

WORTHINGTON

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

January 3, 2021

2021 Session

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Vern Vick

Class of 2022

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Ted Knapke
Ron St. Pierre

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Deanna Olson
Gregg Russell
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The Rev. Wayne Morrison, Parish Associate for Visitation
The Rev. Betsy Rice, Pastor for Member Ministries

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Class of 2021

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Mike Murphy
Harry Pukay-Martin
Jane Riddle
Leslie Snyder
Joanne Sudduth
Nancy Wardwell

Class of 2023

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Todd Briggs
Jan Elliott
Jennifer Feucht
Judy Hazelton
Jennie Lynch
Dan Rice
Christy Worny

The Rev. Wayne Morrison, Parish Associate for Visitation

Following Christ, **ruling elders** lead the congregation in all facets of our life together. Following Christ, **deacons** offer one-on-one ministries of compassion to those in need. All of us can support ruling elders and deacons with prayer, words of encouragement and support, and our willing participation. The Holy Spirit helps us in this way to extend the strength of Christ to one another.

WORTHINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Second Sunday of Christmas

January 3, 2021

Live Streaming

* *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

Rev. Wayne Morrison

CALL TO WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

"Dix"

arr. David Lasky

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

OPENING SENTENCES

* HYMN #150 *(see next page)*

"As with Gladness Men of Old"
Stanzas 1 and 2

DIX

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

A moment for silent confession

* Christmastide Song for
Mercy #87

"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

GENEVAN 42

***Comfort, comfort now my people; tell of peace! So says our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning under sorrow's load.
To my people now proclaim that my pardon waits for them!
Tell them that their sins I cover, and their warfare now is over.***

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* Christmastide Gloria #87

GENEVAN 42

***Straight shall be what long was crooked, and the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits God's holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord now on earth is shed abroad,
and all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.***

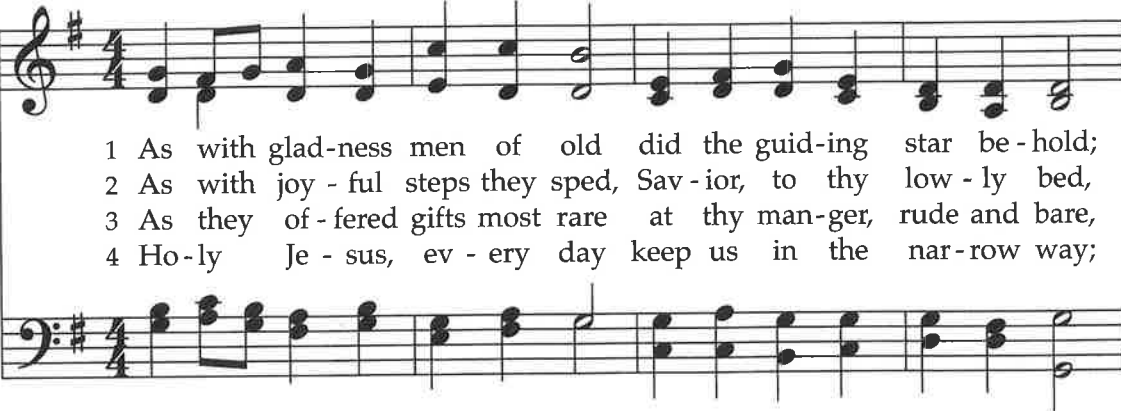
PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

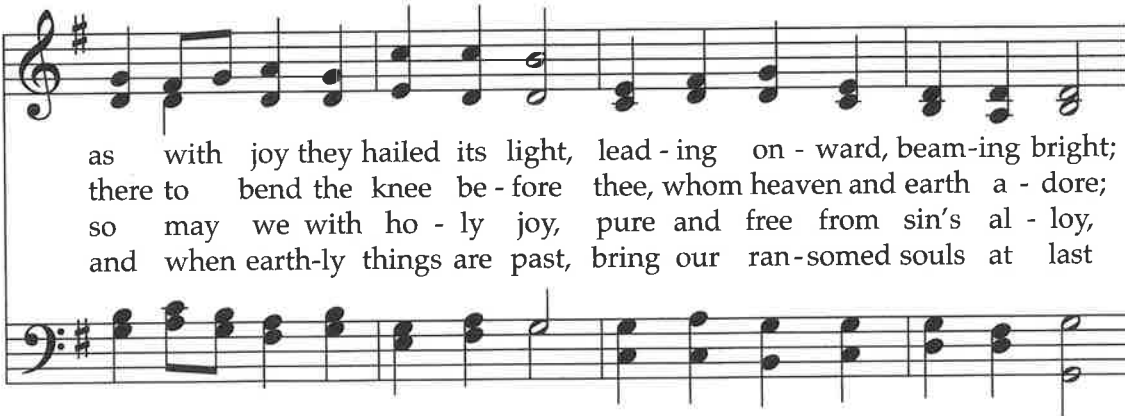
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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

