

July 23, 2023
Eighth 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

Register Attendance

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

Announcements

Call to Worship *"CHILDREN OF GOD"* No. 658
(read responsively)

***Hymn** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" No. 648

*Invocation

*Prayer of Confession

God of compassion: you are patient with evil, and you care for lost men and women; you have mercy on your children and forgive them of their sins. However, we often take advantage of your loving mercy, thinking that we can do as we like, going our own way. We are sorry for our disobedience, Lord. Teach us to obey you and to live our lives following the example of our elder brother, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Words of Assurance

***Gloria Patri** p. 813

***Offering Response** "Doxology" p.815

*Offering Prayer

Children's Message Rev. Ward

Scripture Lesson Matthew 13:24-30 & 36-43 p. 1518

Sermon *"The Kingdom of Heaven"* Rev. Ward

Ordination and Installation New Deacon Mark Nickerson

Commissioning of Day Camp Workers

Joys and Concerns

***Hymn** "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" No. 797

*Benediction

Postlude

*Those Who Are Able, Please Stand
We welcome all who have come to worship with us.
We pray that this service will be a blessing to you.



Lay Leader today is Celia Gross.

Ushers/Greeters for today are Nancy Bullock and Gloria Lindell.

Video/Sound Booth operator is Philip Nickerson.

The Sanctuary flowers today are given by Jim and Ruth Morrison.

The Sunflowers are in support of the Ukrainians as they fight for their freedom against the Russians.

Offering plates are located at the entrances to the sanctuary. Please place your tithes and offerings in the plates on your way in or out of the service. You can give electronically by downloading the app, going to our website, or snapping the QR code on the front cover and clicking on the "Donate Now" button on the first page. Our new invitation code is **TB43VX**. THANK-YOU!

Looking Ahead

Monday, July 24 - 28 - 9:00 am - 2:30 pm Day Camp all week

Thursday, July 27 - 7:00 pm Day Camp Open House & Ice Cream Social. Starts inside sanctuary with presentation and ends outside in pavilion for ice cream. Everyone is invited to attend!

Sunday, July 30 - 10:00 am Sunday Morning Worship Service

Monday, July 31 - 10:00 am Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall, "The Good Gospel," - *You Are Free!*

Sunday, August 6 - 10:30 am Community Worship Service at Struthers Library Theatre (no service here)

After the Service Today the Session will be having a Coffee Hour Reception in Fellowship Hall for New Elders, Deacons, and Day Camp Workers. Come on down, get a snack and say thanks to our leaders, both new and renewed!

The North Warren Presbyterian Church Day Camp starts tomorrow Monday, July 24 - Friday, July 28 from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm for children age 4-12. This year's theme is, "*God's Power through Miracles.*" Please keep the day camp workers and participants in your prayers.

Sermon Outline for July 23, 2023

Rev. Ward

TITLE: "*The Kingdom of Heaven*" TEXT: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

I. Introduction: Jesus acknowledges that we _____
the presence of _____ and _____ in this _____ .

II. The _____ of _____ is the _____ of
God's _____ for and _____ to _____ .

III. In the _____ of _____ , God's _____ will
_____ and _____ the full _____ of _____ .

IV. Let us pray that we may shine like the sun here and now to
draw as many people as possible to . . .

“ _____ !”