
CHRISTMAS IN JULY

July 18, 2021



**WORTHINGTON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 18

8:00 AM Lawn Chair Church, Dr. Piermont (East Lawn)
9:00 AM "Easter People" class (Room 222 and Zoom)
9:45 AM Nursery Care for babies - age 3 (Nursery)
10:00 AM Worship (in-person and livestream), Dr. Piermont (Sanctuary)
10:15 AM Children (preschool-5th grade) Sunday School (East Lawn)
11:00 AM Fellowship (East Lawn)
11:15 AM VBS Shepherd Training (Youth Room)
5:00 PM Middle School Night (Fellowship Hall and Off-Site)
5:30 PM Ice Cream Social (East Lawn)
6:45 PM Lemonade (Concert on the Green)

MONDAY, JULY 19

12:15 PM (Julia on Call)
Daily Devotional Teleconference (515-606-5922; access 783190#)
1:30 PM Worship Planning (Room 222)
5:00 PM Community Friendship Dinner (Hazelton Hall)

TUESDAY, JULY 20

9:00 AM (Betsy on Call)
Staff Meeting (Hazelton Hall)
4:00 PM Club 456 Pool Party (Worthington Pools)
6:30 PM Tech Meeting (Zoom, Russ)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

12:00 PM (Betsy on Call)
Bulletin Deadline
12:15 PM Daily Devotional Teleconference (515-606-5922; access 783190#)
8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (Hazelton Hall)

THURSDAY, JULY 22

4:00 PM (Kevin on Call)
Club 456 Pool Party Rain Date (Worthington Pools)

FRIDAY, JULY 23

12:15 pm (Kevin on Call)
Daily Devotional Teleconference (515-606-5922; access 783190#)

SATURDAY, JULY 24

12:00 PM (Betsy on Call)
Sharon Stohrer, Voice Lessons (Chapel)

SUNDAY, JULY 25

8:00 AM (Kevin on Call)
Lawn Chair Church, Dr. Rice (East Lawn)
9:00 AM "Easter People" class (Room 222 and Zoom)
9:00 AM Special Session Meeting to Receive New Members (Chapel)
9:45 AM Nursery Care for babies - age 3 (Nursery)
10:00 AM Worship (in-person and livestream), Dr. Rice (Sanctuary)
10:15 AM Children (preschool-5th grade) Sunday School (East Lawn)
11:00 AM Missionpalooza (East Lawn)
12:00 PM Talk To Me' Team Meeting (Hazelton Hall)

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

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

LAWN CHAIR CHURCH ON THE EAST LAWN

JULY 18, 2021 – 8:00 AM



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

** Please rise in body or spirit.*

GATHERING MUSIC

Variations on "O Come All Ye Faithful"

Raynor Taylor, 1803

Melissa Robol, keyboard

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

WELCOME AND OPENING SENTENCES

Rev. Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont

* HYMN #119

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

MENDELSSOHN

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Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise; join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
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Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity,
pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
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Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth.
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(Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.)

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER

God of wonder, you surround us with signs of your glory and surprise us with your presence, yet we often miss the marvels you place before us. Forgive our dullness and make us alert to the ways you make yourself known, that we might be witnesses to your good news and proclaim your extravagant love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

(A Brief Time for Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST GOSPEL READING

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The Gospel of our Lord.
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SERMON

"...right this very minute"

Dr. Piermont

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Lewis Henry Redner

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dr. Tom Rice

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.

* HYMN #134

“Joy to the World”

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world, the Lord has come!
Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and flood, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

(Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.)

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Joy to the World”

G.F.Handel, arr. Joseph Martin

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

WORSHIP LEADERS

Usher: Vern Vick

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

THINGS TO DO & WAYS TO HELP

TODAY: ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Welcome the community to our front lawn, 5:30 to 7 p.m. tonight. Come, enjoy a cookie or brownie and a cup of ice cream. Socialize with neighbors and church members and stay for the Concert on the Green. The Donna Mogavero Band will begin playing at 7 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY (JULY 25th): MISSIONPALOOZA!

- Please pick up an orange flood relief bucket TODAY (last chance!) You'll find instructions inside. Bring completed buckets back next Sunday.
- JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY AT 11 AM ON THE EAST LAWN (or in Hazelton Hall if it's raining). Lunch is provided! All ages can help with hands on mission projects.
- NNEMAP FOOD PANTRY needs donations for this event. Please bring your bulk donations of sugar, salt, flour, coffee, dog food or cat food to the wooden bin in Hazelton Hall

CONGREGATIONAL GIFT FOR MELINDA WOOD

If you wish to contribute to a gift from WPC to Melinda Wood honoring her retirement as Director of Worthington Presbyterian Preschool, there is still time. Please send (or drop off) your check to Finance Manager Mildred Gain by Monday, July 30th.

SACK LUNCHES FOR THE HOMELESS

Sack lunches for the Open Shelter downtown can be brought to Hazelton Hall on **Sunday, 8 to 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.