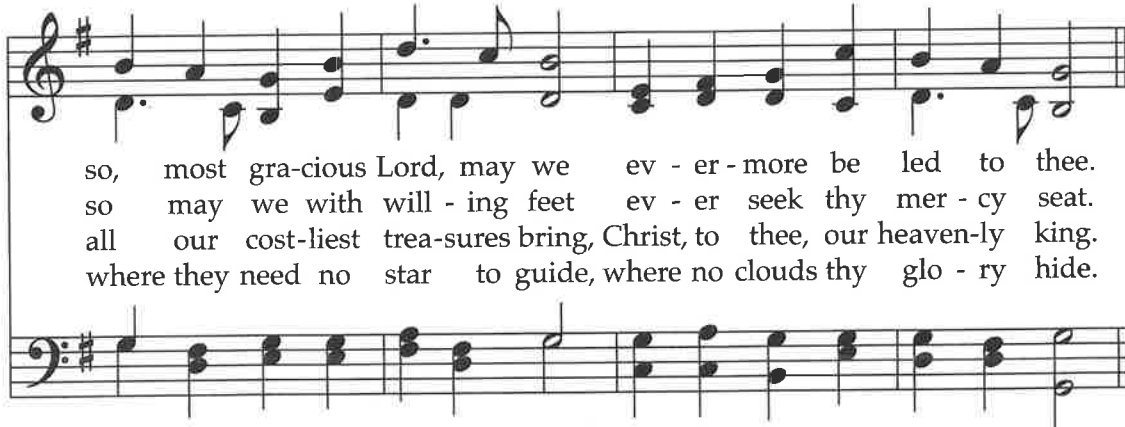
As with Gladness Men of Old 150



1 As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be - hold;
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy man-ger, rude and bare,
 4 Ho-ly Je - sus, ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam-ing bright;
 there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heaven and earth a - dore;
 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
 and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last



so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.
 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.
 all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heaven-ly king.
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.

The first three stanzas here use an as/so structure to draw parallels between the coming of the Magi and the spiritual lives of the singers, summed up in the prayer of the fourth stanza. Even though this adapted German tune was named for him, the author did not care for it.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *The Reading for Epiphany*

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

One: The Word of our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"Celtic Laud"

Craig Courtney

Octet with Mary Longsdorf, flutist

For fruit of the vine, for harvest of wheat, for bread and for wine, for the gift of Your feast, the cup of thanksgiving we gratefully raise, O Lord of my living, my love and my praise. For dove in the sky, for wind in the trees, for coal in the fire, Your spirit in me, the cup of thanksgiving I gratefully raise, O Lord of my living, my love and my praise. For springtime's green earth, for morning's first light, for every new birth, for grace and for life, the cup of thanksgiving I gratefully raise, O Lord of my living, my love and my praise.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 1:13-21

Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; for it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

One: The Word of our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Renewing Reverence"

Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF MEMBERS ELECTED
TO ORDERED MINISTRIES

Ruling Elder Kathy Mead, Clerk of Session

Statement on Ordination and Installation

Constitutional Promises of Members Elected to Ordered Ministries

1. Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the church, and through him believe in One God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
2. Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?
3. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?
4. Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?
5. Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?
6. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
7. Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?
8. Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

Ruling Elder: Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry, will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Deacon: Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need and in your ministry, will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Constitutional Promises of the Congregation

