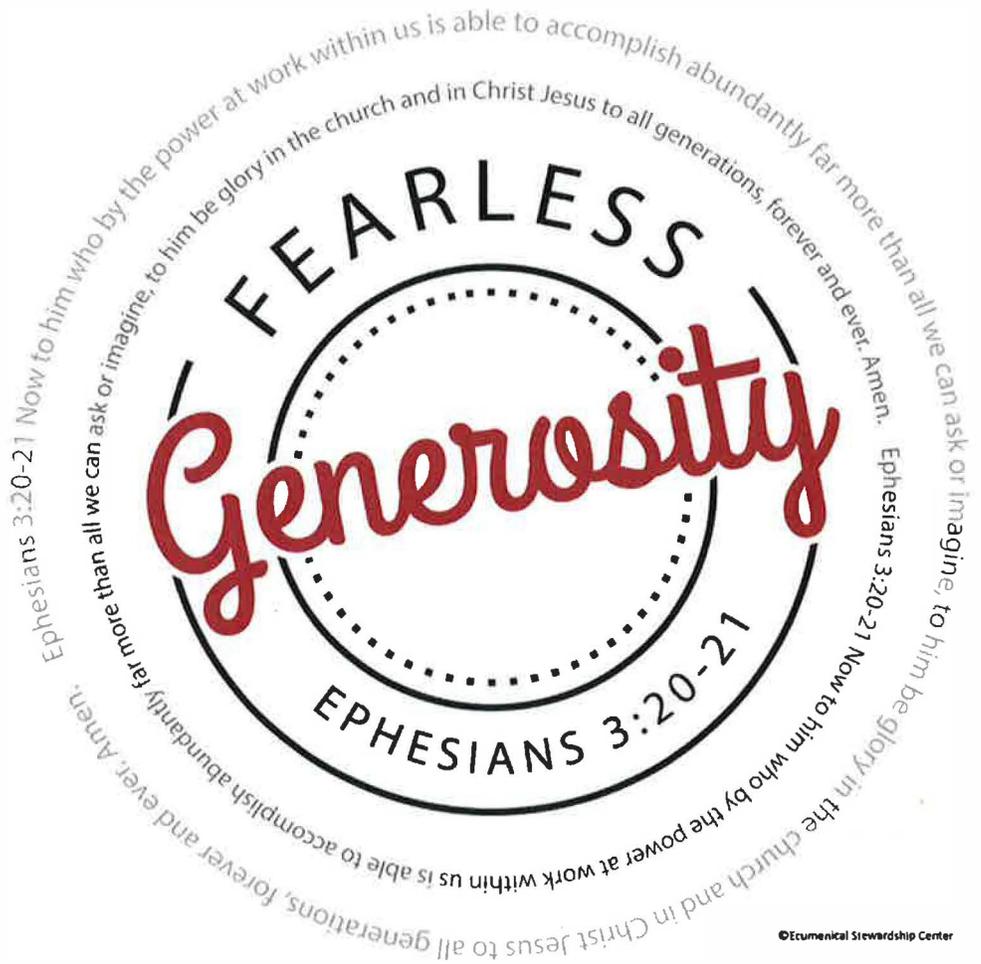


**20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**October 23, 2022**



**WORTHINGTON  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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# CHURCH CALENDAR

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

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23 Coat and Blanket Drive

**October 23rd-30th** (Kevin on call)

- 8:00 AM Lunches for Homeless Donation Collection (Hazelton Hall & Kitchen)
- 8:00 AM Religious Studies (Zoom)
- 8:00 AM Worship- Dr. Piermont (Chapel)
- 8:50 AM Youth Worship Team (Sanctuary)
- 8:55 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary)
- 9:00 AM Confirmation (Youth Room)
- 9:00 AM Adult Education (Room 222 & Zoom)
- 9:45 AM Nursery Care for Babies – age 3 (Nursery)
- 10:00 AM Worship- Dr. Piermont (Sanctuary & Livestream)
- 10:15 AM Children's Sunday School (Various Rooms)
- 10:15 AM 67 Sunday School (Youth Room)
- 11:00 AM Fellowship (Hazelton Hall)
- 11:00 AM NNEMAP Food Pantry Repackaging (Hazelton Hall)
- 1:00 PM Spooky Pooch Party (Village Green)
- 5:00 PM HS & MS Youth Group (Youth Rm,111,112)