"BREAD BUDDIES" NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

WPC's "Bread Buddies" ministry needs volunteers. Help deliver bread from Panera to a local soup kitchen or homeless shelter. Please contact Pastor Tom at trice@worthingtonpresbyterian.com

THE TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

Need a ride to a medical, dental, therapy appointment or to make a hospital visit? Then don't hesitate to let the Deacons arrange a ride. Contact:

Nancy Wardwell
614-205-0315
wardwell.2@osu.edu

Mark Senff
614-323-9455
msenff6435@gmail.com

SUNDAY MORNING SERIES

Join us for "Easter People: The Story of the Early Church" on Sundays at 9 a.m. in Room 222 or on Zoom.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/>
Meeting ID: 894 9829 8780
Passcode: WPCclass
Telephone Participation: 312 626 6799
Phone Passcode: 82613050

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR GIVING

Contributions to the church may be processed electronically via your bank or by check. We also have an EasyTithe account which charges the church a slight fee. If you need assistance, please contact: bookkeeper@worthingtonpresbyterian.com.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: JULY 26 -30th REGISTER NOW!

WPC's Vacation Bible School, Adventures in God's World is 5 days of fun, storytelling, games, art, and music for children ages Preschool - 6th grade. We will be meeting from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Mirolo Pavilion, located behind Thomas Worthington High School football field. To register: <https://storage.snappages.site/X7MGN4/assets/files/VBS-2021-Reg-form.pdf>

ALL-CHURCH COOKOUT: FRIDAY, JULY 30th 5 to 8 p.m. at Mirolo Pavilion

Dinner is provided. Please bring water bottles or single-serving juice boxes to share. PLEASE RSVP at worthingtonpresbyterian.com/announcements so that we can prepare for you.

SALEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE: AUGUST 1-15th

Please bring donations to Hazelton Hall. We are collecting backpacks, boxes of #2 pencils, erasers, colored pencils, pencil boxes, glue sticks, glue bottles, black dry-erase markers, spiral notebooks, wide-ruled composition notebooks, wide-ruled pocket folders, fisca scissors with blunt tips, head phones, disinfecting wipes, baggies (gallon, quart, sandwich size), and boxes of tissues. We don't need crayons this year. Blessing of the Backpacks is August 15th.

LEARN MORE ABOUT WPC



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SANCTUARY (IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM)
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WELCOME

Rev. Betsy 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

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arr. Keith Chapman

Dr. Stephen Jacoby, organ

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(A Brief Time for Silent Confession)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (*Stanza 3 from Hymn #115*)

MUELLER

*Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all thy dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to dwell with thee there.*

(*Gabriel's Vineyard* Songs, 1892)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GLORIA (*Stanza 1 from Hymn #113*)

GLORIA

*Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

(French carol; trans. James Chadwick, 1860, alt.)

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

Jenni Whitford

*Children are welcome to come to the chancel steps for the Message for Youngest Disciples.
Following the message, the children will attend Sunday School, going out the front doors
to the East Lawn. The children will return to their seats during the final hymn.*

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Kelsey Deistler

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ANTHEM

*“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”*16th Century German Carol
arr. Michael Praetorius, 1609

SUMMER CHOIR

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung, of Jesse's lineage coming, by faithful prophets sung. It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night. Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind: with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind. To show God's love aright she bore for us a Savior, when half spent was the night. This flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air, dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere. Enfleshed, yet very God, from sin and death he saves us and lightens every load.

(stanzas 1,2, trans. Theodore Baker, 1894, alt.;
stanza 3, trans. Harriet Knuth Spaeth, 1985, alt.)

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SERMON

“...right this very minute”

Dr. Piermont

* HYMN #121

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

ST. LOUIS

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary and, and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

(Phillips Brooks, 1868)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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DEDICATION OF 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.)*

OFFERTORY

"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" arr: Helmut Walcha

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Ushers: Team D: Bob Harrington, Jeff White; Captains

Carillon: Linda Ranck Audio: Andrew DeWeese

Video/Livestream: Colby Beck, Emerson Greuling, Russ Nagy, Bill Yost

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SANCTUARY FLOWERS

*The flowers on the chancel are given to the glory of God by Eva Goode
in memory of Bill Goode and George Wheeler*

INTRODUCING WPC'S NEW PARISH ASSOCIATE FOR VISITATION



Please welcome **Rev. Kevin Horrigan**, WPC's new part-time Parish Associate for Visitation. Kevin is a Presbyterian minister who has served churches in Ashtabula and Urbana. Upon retiring six years ago, he and his wife, Christina, moved to Mansfield to be near their two grandchildren. Retirement has brought the pleasure of the birth of a third grandchild, whose home is in Virginia, and participation in many volunteer activities.

"The pandemic year gave us the surprise gift of worshipping online with Worthington Presbyterian," Kevin said. "This experience led to the promising opportunity of returning to active pastoral ministry as a part-time parish associate."

Kevin is a graduate of Kenyon College and Princeton Theological Seminary. His volunteer service during his retirement has included singing in the choir and serving on the mission committee of First Congregational Church in Mansfield; teaching in nature education programs at Malabar Elementary and Gorman Nature Center in Mansfield; serving as an herb gardener at Kingwood Center; and participating in the Mansfield Y Running Club.

While some of you have already met Kevin, next Sunday in worship there will be a Commissioning Service to officially inaugurate his ministry at WPC, followed by a chance to meet and greet him during Missionpalooza.



Sun. Fun.
Getting good things
done.

- At Missionpalooza, **the whole family** can help with hands-on mission projects, including making blankets for foster children, packaging soup packets for the hungry, assembling flood relief buckets for disaster victims, and more!
- Lunch is on us!



Missionpalooza!
July 25th at 11:00 a.m.
on the front lawn.
Join us!

WORTHINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MINISTRY DIRECTORY

Rev. Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont – Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. Tom Rice – Pastor for Discipleship
Rev. Betsy Rice – Pastor for Member Ministries
Rev. Kevin Horrigan – Parish Associate for Visitation
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