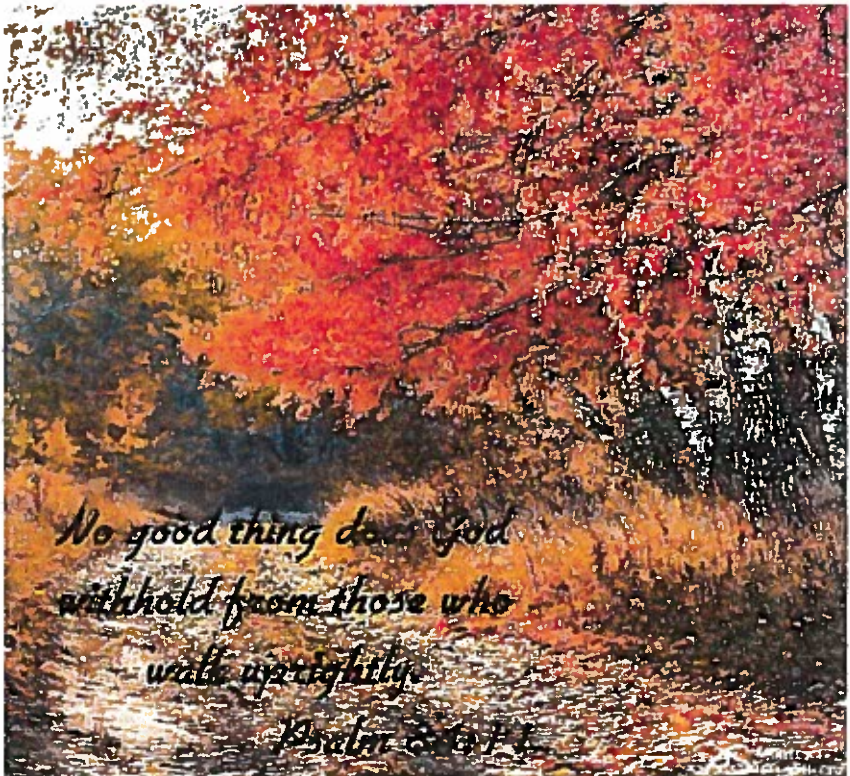


"The Church with a Welcome for All!"

North Warren

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

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Sunday Schedule:

9:15 AM Prayer Meeting
9:30 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship

Regular Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, and
Friday: 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Handicap Accessible at Church Street Entrance.



September 16, 2018
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
North Warren Presbyterian Church
Reverend Burfoot S. Ward, III, Pastor
Kris Soderberg, Organist

"We trust God's Spirit to work in us, through our words and deeds, wherever we are."

Prelude

Passing The Friendship Registers

Please sign the friendship register, your name only if you attend regularly, completely if you are new or visiting.

Announcements

Video "Lost Dog"

***Hymn** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" No. 11

***Invocation**

***The Lord's Prayer** (we will use the words "debts" and "debtors")

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

***Offertory Response** "We Give Thee But Thine Own" No. 816

Junior Sermon Rev. Ward

Sermon "The Goodness of God" Rev. Ward

Joys and Concerns

***Hymn** "God Is So Good" No. 193

***Benediction**

Postlude

**Those Who Are Able, Please Stand*

*We welcome all who have come to worship with us.
We pray that this hour will be a blessing to you.*

You are warmly invited and encouraged to join us immediately following the worship service today in Fellowship Hall downstairs for coffee and fellowship.



Lay leader today is Mark Ash.

Ushering today is Gary Brumagin, Darrell Pusateri, and Carol Pusateri.

Sound Booth Operator today is Jim Ashbaugh.

The Sanctuary Flowers today are given by Wayne (Rudy) and Judy Rudolph in memory of loved ones.

There is no scheduled nursery today.

Greeting the congregation at the close of the service today are Rev. Buddy and Anne Ward at the Church Street door and Mark Ash and Marian Hartman at the State Street door.

If you didn't start yet with The Real God program in Sunday School, it's not too late. Join us next Sunday at 9:30 AM. There is much to learn in the program that will help with a real understanding of your relationship with God.

Our After Church Coffee Hosts today are Lynn Collins and Donita Redick. Be sure to stop down for a bit of a snack and conversation following our worship this morning.

Youth Group starts this evening for young people between the grades of 7 and 12. Children within this age group are welcome to come and join in the fun, even if they do not attend church here at North Warren Presbyterian. Look forward to learning, snacks, games, fun, and growth.

You are invited to hear Josh Heikkila, the partner in Ghana with the Lake Erie Presbytery. He is currently visiting the area and would love to meet persons from various churches. See the bulletin boards for more information.

Please make note of the Volunteer Request Sheets that you will find in your bulletin this morning or on the table outside the Church Office. Please do your part to keep the church operating.