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 24 (Tom on call)

- 8:00 AM Lunches for Homeless Delivery (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:30 AM Ingram Group (Chapel)
- 12:00 PM Facing Loss Caregiver Meeting (La Chatelaine Worthington, Oh)
- 12:15 PM Daily Devotional Teleconference (240-591-0333; access 783190#)
- 1:00 PM Worship Planning (Rm 222)
- 1:00 PM Office Meeting with Nancy Case (Youth Rm)
- 2:30 PM PWU Coordinating Team (Rm 111)
- 6:00 PM Boy Scouts #268 Meeting (Rm 112,113, Youth Rm)
- 7:00 PM Children's Ministries Committee Nursery

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25 (Betsy on call)

- 9:00 AM Parent Group (Nursery)
- 10:30 AM Tower Tidings Planning meeting (Staff Work Room)
- 1:00 PM Circle of Grace (Rm 111)
- 6:30 PM Tech Meeting (Zoom)
- 7:00 PM Central Ohio Grotto (Hazelton Hall)
- 7:30 PM Adult Education Committee (Rm 222 & Zoom)

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26 (Betsy on call)

- 12:15 PM Daily Devotional Teleconference (240-591-0333; access 783190#)
- 12:30 PM ROMEOs OSU Golf Course
- 1:00 PM Columbarium Board Meeting (Rm 222)
- 6:30 PM Celebration Ringers Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry (Rms 111, 112, Youth Room)
- 8:00 PM AA Open Meeting (Hazelton Hall)

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27 (Kevin on call)

- 5:00 PM Choir Plus (Rms111,112,222,Fellowship Hall & Kitchen, Youth Rm)
- 5:00 PM Choir Plus Little Trebles (Rm 224)
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary + Choir Rm)

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28 (Kevin on Call)

- 9:00 AM Living Hope Circle (Hazelton Hall)
- 12:15 PM Daily Devotional Teleconference (240-591-0333; access 783190#)
- 4:30 PM Trunk or Treat (Hazelton Hall & Parking Lots)
- 6:00 PM City of Worthington -Halloween on the Green (Village Green)
- 7:00 PM Middle School Late Nighter/Lock-In
- 7:00 PM Club 45 Pumpkins & Halloween Fun

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 (Betsy on call)

- 12:00 PM Voice Lessons, Sharon Stohrer(Choir Rm)

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30 Coat and Blanket Drive (Kevin on call)

- 8:00 AM Religious Studies (Zoom)
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## EARLY MORNING WORSHIP

IN THE CHAPEL

OCTOBER 23, 2022 – 8:00 AM



**WORTHINGTON**  
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### SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*\* Please rise in body or spirit.*

GATHERING MUSIC

*On My Way Home*

Paul Cardall

Melissa Robol, pianist

*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

MOMENT FOR GENEROSITY

Brad Montgomery

\* HYMN #435

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

IN BABILONE

*There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.  
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.  
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.*

*For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.  
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's Word,  
and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.*

(Frederick William Faber, 1854, alt.)

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UNISON PRAYER

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(A Brief Time 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 up-on us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING****2 Corinthians 3:2-6**

You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by all, and you show that you are a letter of Christ, prepared by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets that are human hearts. Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are qualified of ourselves to claim anything as coming from us; our qualification is from God, who has made us qualified to be ministers of a new covenant, not of letter but of spirit, for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING****Jeremiah 31:27-28, 31-34**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile. ...

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**SERMON*****“What’s New about It?”***

Dr. Piermont

Fifth and final in a series on Jeremiah:  
***“True Against the Tide”***

**MUSICAL INTERLUDE*****Spirit, Open My Heart***

#692 in our hymnal

*Jeremiah’s prayer: Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story. In each thought, word and deed may my living bring you glory. (Verse two)*

**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.**

**\* HYMN #69*****I, the Lord of sea and sky***

HERE I AM

*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
 All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
 I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
 Who will bear my light to them? Who shall I send?*

[Refrain] *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.*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? [Refrain]*

*I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? [Refrain]*

(Daniel L. Schutte, alt)

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

***Take My Life***

Lowell Mason;  
arr. Mark Hayes

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If you are unable to do so, please exit quietly. Thank you*

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## THINGS TO DO

### PLEASE PICK UP YOUR "FEARLESS

**GENEROSITY" PACKET** Our Pledging Season is underway. Every member household has a packet of information, including a pledge card for 2023 giving. Packets are available in chapel after the 8am service, in the sanctuary before the 10am service, in Hazelton Hall following the 10am service, and in the church office during the week. Extra packets are available for those interested who may not be members.

