

*"The Church with a Welcome for All!"*

# North Warren

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)**

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**“Upon God's faithfulness rests our whole hope of future blessedness.” -**

A.W. Tozer

**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 28, 2018  
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost  
Reformation Sunday  
North Warren Presbyterian Church  
Reverend Burfoot S. Ward, III, Pastor  
Kris Soderberg, Organist

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*"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**

"Exploding Promises"

**\*Hymn**

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

No. 151

(with optional last stanza setting and choral ending)

**\*Invocation**

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

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory** "For the Beauty of the Earth" Arr. Douglas Wagner  
Qadosh Bells

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

**Junior Sermon**

Rev. Ward

**Sermon**

"The Faithfulness of God"

Rev. Ward

**Joys and Concerns**

**\*Hymn**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

No. 139

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

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*\*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 Lynn Bricker.

**Ushering** today is Nancy Bullock.

**Sound Booth Operator** today is Jim Ashbaugh.

**The Sanctuary Flowers** today are given by Gary and Dixie Brumagin in memory of their parents, James and Rhea Brumagin, Don Blair, and in honor of Doris Blair.

**Greeting the congregation** at the close of the service today are Rev. Buddy and Anne Ward at the Church Street door and Lynn Bricker and Christina McClellan 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 upon us! October 31 is this coming Wednesday. This 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.

**Pastor Appreciation Soup and Pie Luncheon** will be held on November 11 immediately following the worship service. If you are willing to make a soup or a pie or are willing to help with the dinner setup, please let Martha Brackemyre know so all will go smoothly. This is a popular event, not only because we can let Pastor Buddy and Anne know that they are appreciated, but also because of the great home-made foods that we enjoy that day. Donations for a gift are also being collected by Martha. Make sure you put this on your calendar – you don't want to miss it.

**Family Movie Night:** The first of our family movie nights for the season will be on Saturday, November 10 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:***

- Franklin, Rocky Grove Avenue Church, Rev. Rachel Johns, Temporary Supply Pastor, Rev. George Espy (HR),
- All health care patients, survivors, their families, and their caretakers,
- Those millions who have been affected by the recent hurricanes and earthquakes,
- Our upcoming mid-term elections,
- Our church and pastor,

### ***The Week Ahead***

#### ***Sunday, October 28***

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

#### ***Monday, October 29***

- 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Qadosh Bells

#### ***Wednesday, October 31***

- 6:00 PM Halloween in the Park

#### ***Sunday, November 4 – Penny Sunday***

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

## THE REAL GOD DISCIPLESHIP CAMPAIGN

### WEEK EIGHT: THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD

#### Introduction: What's the source of your hope?

1. We all depend on something or someone to “hold us up” inside.
  2. When that something or someone is “coming through for us” we experience a sense of peace, satisfaction, and optimism about the future.
  3. When that something or someone fails to “come through for us” we experience a sense of anxiety, dissatisfaction, and ultimately despair.
- **Conclusion:** It seems that the secret to a life of unending joy and peace is to find something or someone **who will “come through for you” 100% of the time in any and every situation forever.**
  - **The Solution:** Lamentations 3:21-23



## Defining the Faithfulness of God

- **Definition** = Steadfast in affection or allegiance – loyal.
- **Synonyms** – Dependable, trustworthy, loyal, staunch, resolute, constant, reliable, true to one's word, keeps one's promises, true to and consistent to one's character, someone who "comes through for you."

## Why is God able to be Faithful 100% of the time?

1. God is all-knowing – God is never caught off guard.  
Romans 11:33-36
2. God is all-powerful – God never encounters anything or anyone who can thwart God plans or purposes.
3. God is holy – God is pure, honest, full of integrity, unable to lie, and therefore, is always consistent with God's character and God's Word.  
Isaiah 6:1-6
4. God is eternal – God is not affected by space or time; God knows the end from the beginning.  
Psalm 90:2
5. God is omnipresent – Nothing can happen outside the sphere of God's influence.  
Psalm 139:7-11
6. God is immutable – God never changes; is never different then God is now, God is never in a bad mood, and never has a bad day.  
Malachi 3:6, Hebrews 13:8

*"All of God's acts are consistent with all of God's attributes. No attribute contradicts any other, but all harmonize and blend into each other in the infinite abyss of the Godhead. ...God is at once faithful and immutable, so all God's words and acts must be and must remain faithful."*

**A.W. Tozer – The Knowledge of the Holy**

- **Summary:** God is 100% faithful to God's Word, God's promises, God's people, and God's character because God cannot be otherwise. **God will never let you down!**

## How does God reveal God's Faithfulness to us?

- Through God's **CREATION** Psalm 119:89-90
  
- Through God's **PEOPLE**
  - The Patriarchs Genesis 12:1-3
  - David Psalm 132:11
  - The Church Matthew 16:18
  
- Through God's **CHARACTER**
  - The Father Numbers 23:19
  - The Spirit Galatians 5:23
  - The Son Revelation 19:11
  
- Through God's **WORD** Isaiah 55:10-11
  - God's Word is true John 17:17
  - God keeps God's covenants Deuteronomy 7:9
  - God keeps God's promises Hebrews 10:23
  - God fulfills God's predictions Isaiah 42:8-10
  
- Through God's **SHAPING** of our lives when . . .
  - We are weak 2 Corinthians 12:9-10
  - We are tempted 1 Corinthians 10:13
  - We sin 1 John 1:9
  - We utterly fail 2 Timothy 2:11-13



## How can we respond to God's Faithfulness?

1. Put your **PAST** behind you today!

*"If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."*

1 John. 1:9

2. Bring your **PRESENT** problems, pains, and failures to Jesus today!

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."*

Matthew 11:28-30

3. Place your **HOPE** for the future in the One who will never let you down!

*"This is what the Lord says: "Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the Lord. That person will be like a bush in the wastelands; they will not see prosperity when it comes. They will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives. But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in God. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."*

Jeremiah 17:5-8

### Application:

1. What in your past needs to be put behind you?
2. What present circumstance do you need to bring to Jesus today?

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