Prayer Requests Today:

- Harmonsburg Presbyterian Church, Rev. George Johnson (HR),
- Girard Presbyterian in the wake of their fire, from which they are still recovering,
- Cancer and cardiac patients, survivors, their families, and their caretakers,
- Help us remember that peace is not the absence of trouble, but the presence of God.
- Our church and pastor.

The Week Ahead

Sunday, September 16

9:15 AM Prayer Meeting

9:30 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

After Church Coffee – Lynn Collins

6:00 PM Session Meeting

6:00 PM Youth Group

Monday, September 17

10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, September 19

7:00 PM Youth Recreation

Thursday, September 20

Presbytery Missional Convention in Corry

Sunday, September 23 – First Full Day of Autumn

9:15 AM Prayer Meeting

9:30 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

6:00 PM Youth Group

THE REAL GOD DISCIPLESHIP CAMPAIGN

WEEK TWO: THE GOODNESS OF GOD

Introduction: The private battle every true follower of Christ must face and win.

- The Battle
- The Barrier
- The Breakthrough

The importance of our study:

"What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us."

- A.W. Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy*

Thesis: Our distorted view of God is the root of all our problems.

The Process: A devotional study of select attributes of God.



Defining the Goodness of God

- Revealed to Moses: Exodus 33:19; 34:5-7

- Moses' Request: "Show me Your glory."

Exodus 33:18

- God's Promise: "All My goodness will pass before you."

Exodus 33:19

- God's Answer:

Exodus 34:5-7

(see Chip Ingram video session 2)

- Packer's Observation:

"Within the cluster of God's moral perfections there is one in particular to which the term 'goodness' points – the quality which God specially singled out from the whole when proclaiming 'all God's goodness' to Moses, He spoke of Himself as 'abundant in goodness and truth' (Exodus 34:6). This is the quality of generosity."

"Generosity expresses the simple wish that others should have what they need to make them happy."

-J.I. Packer, *Knowing God*

- The Apostle John's Definition:

"Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world - the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life - comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.."

- 1 John 2:15-17

- Scripture's Declaration:

"For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord give grace and glory; no good thing does God withhold from those who walk uprightly."

Psalm 84:11

How Does God Reveal God's Goodness to Us?

1. Through **NATURAL** blessings.

Psalm 145:7-9, Psalm 145:16-17

2. Through **SPECIFIC** deliverances.

Psalm 107

(see Chip Ingram video session 2)

- Rescues us from our enemies. Psalm 107:2
- Rescues us when we "drift" spiritually. Psalm 107:4
- Rescues us from the "shadow of death." Psalm 107:10
- Heals our diseases. Psalm 107:20
- Saves us in the midst of life's storms. Psalm 107:29

* Note the pattern in verses: 1, 8, 15, 22, 31

3. Through His Son, Jesus.

- Jesus is the **PROOF** of God's Goodness.

But God demonstrates God's own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8 (NASB)

(see Chip Ingram video session 2)

- Jesus is the **GUARANTEE** of future Goodness.

He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

Romans 8:32 (NASB)

(see Chip Ingram video session 2)



How are we to respond to God's Goodness?

(see Chip Ingram video session 2)

1. **REPENT** and receive God's greatest good gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

"Or do you show contempt for the riches of His kindness, forbearance, and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?"

Romans 2:4 (NIV)

2. **SURRENDER** your life and future fully to the lordship of Christ.

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship."

Romans 12:1 (NIV)

3. **CLAIM** God's promise that you will **NEVER** miss out on any good thing as long as you live.

"For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord gives grace and glory; No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly."

Psalm 84:11 (NASB)

Application:

1. Take five minutes before you pray each time this week and list:
 - 3 specific blessings
 - 1 specific deliverance
2. For more in depth study, read *True Spirituality*, by Chip Ingram: Section 1 - How to Give God What He Wants the Most

2019 General Volunteer Sheet

What you are is God's gift to you; what you do with yourself is your gift to God. We are now seeking volunteers to fill the schedules of our church. Please prayerfully consider your contribution. Each of us needs to play a part in the functioning of our church. Your help is needed. Please serve.

Please indicate the number of times you are willing to serve.

Lay Leader Once _____ Twice _____ As needed _____

Usher One Month _____ Two Months _____ As needed _____

Adult Nursery Worker* Once _____ Twice _____ As needed _____

Youth Nursery Worker Once _____ Twice _____ As needed _____

After Church Coffee Once _____ Twice _____ As needed _____

*State law now requires that adult nursery workers obtain background clearances. Please provide copies for our files. If you have not already gotten yours, we will be happy to help you with that procedure at no cost to you.

If you have a special month or date you would like, please use the signup sheet on the table outside the church office.

Please let us know of any dates you are NOT available as well.

NAME _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Please place in collection plate or leave at church office.

Thank you

Worship Committee

Don't forget that you can select dates that you want by using the signup sheet located on the table outside the church office.