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# The 4th SUNDAY of EASTER

April 25, 2021



**WORTHINGTON  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, APRIL 25

9:00—9:50 am  
9:30—10:00 am  
10:00—11:00 am  
11:00 am—12:15 pm  
1:00 pm  
6:00—8:00pm

(Tom on Call)  
The Rest of the Story (Zoom)  
Check-In and Seating for worshipers, Sanctuary  
Worship (in-person and livestream), Dr. Piermont, Sanctuary  
Lemonade on the Lawn fellowship time  
Reservations Open for Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup> Worship ([wpcnow.org](http://wpcnow.org))  
Youth Hang Out, Fellowship Hall

### MONDAY, APRIL 26

12:15—12:45 pm  
2:30—3:30 pm  
3:00—4:00 pm  
7:00—8:00 pm  
7:0—8:00 pm  
7:30—9:00 pm

(Betsy on Call)  
Daily Devotional Teleconference 515-606-5922; access 783190#  
PW Coordinating Team Meeting, Room 111  
Visitation Pastor Search Team (Zoom, Julia)  
Children Committee (Zoom)  
Evening Circle of Grace, Room 222  
Adult Education, Room 222

### TUESDAY, APRIL 27

12:15—12:45 pm  
4:30—7:00 pm  
6:30—7:00 pm  
7:00—8:30 pm

(Betsy on Call)  
Daily Devotional Teleconference 515-606-5922; access 783190#  
Y Family Dinner Hosting  
Tech Meeting (Zoom, Russ)  
Central Ohio Grotto, Fellowship Hall

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

12:15—12:45 pm  
1:00—2:00 pm  
5:00—6:00 pm  
6:30—7:30 pm

(Wayne on Call)  
Daily Devotional Teleconference 515-606-5922; access 783190#  
Columbarium Committee, Room 111  
WPC Outdoor Venue Team Meeting (Zoom)  
Celebration Ringers Rehearsal, Sanctuary

### THURSDAY, APRIL 29

12:15—12:45 pm  
2:15—3:00 pm  
7:00—7:45 pm

(Wayne on Call)  
Daily Devotional Teleconference 515-606-5922; access 783190#  
Worship Walk-Thru, Sanctuary  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary, Choir Room

### FRIDAY, APRIL 30

12:15—12:45 pm  
7:00—9:00 pm

(Wayne on Call)  
Daily Devotional Teleconference 515-606-5922; access 783190#  
Club 56 (rain date), Fellowship Hall

### SATURDAY, MAY 1

7:30—9:00 am

(Wayne on Call)  
Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Zoom)

### SUNDAY, MAY 2

9:30—10:00 am  
10:00—11:00 am  
11:10 am—12:00 pm  
1:00 pm  
6:00—8:00 pm

(Wayne on Call)  
Check-In and Seating for worshipers, Sanctuary  
Worship (in-person and livestream), Dr. Piermont, Sanctuary  
Coffee Hour (Zoom)  
Reservations Open for Sunday May 9<sup>th</sup> Worship ([wpcnow.org](http://wpcnow.org))  
Youth End of Year Party, Fellowship Hall

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 25, 2021 – 10:00 AM



**WORTHINGTON**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LIVESTREAM AT 10:00 AM

*\* Please rise in body or spirit.*

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont

CALL TO WORSHIP IN MUSIC

*Celebration*

John Leavitt

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

OPENING SENTENCES

Rev. Dr. Tom Rice

\* HYMN #245

*"Christ the Lord is Risen Today!"*

LLANFAIR

"Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!  
All creation join to say: Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!!  
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!  
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!  
Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!  
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!  
Risen Christ, triumphant now, Alleluia!

(Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.)

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER

O Christ, you rose from the depths of suffering, from death itself, to breathe peace upon your disciples. Still, O Lord, we are reluctant to trust your promise of peace. Still, O Lord, we do not follow in the way of your love. Forgive our resistance to being people of resurrection. Forgive us when we fail to be forgiving and to seek forgiveness. Transform us by your grace to be your ambassadors of reconciliation. In Christ we pray, Amen.

