

September 3, 2023
Fourteenth 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 *A GLORIOUS CHURCH* No. 471
(read responsively)

***Hymn** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" No. 90

*Invocation

*The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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

*Offering Prayer

Children's Message Rev. Ward

Scripture Lesson Matthew 16:21-28 p. 1524

Sermon "*Bad News became Good News*" Rev. Ward

Joys and Concerns

***Hymn** "He Keeps Me Singing" No. 746

*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 Chris McClellan.

Ushers/Greeters for today are Bill and Celia Gross.

Video/Sound Booth operator is Philip Nickerson.

Nursery worker is Nancy Bullock.

The Sanctuary flowers today are given by Mary Putnam in memory of her parents, Donald and Elizabeth Dalrymple.

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

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

Sunday, September 10 - 9:30 am First Sunday School of the fall
for children and adults of all ages
11:00 am 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*
6:00 pm Community House Committee meets upstairs in Church building

Sunday, September 17 - 9:30 am Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am Sunday Morning Worship Service
6:00 pm Session meets in Fellowship Hall

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 September 3, 2023

Rev. Ward

TITLE: “*Bad News became Good News*” TEXT: Matthew 16:21-28

I. Story – “*Bad News, Good News*”

II. After what had been mainly _____ in His ministry up until now, _____ started to give His _____ a different _____ of _____ .

III. This was _____ for the _____ .

IV. It was _____ for _____ as _____ .

V. _____ His Heavenly Father's _____ , cost _____ his very _____ .

VI. More than 2,000 years after Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, millions of people bow down at the name of Jesus, that's why . . .

“ _____ !”