOD

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

(Traditional liturgical text, adapt. Paul M. Vasile, 2008)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Rev. Dr. Tom Rice,
Elder Margaret Haddix

For Eva Miriam Leitnaker, born March 10, 2021,
daughter of Megan Cable Leitnaker and Brant Musser Leitnaker.

RESPONSE (*Stanza 1 from Hymn #486*)

KINGDOM

*Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign,
with this water God has sealed you, unto love and grace divine.*

(Ronald S. Cole-Turner, 1980)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

Jenni Whitford

After the Children's Message, children 4 years – 5th grade meet in the Chapel for a special Halloween Sunday School. Children 6th grade and above will remain in worship with their families. Following the postlude younger children may be picked up in the Chapel.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gregg Russell

FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

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The Word of our Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"O Love"

Elaine Hagenberg

THE CHANCEL CHOIR
Dr. David Rives, director
Robert Fischer, euphonium

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be. O Joy that seeks me through the pain, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

(George Matheson, 1881, alt.)

SECOND READING

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Rev. Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Betsy Rice

SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS AND BLESSINGS

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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MOMENT FOR GENEROSITY

Bill Hertz

DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Rice

*(Online giving is available anytime via our account with EasyTithe:
text your offering dollar amount to 614-808-8580 or go to www.easytithe.com/wpcgive.)*

OFFERTORY

The Gift of Love

arr. John Leavitt

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

* HYMN #766

"The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound"

MCKEE

*The Church of Christ cannot be bound by walls of wood or stone.
Where charity and love are found, there can the church be known.*

*True faith will open up the door and step into the street.
True service will seek out the poor and ask to wash their feet.*

*True love will not sit idly by when justice is denied.
True mercy hears the homeless cry and welcomes them inside.*

*If what we have, we freely share to meet our neighbor's need,
then we extend the Spirit's care through every selfless deed.*

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(Adam M. L. Tice, 2005)

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

McKee

arr. Dale Wood

*We request that you remain seated during the postlude as it is the final "Amen" to our worship.
If you are unable to do so, please exit quietly. Thank you.*

WORSHIP LEADERS

Ushers: Team Bob Harrington, Jeff White, Captains

Carillon: Linda Ranck Audio: Andrew DeWeese

Video/Livestream: Russ Nagy, Bill Yost

To submit a concern to the Prayer Chain, please contact Dick Jones at 614-204-7633.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

*The flowers on the chancel are given to the glory of God by Lella Martin,
Gary Baker, and Barry Baker in loving memory of their mother Mary C. Baker*

The sanctuary flower dedication in last Sunday's bulletin was incorrect.

The flowers were given by Lisa and Dominic and family
in memory of Thomas Maxwell who was *Dominic's* father.

ALL SAINTS AND DEDICATION SUNDAY

November 7, 2021



Please join us next Sunday for the climax of our Generosity Campaign. We will remember, honor, and celebrate those who have joined the Communion of Saints, as we present and dedicate our Pledges for 2022. Through the commitments we make, we join the legacy of the saints we celebrate.

Our joyful and celebratory Worship will be followed by a special time of fellowship and refreshment all giving thanks to God for the abundance of blessings in our lives.

WORTHINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MINISTRY DIRECTORY

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