(A Brief Time for Silent Confession)

CHORAL 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 3 from *"The Day of Resurrection"*)

LANCASHIRE

*Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin;  
the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.  
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.*

(John of Damascus, 8<sup>th</sup> cent., *trans.* John Mason Neale, 1862, alt.)

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

Jenni Whitford

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gregg Russell

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

**2 Corinthians 5:17-20**

*New International Version*

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

*Peace I Leave with You*

Walter Pelz

OCTET

*Peace I leave with you, my peace I leave with you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled. Neither let it be afraid.*

(John 14:27 RSV)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

**John 20:19-23**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

*“Passing Through Locked Doors”*  
How to Find Easter in the Last Place You’d Look  
*(Third of Six Sermons)*

Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont

\* HYMN #436

*“God of Compassion,  
in Mercy Befriend Us”*

O QUANTA QUALIA

God of compassion, in mercy befriend us,  
giver of grace for our needs all availing.  
Wisdom and strength for each day ever send us,  
patience untiring and courage unfailing.  
Though we are lost, you have sought us and found us,  
stilled our rude hearts with your word of consoling.  
Wrap now your peace like a mantle, around us,  
guarding our thoughts and our passions controlling.  
How shall we stray, with your hand to direct us,  
you who the stars in their courses are guiding?  
What shall we fear, with your power to protect us,  
we who walk forth in your greatness confiding?

(John J. Moment, 1933, alt.)

## 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)

PRESENTATION ON TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*(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](http://www.easytithe.com/wpcgive).)*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*A Jubilant Song*

Mary Lynn Lightfoot

OCTET

*Cantate Domino, canticum novum. Sing to the Lord a jubilant new song! Omnis terra.  
Sing to the Lord all the earth. Let the sea roar and the floods clap their hands. Let the  
hills sing together for joy! Let the heavens and the earth all rejoice, for the Lord is  
greatly to be praised! Proclaim God’s salvation Declare God’s great glory! Lift up a  
jubilant song and make a joyful noise!*

## GOING IN GOD’S NAME

\* HYMN #255

*“O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing”*  
(stanzas 1,2,&6)

O FILII ET FILIAE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
O sons and daughters, let us sing  
with heavenly hosts to Christ our King;  
today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia! Alleluia!

That night the apostles met in fear;  
Among them came the Lord most dear,  
and said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia! Alleluia!

How blest they are who have not seen,  
and yet whose faith has constant been,  
for they eternal life shall win. Alleluia! Alleluia!

(attr. Jean Tisserand, 15<sup>th</sup> cent; trans. John Mason Neale, 1852)

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*O filii et filiae*

arr. Wilbur Held

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Vocalists: **Samantha Reeves, Martha Duersten-Pettit, Susan Boisvert, Emily Dunaj, Logan Fletcher, Harper Markiewicz, Robert Boyd, Rob Fischer**

Audio: **Andrew DeWeese** Carillon: **Shine Robison** Usher Captain: **John Smith**

Video: **Brendan Beck, Colby Beck, 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  
Mara Stark in honor of Amanda Blackwell Stark.*

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***"How to Find Easter in the Last Place You'd Look"***  
**An Eastertide Sermon Series**

*In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself...and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. (2 Corinthians 5:19). Our relationship with God was mended--that is, reconciled--in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Since then, that relationship-mending Easter power is loose in the world, especially when Christians are on the look-out for it. Imagine what a difference we could make, bringing reconciliation wisdom right to the heart of the divisions that trouble our world. In this sermon series (April 11-May 16), we will visit each biblical scene with the risen Jesus, to notice the dynamics of a spirituality of reconciliation, which belongs to us on this side of Easter.*

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| <b>April 25<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>John 20:19-23</b> | <b>Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont, Senior Pastor</b> |
| <b>May 2<sup>nd</sup></b>    | <b>John 20:24-29</b> | <b>Dr. Piermont</b>                             |
| <b>May 9<sup>th</sup></b>    | <b>John 21:1-17</b>  | <b>Dr. Piermont</b>                             |
| <b>May 16<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>Acts 1:6-11</b>   | <b>Dr. Piermont</b>                             |

## THINGS TO DO & WAYS TO HELP

### "THE REST OF THE STORY"

Sunday morning Zoom class at 9:00 am. We'll be looking at Biblical books like Ruth, Joshua, Philippians and Philemon — learning the fascinating "bigger picture" and good news of the story. All are welcome!