1. Do we, the members of the church, accept **Liz Beck, Marian Greuling, Scott Jacobs, Natalie Moog, Deanna Olson, Gregg Russell and Geoff Scott** as ruling elders and **Becky Ament, Laura Barber-Purvis, Todd Briggs, Jan Elliott, Jennifer Feucht, Judy Hazelton, Jennie Lynch, Kennedy O' Brien, Dan Rice, Leslie Snyder and Christy Worny** as deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**
2. Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

Prayer for Ordination and Installation

* Hymn #69

"Here I Am, Lord"

HERE I AM

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

DEDICATION 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

"The Boy Galliard"

dep. Robert Rowland-Raybold

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

* HYMN #152 *(see next page)*

“What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright”
Stanzas 1 and 4

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* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“The Boy Galliard”

dep. David Cherwien



The flowers on the chancel are given to the glory of God by all who contributed to our poinsettias for Christmas. Please see the Christmas Eve bulletin for dedications.



Octet: Samantha Reeves, Martha Duersten-Pettit, Ailsa Prohn, Emily Dunaj, Logan Fletcher,
Harper Markiewicz, Robert Boyd, Robert Fischer

Audio: Andrew DeWeese Usher: John Smith Video: Nick Robison, Russ Nagy and Bill Yost

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

What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright 152

Capo 2: (C) (Am) (G) (C) (F) (C) (G) (C) (F)
 D Bm A D G D A D G

1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more
 2 'Tis now full-filled what God de-creed, "From
 3 While outward signs the star dis-plays, an
 4 O Je-sus, while the star of grace im-

(C) (G) (C) (F) (C) (G)
 D A D G D A

love-ly than the noon-day light? 'Tis
 Ja-cob shall a star pro-ceed"; and
 in-ward light the Lord con-veys and
 pels us on to seek your face, let

(Am) (D7) (G) (C) (F) (C) (Dm)
 Bm E7 A D G D Em

sent to an-nounce a new-born king, glad
 lo! the east-ern sa-ges stand to
 urg-es them, with ten-der might, to
 not our sloth-ful hearts re-fuse the

(G) (C) (G) (C) (F) (G) (C)
 A D A D G A D

ti-dings of our God to bring.
 read in heaven the Lord's com-mand.
 seek the giv-er of the light.
 guid-ance of your light to use.

This 18th-century Latin text calls attention to three kinds of light: the light of the star leading the Magi to the Christ-child, the inward light inspiring their journey, and Christ who is the Light of the world. The simple unison melody unites everything in a gentle arc.

~ ~ ~ **THINGS TO DO & WAYS TO HELP** ~ ~ ~

From now through **January 6th**, **ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS** will be a resource for all who are able to help assist those in need. To remain socially distant, this year we have created a website to give gifts in support of ministries locally as well as worldwide, receive prayer cards, send a card, and purchase goods from Eleventh Candle Co. to help survivors of human trafficking (use code PWUHoliday2020 for a 25% discount). Now more than ever we are called to share what we can and help others in need. Questions? Contact Pastor Tom Rice or Katy Patterson. www.alternativechristmas.weebly.com

Would you like to donate **CHANCEL FLOWERS** in honor or in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion? Please contact Karen Linden at 614-885-5355 or klinden@worthingtonpresbyterian.com. The cost of two bouquets is \$85. Unless otherwise specified, each bouquet is delivered by a deacon to someone in need of comfort or encouragement. Open dates for 2021 are: January 24, 31; April 11, 18; May 23, 30; June 20, 27; July 4, 11; August 1, 22; September 5, 19; October 3, 10, 17, 24; November 14, 21.

NNEMAP FOOD PANTRY: Donations of sugar, flour, coffee, salt, dry pet food, etc. can be brought to Fellowship Hall on Wednesday Noon - 3 p.m. or Sunday 8-10 a.m.

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 has 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 the Deacon Coordinator for this program, Nancy Wardwell at 614-205-0315 or email her at wardwell.2@osu.edu or Mark Senff at 614-323-9455 or msenff6435@gmail.com. Additional drivers are always welcome, to volunteer for this ministry, contact Nancy or Mark.

~ ~ ~ **THINGS TO KEEP YOU IN THE KNOW** ~ ~ ~

As you consider your **SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH** as well as some of the special collections, we will be expanding the options available when donating through easyTithe to include special collections (<https://app.easytithe.com/App/Giving/wpcgive>). For your 2021 pledge or to regularly support the church's operations, signing up for monthly ACH withdrawals from your account to the church's HNB account is an easy way to keep up to date with your giving. Contact Katie at kfell@worthingtonpresbyterian.com for an authorization form to be emailed to you.

