

August 20, 2023
Twelfth 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

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

Psalm 133 (responsively on PowerPoint)

***Hymn** "Stand Up and Bless the Lord" No. 65

***Invocation**

***Prayer of Confession**

Creator God, you have called us to a journey from eternity to eternity. Forgive us; we would rather journey on evil-ridden roads. You have called us to a journey on paths which Jesus has trod and has laid for us to follow. Forgive us; we would rather fix our thoughts on earthly distractions. As we go on our journey you want us to set our minds and hearts toward heaven. Forgive us; we would rather fix our thoughts on material things. Set us straight on the journey of righteousness and salvation. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

***Words of Assurance**

***Gloria Patri** p. 813

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

***Offering Prayer**

Children's Message Rev. Ward

Scripture Lesson Genesis 45:1-15 p. 75

Sermon "A Testimony to God's Goodness " Rev. Ward

Joys and Concerns

***Hymn** "Standing on the Promises" No. 410

***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 Ruth Morrison.

Ushers/Greeters for today are Bill and Celia Gross.

Video/Sound Booth operator is Teresa Blumquist.

The Sanctuary flowers today are given by Mark and Sheryl Ash in memory of Sheryl's mother's birthday.

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

New Women's Bible Study, starts September 11, at 10:00 am. We don't have to look far to see division in our world. And in many ways, we are confused. Angry, and disillusioned by all the chaos we're experiencing. How should Christians respond to the chaos? What does it look like to live faithfully in these strange and challenging times? Join best-selling author Bob Goff in this six-session series as he helps us answer these questions. Learn what it looks like to follow and obey Jesus even in times of chaos.

Looking Ahead

Today, August 20 - 6:00 pm Session meets in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 27 - 10:00 am Sunday Morning Worship Service

Sunday, September 3 - 10:00 am Last early Sunday Morning
Worship Service for the Summer

Thursday, September 7 - 6:00 pm Deacons meet in pastor's office

Sunday, September 10 - 9:30 am Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am Sunday Morning Worship Service

Monday, September 11 - 10:00 am First Women's Bible Study in
the new series "Love in Chaos," will meet
in Fellowship Hall, #1- *A Divided Culture*

New Adult Bible Study Class, “*The Discipleship Pathway*,” starts September 10th at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall. As every nation endures changes, crises, and catastrophes in uncertain times, we don't just need people to go to church. We need the church to go to the world. Jesus sent His disciples – and He's sending us – to make disciples of others. But where, and how, do we begin? Join Anthony Delaney, ex-cop turned pastor, on a 6 week journey of discovery, deliverance, devotion, development, and deployment. No matter where you are, you can invite others to join you in walking the pathway as followers of Jesus.

Sermon Outline for August 20, 2023

Rev. Ward

TITLE: “*A Testimony to God’s Goodness*” TEXT: Genesis 45:1-15

I. As Joseph looks back on his 13+ years in Egypt, he sees the redemptive _____ of _____, how _____ used Joseph's _____ to _____ a greater _____.

II. Joseph also looked back to see the _____ love of _____, and that love _____ Joseph to offer _____, _____ and _____ to those who tried to destroy him.

III. You can count on God to heal the past and transform the future, and to use your example as . . .

“ _____ !”