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89498298780?pwd=akZFWHVqbU1mWEVBV0JyWFJBTG9wZz09>

Meeting ID: **894 9829 8780**

Passcode: **WPCclass**

Dial for phone participation **312 626 6799**

Phone Passcode: **82613050**

### SACK LUNCHES FOR THE HOMELESS

Sack lunches can be brought to Fellowship Hall on Sunday 8-10 a.m. Each lunch is to include: a PB&J sandwich, bag of chips, small container of applesauce, piece of fruit, juice box or Capri Sun, bag of cookies, napkin and spoon.

### THE TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

There are now expanded to provide rides for members for the following reasons: medical/dental appointments; visitation of spouses in hospitals or facilities; pharmaceutical and medical supply pickup.

To request transportation contact

Nancy Wardwell

**614-205-0315** or [wardwell.2@osu.edu](mailto:wardwell.2@osu.edu)

Mark Senff

**614-323-9455** or [msenff6435@gmail.com](mailto:msenff6435@gmail.com)

Additional drivers are always welcome, to volunteer for this ministry, contact Nancy or Mark.

### JOB SEARCH RESOURCE GROUP

Are you looking for a job? Would you like to connect with others who are looking as well as with people skilled in helping with networking, editing resumes, interviewing, etc.? Please contact Pastor Tom at [trice@worthingtonpresbyterian.com](mailto:trice@worthingtonpresbyterian.com) WPC is now forming this group.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE CALLS FOR SUGGESTIONS

The goal of the Nominating Committee of Worthington Presbyterian Church is to identify and nurture church leadership from within the congregation; matching individual gifts, talents, and interests to the role of Deacon, Elder, or Nominating Committee Member. The process entails prayerful discernment and consideration. We seek God's leading to identify those whom God has given suitable gifts for the various ministries of the church, who possess Christian maturity, dedication to our church's mission and ministries, and devotion to serving God and God's people.

We urge you to suggest those in your WPC network that you feel would serve well in some capacity. The description of Deacon, Elder, Nominating Committee characteristics and commitment can be found on the Church website. Paper forms are available in the Office (or can be emailed to you). An online form is available at this link: <http://forms.gle/fsmTsTTNfbAyvQ9U7> Suggestions are due by **May 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Thank you for your help in this very important endeavor.

## KEEPING YOU IN THE KNOW

### WORTHINGTON PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL

WPPS is continuing to accept registrations for the 2021-2022 school year. Registration forms may be found on the WPC website at the following link: [www.worthingtonpresbyterian.com/preschool.html](http://www.worthingtonpresbyterian.com/preschool.html) or in the preschool office. If you have registered, the May 2022 tuition and supply fees are due by May 1, 2021. We look forward to hearing from you.

### PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR GIVING

Contributions to the church may be made by electronic means via your bank or by check via US mail. We also have an EasyTithe account (which charges the church a slight fee). If you need assistance, please contact Katie Fell.

## IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Reservations can be made on the WPC Website -- click the "Reserve Your Seat Now" button on the home page ([www.wpcnow.org](http://www.wpcnow.org)). If you try to reserve early you will get a message that says, "There are no upcoming services for this church. Check back again later." So check back later, and by later we mean 1:00 pm -- reservations can close pretty quickly.

Capacity will vary each Sunday because it is dependent not simply on the number of persons desiring reservations, but also the number of those persons who will sit together with no social distancing (i.e., families, or other types of "bubbles").

Reservations for worship will open at 1:00 pm on the Sunday preceding the worship service for which a reservation is desired. For instance, for reservations open today at 1:00 pm for next Sunday's (May 2<sup>nd</sup>) worship. There is a video on our website demonstrating how the reservation process works.

Worshippers will be expected to be responsible for their own good health (stay home if feeling unwell), to wear masks, to maintain social distancing. Congregations singing while wearing masks is permitted. At the present time, children will sit with their families. Current plans are for the resumption of Nursery care and Sunday School to resume on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

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## WORTHINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MINISTRY DIRECTORY

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