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. WPC is now forming this group.

NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY: A password-protected **Membership Directory** is now available on our website. What is different (and particularly useful) about this new directory is that **it will be updated monthly**. To receive your password and access instructions, please contact Kathleen Holly at memberdata@worthingtonpresbyterian.com.

SHARING JOYS, CONCERNS, PRAYER REQUESTS: Pastor Betsy Rice has set up an online form for us to report concerns, joys, and other requests for prayer. It is viewable **ONLY** by the pastors and lets you indicate whether your submission is (1) for pastors only, (2) for weekly prayer list (like what we announce in worship), and/or (3) for the Prayer Chain.

DAILY DEVOTION CONFERENCE CALLS: At 12:15 p.m. on weekdays you are invited to call (515)606-5922 and use access code 783190 to participate in a telephone conference call. You'll enjoy a brief devotion led by a pastor and church members sharing joys and concerns and praying together.

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 Easy Tithe account (which charges the church a slight fee). If you need assistance, please contact Katie Fell or Kathryn Deringer.

We are **LIVESTREAMING** our **WORSHIP SERVICES** on-line. This means:

- The service will not be available before 10 a.m. (We regret the inconvenience to those who prefer to worship earlier in the morning.)
- You can view the service as it happens, beginning at 10 a.m. on Sunday.
- If you join the service between 10 and 11 or so, it will be like getting to church late. You won't be able to pick and choose what to see.
- If you look for the service after 11 a.m. on Sunday, you'll be able to find a video, that you can pause, fast-forward, etc. It will be available whenever you want to view it.
- One important difference going forward (at least at this first stage): Viewing either live or later (video), you will not see the words to prayers or hymns on the screen. How can you take part?
 - View or print the bulletin, provided by PDF on the same page as the video.
 - Borrow a hymnal from the church. They are available for check-out in the Church Office. (Please wear facial covering in the church building.)
 - Send a request to Karen Linden for a special arrangement. You could:
 - Pick up a bulletin at church during office hours.
 - Receive the bulletin by email.
 - Receive the bulletin via USPS (mailed on Thursday, no guarantee on delivery by Saturday)
- Questions? Please contact the church, and we'll do our best to help you connect.

~ ~ ~ **CHURCH CALENDAR** ~ ~ ~

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

(Tom on Call)

10:00 AM 11:00 AM
11:10 AM 12:00 PM

Live-Streaming Worship, Dr. Piermont, Sanctuary
Coffee Hour via Zoom. For access, please contact Pastor Betsy or
subscribe to WPC weekly emails.

MONDAY, JANUARY 4

(Betsy on Call)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

(Betsy on Call)

6:30 PM 7:00 PM
7:00 PM 9:00 PM
7:00 PM 9:00 PM

Tech Meeting (Zoom)
Prayer Shawl Ministry, "Living" Room
PW Program ~ Nick & Shine Robison (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

(Wayne on Call)

6:30 PM 7:30 PM
7:00 PM 8:00 PM

Celebration Ringers Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Stephen Leaders Meeting (Zoom)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

(Wayne on Call)

12:30 PM 2:00 PM
7:00 PM 7:45 PM

Christian Life Circle (Zoom)
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, Sanctuary

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

(Wayne on Call)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

(Betsy on Call)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

(Tom on Call)

9:00 AM 9:50 AM
10:00 AM 11:00 AM
11:10 AM 12:00 PM

Religious Studies (Zoom)
Live-Streaming Worship, Dr. Piermont, Sanctuary
Coffee Hour via Zoom. For access, please contact Pastor Betsy or
subscribe to WPC weekly emails.

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
Eric McLaughlin, Executive Administrator

Rev. Dr. Thomas Rice, Pastor for Discipleship
Rev. Wayne Morrison, Parish Associate for Visitation
Nicholas Robison, Director for Youth Ministries
Jenni Whitford, Director for Children's Ministries
A full staff directory may be found on our website.

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We are a Stephen Ministry congregation. For more information,
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