Please help us be good stewards and pick up your packet by Sunday, October 30. The remaining packets will be mailed. Pledge Dedication Celebration Sunday is **NOVEMBER 6**. We look forward to celebrating with you because God is at work within us to accomplish far more than we all can ask or imagine!

### *THE DIFFICULT WORDS OF JESUS* CONTINUES

You are invited to a wonderful 6-week series using the book and video presentations of beloved author and New Testament teacher, A.J. Levine. Join us in Room 222 or on Zoom. Books are in the church office.

**SPOOKY, BLESSED PETS** Today from 1-3pm during Worthington's Spooky Pooch Party, WPC will be on the Village Green blessing pets. Stop by to visit, to appreciate others' pets, and to receive a blessing.

**COAT & BLANKET DRIVE** Starting today through next Sunday, we will be collecting coats and blankets for the Guadalupe Center, a ministry to individuals & families in need in West Columbus. *"They spend the night naked, without clothing, And have no covering against the cold."* (Job 24:7).

**THANKSGIVING BOXES** Leaves are a 'falling'...a chill is in the air: Thinking of Thanksgiving....dinner for our neighbors in need. Looking forward to the time, talents, and donations you will share. Join us in fellowship as we remember those we will feed. Our goal is for WPC volunteers on November 22 to deliver 250 or more **THANKSGIVING BOXES** (full, ready-to-cook dinners) to Central Ohio families in need. School counselors prepare the lists of families. We will be in Hazelton Hall after worship **October 23, 30, November 13, and 20** to receive financial donations for this ministry. You may also donate by sending a check to WPC (memo: "Thanksgiving Dinners") or you can use EasyTithe. On Nov. 21 at 6 pm we will pack the Thanksgiving boxes. On the morning of Nov. 22, we deliver the meals. More details to follow.

**FACING LOSS CAREGIVER LUNCH** - The group will meet tomorrow, Monday, October 24 at La Chatelaine at noon.

### **TRUNK OR TREAT, CLUB 45, MIDDLE SCHOOL LATE NIGHTER**

**Friday, October 28, Trunks starting at 5pm in the church parking lot**

Trunk or Treat starts at 5pm in the church parking lot, followed by dinner at 6pm. Then Club 45 and Middle School Late Nighter start at 7pm with plenty of games, food, and friends. It should be a great night, full of fun for everyone! You can donate candy in the church office (nut-free) until Friday, Oct. 28. Friends, neighbors, preschool families, and church families are all welcome!

### **TRIGGER: THE RIPPLE EFFECT OF GUN**

**VIOLENCE** Tuesday, November 1, 7pm in Hazelton

**Hall (dessert will follow)** This award-winning documentary examines how one shooting impacts individuals, families and communities and gives voice to the questions that arise. This program is not about taking away our guns. It is, however, about looking at what can be done to reduce gun violence.

### **CHRISTIAN LIFE CIRCLE**

**Thursday, November 3, 1pm in Room 222 and Zoom**

How did Christians come to celebrate the Sabbath on Sunday rather than Saturday, and what does it mean for Christians to celebrate this day? Pastor Tom Rice will encourage us to look more deeply for answers to these questions. We welcome all to come at 12:30pm for fellowship and coffee prior to our Bible study!

**USHER MINISTRY** Can you commit to one Sunday

morning every five weeks? Ushers welcome every worshiper with a smile and hand them a bulletin. Ushers collect the offering and count worshipers. Ushering is a great way to learn new names and faces. For more info, contact John (614 846 9811) or Peggy ([pfoster62@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pfoster62@sbcglobal.net)).

