

"The Church with a Welcome for All!"

North Warren

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

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*Who we are and What we become
cannot be separated from our understanding of
God.*

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 23, 2018
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
North Warren Presbyterian Church
Reverend Burfoot S. Ward, III, Pastor
Cathy Peterson, Pianist

*"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 "Micro Macro"

***Hymn** "Come, Thou Almighty King" No. 8

***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 Sovereignty of God" Rev. Ward

Joys and Concerns

***Hymn** "Join All the Glorious Names" No. 132

***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.*



Lay leader today is Bill Gross.

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

Sound Booth Operator today is Joshua Ward.

The Sanctuary Flowers today are given by Mary Putnam in memory of her parents, Donald and Elizabeth Phillips Dalrymple.

There is no scheduled Nursery today.

Greeting the congregation at the close of the service today are Rev. Buddy and Anne Ward at the State Street door and Bill Gross and Gloria Lindell at the Church 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.

Youth Group meets 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.

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.

In order to supplement your understanding of today's sermon, view the Chip Ingram video and download the family discussion guide at **REALGODCHURCH.COM/VIEW**

Prayer Requests Today:

- New Hope Church, Erie, Rev. Charlie McClung, Pastor, Rev. Lyta Seddig (HR)
- Cancer and cardiac patients, survivors, their families, and their caretakers,
- Our church and pastor,
- Serving God is doing good to mankind. ~Benjamin Franklin

The Week Ahead

Sunday, September 23

9:15 AM Prayer Meeting

9:30 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

6:00 PM Youth Group

Monday, September 24

7:00 PM Qadosh Bells

Wednesday, September 26

7:00 AM See You at the Pole

7:00 PM Youth Recreation

Thursday, September 27

Sharing Place

Sunday, September 30

9:15 AM Prayer Meeting

9:30 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

After Church Coffee – Bill and Sandy

6:00 PM Youth Group

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.

THE REAL GOD DISCIPLESHIP CAMPAIGN

WEEK THREE: THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

Question: What makes you think your god is better than everyone else's god?

Answer: The God I worship . . .

- . . . is before all things. Colossians 1:17, Psalm 90:2
Revelation 1:8, 1 Timothy 6:16
- . . . created all things. Genesis 1:1, John 1:3,
Colossians 1:16
- . . . upholds all things. Hebrews 1:3, Colossians 1:17
- . . . is above all things. Ephesians 4:6, Isaiah 45:5-12
- . . . knows all things. Isaiah 46:10, Psalm 139:4,6
- . . . can do all things. Jeremiah 32:27, Luke 1:37
- . . . accomplishes all things. Isaiah 14:24 & 46:10, Ephesians 1:11
- . . . rules over all things. Daniel 4:34-35, 1 Chronicles 29:11-12
- . . . is in control of all things. Job 42:2, Romans 8:28
 - *earthly kings* Proverbs 21:1, Revelation 19:16
 - *human events* Daniel 2 & 7, Psalm 33:9-11
 - *good angels* Colossians 1:15-16, Revelation 4:8
 - *Satan & bad angels* Job 1:6, Ephesians 1:21, Philippians 2:10
 - *human decisions* Ephesians 1:11, Romans 8:29-30
Acts 2:23; 13:48

In a word, "The Real God" is the Sovereign God of the universe.



Defining the Sovereignty of God:

- Sovereign = *adj.* (1) above or superior to all others; chief; greatest; supreme (2) supreme in power, rank, or authority (3) of or holding the position of ruler; royal; reigning (4) independent of all others (5) excellent; outstanding – *n.* (1) a person who possesses sovereign authority or power; specific, a monarch or ruler
- Synonymous meaning = ruler, ultimate authority, “in control,” King of kings, Lord of lords, without equal, without limitation in any way, the only absolutely free being in the universe.

"The sovereignty of God is that which separates the God of the Bible from all other religions, truth claims, or philosophies.

When we say God is sovereign, we declare that by virtue of His creatorship over all life and reality, and His all-knowing, all-powerful, and benevolent rule, that He is in fact the Lord of all lord, King of all kings, and in absolute control of time and eternity.

Nothing will come into my life today that He did not either allow or decree for my ultimate good."

- C.S. Lewis, *The Problem of Pain*

How must we respond to the Sovereign God?

1. **Bow** before the King of the universe.

Philippians 2:9-11

Application: Absolute **SURRENDER** of all you are and all you have!

2. **Believe** all that comes into your life is either allowed or decreed by a good God who will use it for your benefit.

Romans 8:28-29, Genesis 50:20

Application: Absolutely refuse to **WORRY!**

3. **Behold** in awe the mystery and majesty of His kind, compassionate, just, and sovereign rule of all that is or will ever be.

Romans 11:33-36, Genesis 50:20

Application: **WORSHIP** God for who He is, not merely for what He has done!

Application:

1. Share the greatest comfort you experience right now because of the sovereignty of God, with a friend or family member.
2. Take some time to look up and read the passages in these notes.
3. For more in depth study, write out the passages and then your response in prayer.

How does God reveal His Sovereignty to us?

- Through His **Titles** - Sovereign Lord, Most High God, Alpha and Omega, Kings of Kings, Lord of Lords
- Through His **Promises**
 - Romans 8:28-3
 - Philippians 2:9-11
- Through **Prophecy**
 - Daniel 2:27
 - Isaiah 44:6-8
 - Daniel 7-12 (kingdoms predicted)
- Through **Christ**
 - His supernatural **birth** Galatians 4:4, Matthew 2:3-6
 - His perfect **life** - fulfilled 100s of prophecies
Matthew 4:14; Matthew 12:15-21
 - His Messianic **teaching** John 8:48-58
 - His willful death and miraculous **resurrection**
John 10:17-18
 - His ultimate **reign** Acts 1:9-11; Revelation 19:11-16

Two questions the Sovereignty of God raises:

1. If God is sovereign, why did/does He allow evil, pain, and suffering? (*The Problem of Pain*, C.S. Lewis)
2. If God is sovereign over all people and events in history, doesn't this make a sham of human responsibility? (*Chosen But Free*, Norman Geisler)

