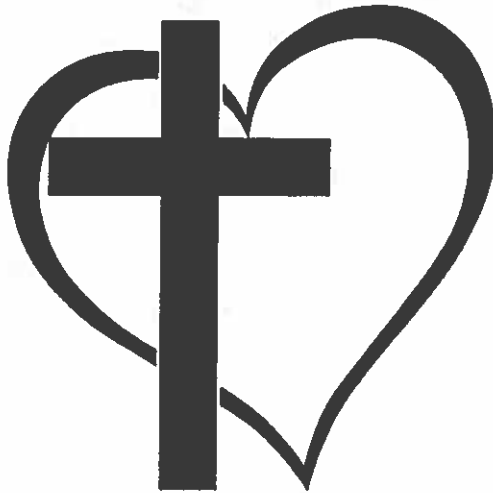


"The Church with a Welcome for All!"

North Warren

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

200 South State Street Warren, PA 16365-4645
Telephone (814) 723-5060 Email: secretary@nwpchurch.org
World Wide Web at www.nwpchurch.org



"Though our feelings come and go,
God's love for us does not."

C.S. Lewis

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.



October 21, 2018
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Twenty-second 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

"Lost & Found"

***Hymn**

"The Love of God"

No. 157

***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 Love of God"

Rev. Ward

Joys and Concerns

***Hymn**

"And Can It Be?"

No. 347

***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 Gloria Lindell.

Ushering today is Nancy Bullock.

Sound Booth Operator today is Nyssa Brumagin.

Nursery Workers today are Missy Turner and Hayden Turner.

The Sanctuary Flowers today are given by Marcia McKown.

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

Halloween Candy Needed — we need donations of wrapped candy for the Halloween Community Event, sponsored by our church, and held at the Dave Clark Pavilion. If you are willing to help provide candy and/or individually wrapped items, (candy, pretzels, etc.) please drop them by the church office. Thank you.

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 invite you to participate in our "Trunk-or-Treat." This is one of our most attended outreach events of the year. We hope that you will come and have a good time, too.

Family Movie Night: The first of our family movie nights for the season will be on Saturday November 10th at 6:30 PM. We will be enjoying the highly rated *The Incredibles 2* with free popcorn and snacks. Like all Pixar animations, this is as much for adults as for children. Plan now on coming and enjoying this free evening of fun and wholesome entertainment.

Prayer Requests Today:

- Warren First Church, Rev. Rebecca Taylor, Pastor, Rev Hydie Houston (HR),
- All health care patients, survivors, their families, and their caretakers,
- Those millions who have been affected by the recent hurricanes and earthquakes,
- Our church and pastor,

The Week Ahead

Sunday, October 21

9:15 AM Prayer Meeting

9:30 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

6:00 PM Session

Monday, October 22

7:00 PM Qadosh Bells

Wednesday, October 24

7:00 PM Youth Recreation

Thursday, October 25

7:30 PM Men's Bible Study

Sunday, October 28

9:15 AM Prayer Meeting

9:30 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship Service

THE REAL GOD DISCIPLESHIP CAMPAIGN

WEEK SEVEN: THE LOVE OF GOD

Introduction: Three facts about love

- **Fact #1:** It's a universal need - Everyone is looking for love!
- **Fact #2:** There's a universal solution - God loves all people everywhere and longs to meet the deepest needs of every heart for love!
- **Fact #3:** There's a tragic disconnection - Even so, most people remain starved for love... for three primary reasons:
 1. They don't know God loves them.
 2. They know of God's love, but have not received it.
 3. They have received God's love, but don't know how to experience it in daily life.

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called the children of God! And that is what we are!

1 John 3:1



Defining the Love of God

- Definition – God's love is God's holy disposition toward all that God has created that compels God to express unconditional affection and selective correction to provide the highest and best quality of existence both now and forever for the objects of God's love.
- Characteristics of God's agape love include:
 - It is a giving love John 3:16
 - It is a sacrificial love John 3:16
 - It is an unconditional love John 3:16
 - It is a boundless love Ephesians 3:14-21
- ***Love is giving another person what they need the most, when they deserve it the least, at great personal cost.***
- **God's love for you means . . .**
 1. God's thoughts, intentions, desires, and plans for you are always for your good and never for your harm.
 2. God is kind, open, approachable, frank, and eager to be your friend.
 3. God emotionally identifies with your pain, joy, hopes, and dreams and has chosen to allow your happiness to affect God.
 4. God takes pleasure in you just for who you are totally apart from your performance and/or accomplishments.
 5. God is actively and creatively orchestrating people, circumstances, and events to express God's affection and selective correction to provide for your highest good.

God reveals God's Love to us through . . .

CREATION - God made you for God.

Genesis 1:26-27, Colossians 1:16

PROVIDENCE - God shows God's kindness to all.

Matthew 5:44-45, Acts 17:24-27

INCARNATION - God is proactively pursuing you.

Luke 19:10, John 4:23-24

DISCIPLINE - God chastises us to protect us from self-destructive behavior.

Hebrews 12:6

INDWELLING - God supernaturally pours God's love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit.

Romans 5:5

JESUS – The Second Person of the Trinity demonstrated the nature of God's love for us.

- Jesus' life modeled compassion, grace, and truth

John 1:14

- Jesus' teaching explained God's love

Luke 15

- Jesus' death proved the extent of God's love

1 John 3:16, Romans 5:8

"But God demonstrates God's own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Romans 5:8

*An object's value is always determined by the price paid for it.
To God, you are worth the price of God's Son's death in your place.*



How must we respond to God's Love?

1. We must **RECEIVE IT** by faith in our hearts.

John 3:16

"Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God."

John 1:12

2. We must **BELIEVE IT** by faith in our minds.

1 John 4:13-16

"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8:38-39

3. We must **SHARE IT** by faith through our choices and decisions.

"Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."

1 John 3:18

Application:

1. What next step would help you experience God's love and pass it on this week?
2. Choose to do one small act of kindness every day this week and see God work.

To view the Chip Ingram videos and download the family discussion guide go to:

REALGODCHURCH.COM/VIEW