**THANK YOU, WPC!** Thank you to all who took part over the past weekend in the Ministry Architects listening sessions for assessing and shaping our disciple-shaping ministries for the future. The consultants told us that our attendance (116) was almost three times more than typical participation for a church our size. The consultants made a preliminary presentation of their report on Sunday, and the final one will come out soon. In it they identify strengths, stressors, and a recommended strategy to pursue.

# *Fearless Generosity*

## **FEARLESS LIVING**

We see generosity as part of our Creator's nature very clearly in the scriptures: in the giving of food for humanity and the animals, in the giving of a land to God's chosen people as their homeland, in the giving of good gifts and daily sustenance to those who ask. We experience God's ultimate act of generosity in the giving of Jesus to live and die to save us.

As we are created in God's image, it actually is against our natural instincts to be stingy. Most people, when presented with a real need and asked in a nice way for a contribution to a worthy project, are more than happy to give.

However, there are times when we do not give. Those are the times our fallen nature overtakes our inclination for generosity. Often this reluctance is tied to fear.

God was fearless in creation. We, like God, must be courageous in life, which includes generously sharing time, talent, and treasure.

As you worship today and throughout this week, think about times you hesitated to be generous. How often were they tied to fear? How is God calling you to creatively and courageously use the gifts you have been given?

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**GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

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**WELCOME**

Rev. Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont

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

**MOMENT FOR GENEROSITY**

Brad Montgomery

**CALL TO WORSHIP IN MUSIC**

*"To God Be the Glory"*

arr. Mathew H. Corl

Dr. Stephen Jacoby, organist

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

**OPENING SENTENCES**

**HYMN #435**

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IN BABILONE

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(A Brief Time for Silent Confession)



**ANTHEM****“O Love”**

Mark Shepperd

THE CHANCEL CHOIR

Dr. David Rives, Director of Music

*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.*

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The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****A PROPHET’S REFRAIN****“O Lord, the Clouds”**

Graham Kendrick

Robert Fischer and Deanna Olson

*O Lord, the clouds are gathering, the fire of judgment burns. How we have fallen! O Lord, you stand appalled to see your laws of love so scorned and lives so broken. Have mercy, Lord, forgive us, Lord. Restore us, Lord; revive your church again. Let justice flow like rivers and righteousness like a never-failing stream.*

**SERMON****“What’s New about It?”**

Dr. Piermont

Fifth and final in a series on Jeremiah:

**“True Against the Tide”****\* HYMN****God Has Spoken by His Prophets**

EBENEZER

*God has spoken by his prophets, spoken his unchanging Word;  
each from age to age proclaiming God the one, the righteous Lord.  
In the world’s despair and turmoil, one firm anchor holds us fast;  
God is king, his throne eternal, God the first, and God the last.*

*God has spoken by Christ Jesus, Christ the everlasting Son,  
brightness of the Father’s glory, with the Father, ever one,  
spoken by the Word incarnate, God, of God, before time was;  
Light of light, to earth descending, he reveals our God to us.*

*God is speaking by his Spirit, speaking to the hearts of all,  
in the age-less word expounding God’s own message for us all.  
Through the rise and fall of nations one sure faith yet standing fast:  
God abides, his Word unchanging, God the first and God the last.*

(George Wallace Briggs, 1952)

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Kevin Horrigan

SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS AND BLESSINGS

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

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

## OFFERTORY

*Ebenezer*

arr. J. Wayne Kerr

## GOING IN GOD'S NAME

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## BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*"A Clare Benediction"*

John Rutter

## POSTLUDE

*"To God Be the Glory"*

arr. Don Hustad

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### WORSHIP LEADERS

Ushers: **Team D– Bob Harrington, Jeff White**, Captains  
Carillon: **Sue Rapier** Audio: **Andrew DeWeese**  
Video/Livestream: **Emerson Greuling, Russ Nagy, Bill Yost**  
Youth Worship Team: **Colby Beck, vocals; Simon Blanke, cajon, shaker;**  
**Katie Becker, bass guitar; Samuel Chen, synthesizer; Kevin Fancher, electric guitar, guitar mentor;**  
**Shine Robison, piano, keyboard and vocals mentor**

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### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

*The flowers on the chancel are given to the glory of God  
by Dominic Maxwell in loving memory of Tom Maxwell*

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