

"The Church with a Welcome for All!"

North Warren

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

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Christ Jesus, who has become for us
wisdom from God – that is,
our righteousness, holiness, and redemption.*

1 Corinthians 1:30

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.





World Communion Sunday
October 7, 2018
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Twentieth 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

Penny Sunday

Video

"Frozen"

***Hymn**

"Be Thou My Vision"

No. 562

***Invocation**

***Prayer of Confession**

God of the future: we confess that we have not accepted your wisdom. We have lived casual lives, ignoring your direction. Forgive us, O God, so that we may learn to trust you and live according to your will. In the name of your son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Gloria Patri**

No. 813

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

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

Junior Sermon

Rev. Ward

Sermon

"The Wisdom of God"

Rev. Ward

Hymn

"We Fall Down"

No. 30
Red Book

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation and Words of Institution

Prayer of Dedication

Distribution of Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Joys and Concerns

*Hymn

"Blessed Assurance"

No. 572

*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.

All those who confess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper. This includes baptized children who have received proper instruction from their parents.

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Lay leader today is Gary Brumagin.

Ushering today is Nancy Bullock.

Sound Booth Operator today is Hayden Turner.

The Sanctuary Flowers today are given by Pat Gardiner in memory of her children, Tami and Chuck Gardiner.

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

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.

Men's Bible Study will start up again on October 11th with a 12 session series on "*Meeting God*" by J. I. Packer. J. I. Packer was one of the inspirations for Chip Ingram's study on "The Real God." Come and join the men of the church at 7:15 pm to travel together from the church or go straight to Perkins in Warren by 7:30 pm as we continue our study of who God really is!

If you still have not yet started with The Real God program in Sunday School, it's not too late. Join us next Sunday at 9:30 AM. At the least, check out the Chip Ingram video and download the family discussion guide at REALGODCHURCH.COM/VIEW

The Ladies Prayer Luncheon Group will meet this Thursday, October 11th at 12:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. Bring a sandwich and join in. Beverage and dessert are provided. Hostesses are Marcia McKown and Maureen Gonano. All women of the church are invited. For more info, call Marsh at 726-0198.

Bible Studies are offered in our church for both men and women. Ladies Morning Bible Study meets every other Monday morning. Interested women should see Gloria Lindell. Gentlemen have Thursday evening Men's Bible Study. The men's group is starting a new study on "Meeting God," so this is a great time to join in.

Halloween in the Park is coming quickly. October 31st is on a Wednesday this year and is the evening when we give out candy and hot dogs to over 200 guests and serve as a great rest stop for many trick-or-treaters in North Warren, a busy hub for the Halloween tradition. We have had several members of our church participate in our "Trunk-or-Treat" as well and invite you to do the same. This is one of our most attended outreach events of the year. We hope that you will come and have a good time, too.

Prayer Requests Today:

- Franklin First Presbyterian, Rev. Barry Jenkins, Pastor, Spouses of Lake Erie Pastors,
- All health care patients, survivors, their families, and their caretakers,
- Those affected by the natural disasters of late,
- Our church and pastor,
- You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you. -Jeremiah 29:13

The Week Ahead

Sunday, October 7

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

Monday, October 8 – No School

- 7:00 PM Qadosh Bells

Tuesday, October 9

- 6:00 PM Christian Education Committee

Wednesday, October 10

- 7:00 PM Youth Recreation

Thursday, October 11

- 12:30 PM Ladies Prayer Luncheon
- 7:15 PM Men's Bible Study – Leave for Perkins

Sunday, October 14

- 9:15 AM Prayer Meeting
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship Service
After Church Coffee – Ruth
- 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 FIVE: THE WISDOM OF GOD

Introduction: What is the biggest challenge you're facing in your life right now?

"To believe actively that our Heavenly Father constantly spreads around us providential circumstances that work for our present good and our everlasting well-being brings to the soul a veritable benediction.

Most of us go through life praying a little, planning a little, jockeying for position, hoping but never being quite certain of anything, and always secretly afraid that we will miss the way. This is a tragic waste of truth and never gives rest to the heart.

There is a better way. It is to repudiate our own wisdom and take instead the infinite wisdom of God. Our insistence upon seeing ahead is natural enough, but it is a real hindrance to our spiritual progress.

God has charged Himself with full responsibility for our eternal happiness and stands ready to take over the management of our lives the moment we turn in faith to Him."

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

What a **difference** it would make in life's **most difficult** times if we could believe that God is "**all wise!**"

Question: How can we learn to rest and trust in the wisdom of God?



Defining the Wisdom of God:

- Definition: “that attribute of God whereby God produces the best possible results by the best possible means” - Berkhof
- Definition: “the quality of being wise; power of judging rightly and following the soundest course of action based on knowledge, experience, and understanding.”
Root words – ‘to see, to know’ - Webster

“Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.”

1 Timothy 1:17

“Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable God’s judgments, and God’s paths beyond tracing out!”

Romans 11:33

“Wisdom, among other things, is the ability to devise perfect ends and to achieve those ends by the most perfect means. It sees the end from the beginning, so there can be no need to guess or conjecture...”

All God’s acts are done in perfect wisdom, first for God’s own glory, and then for the highest good of the greatest number for the longest time...Not only could God’s acts not be better done: a better way to do them could not be imagined.”

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How has God revealed God's Wisdom to us?

1. Through Creation Psalm 19:1-7

2. Through Providence Psalm 33:10-11

3. Through Redemption

We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. However, as it is written:

What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived" – the things God has prepared for those who love God – these are the things God has revealed to us by God's Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

4. Through God's Son, Jesus

It is because of God that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God – that is, our righteousness, holiness, and redemption.

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How must we respond to the Wisdom of God?

- We must **LEARN** to live wisely! Ephesians 5:15-17

HOW do we do that?

1. We must **REVERENCE** God's ways.
Proverbs 1:7, Job 28:28
2. We must **READ** and **UNDERSTAND** His Word.
Psalm 119:97-100, 2 Timothy 3:15-17
3. We must **ASK** for it.
James 1:5, Colossians 1:9
4. We must learn to **TRUST** Him completely...

...that all that comes our way is from the hand of a good and loving God who knowing all things actual and possible, is exerting God's unlimited power to execute the best possible outcomes, by the best possible means, to fulfill the highest possible purposes.

Application:

1. What circumstance in your life seems to defy God's wisdom?
2. Pray that God will help you turn that circumstance back to God and trust that God knows what's best.
3. Look for opportunities this week to encourage and pray with others.

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