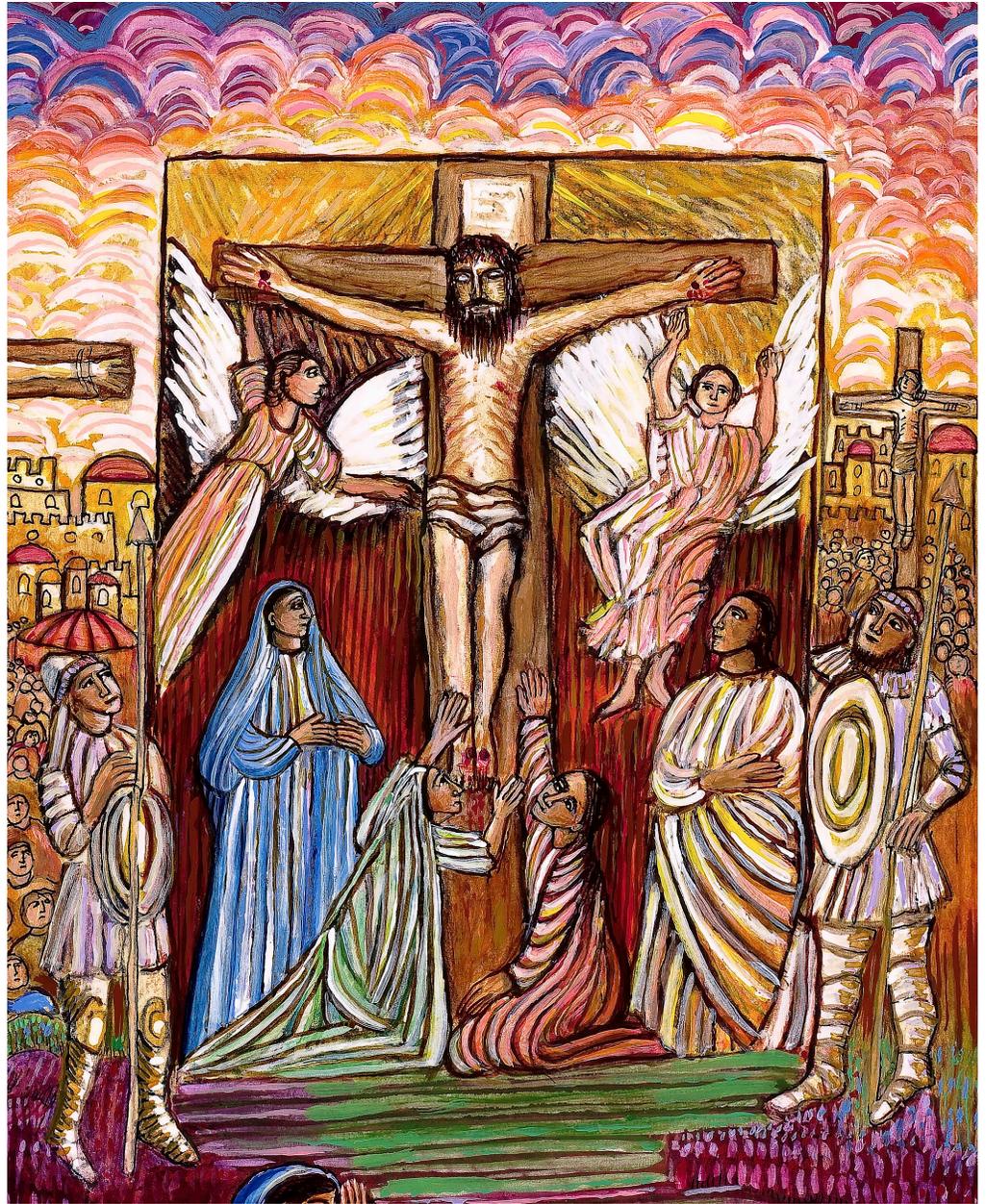


2nd Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026



WORTHINGTON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

In Christ's love, we connect, serve, and transform

Worship Team

Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves
Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Tom Rice
Pastor for Discipleship

Rev. Betsy Rice
Pastor for Member Ministries

Russell Nagy
Director of Music Ministries

Nicholas Robison
Director for Youth Ministries

Annie Barner
Int. Director for Children's
Ministries

Kim Anderson, Organist

*Visit our website for a
complete list of WPC staff.*

Sanctuary Flowers

*The flowers on the chancel
are given to the glory of God
by Peggy Foster in memory
of Raymond Sanborn.*

Serving Us Today

Ushers: Team A - Gregg
Russell & Dan Foley,
captains; Jeff Appel; Dan
Bevan; Bob & Diana Clouse;
Harry Pukay-Martin; Curtis
& Ellen Payne; Mark &
Betsy Seniff

Video: Bill Yost

Carillon: Laura Schlader

In Christ's love, we...

CONNECT ♦ **SERVE** ♦ **TRANSFORM**

Welcome

Welcome to Worthington Presbyterian Church. This congregation has worshiped together in the Worthington community since 1805. We welcome all who seek faith, hope, and joy.

Visiting for the first time today? After the service, join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

Children & Youth

Nursery care begins at 9:45AM in the Nursery located outside Fellowship Hall. On the first Sunday of the month, children Pre-K through 3rd grade go to the chapel for "Wee Worship," while older children and youth stay in worship with their families and receive communion. Please pick your child up after the service.

Accessibility

Accessible features of the building include:

- Handicap parking near east and west entrances
- Wheelchair ramp at the main entrance
- Elevator access
- Multiple accessible restrooms
- T-coil hearing capabilities for those with compatible hearing aids
- Listening devices for the hearing impaired available

*If you would like a large print bulletin and/or
a hearing device, please see an usher.*



Prayer Requests

Please write prayer requests on the pew prayer cards and place them in the offering plate.

Contact Us

Mon - Thurs: 8AM – 4PM; Fri: 8AM – 2PM

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Worthington Presbyterian Church
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
2nd Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

10:00AM

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

** Please stand*

WELCOME

Rev. Betsy Rice

Invitation to Mission & Discipleship *(Please sign & pass the Friendship Pads)*

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP IN MUSIC

"Distress"

Gilbert M. Martin

Kim Anderson, organist

OPENING SENTENCES *(from Child of Blessing)*

Thomas Becker

Please repeat after the leader where indicated.

*All may begin with open hands placed gently on the chest
and stretch them outward during the Opening Sentences.*

One: God calls us forward **(All repeat)**
even when we do not know the way. **(All repeat)**
God calls us to trust **(All repeat)**
even when we do not understand. **(All repeat)**
God calls us beloved **(All repeat)**
even before we believe it. **(All repeat)**
Let us worship God! **(All repeat)**

* **HYMN # 421** "Have Mercy, God, Upon My Life"
vv. 1, 3, 4 & 5

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Companion God, you call us forward, but we hold back. You offer new birth,
but we cling to the familiar. You promise light, but we close our eyes. Forgive
us. Free us and fill us with your Spirit. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

(Silent Confession)

* Lenten Kyrie (#576)

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy on us.

* Assurance of Pardon

* Lenten Response to Forgiveness (#434, v. 3)

Bring us, O Christ, to share

the fullness of your joy;

baptize us in the risen life

that death cannot destroy.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

Pastor Tom

Children in Pre-K through 3rd grade will go to the chapel for Wee Worship. Older children and youth will worship with their families and receive communion.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Thomas Becker

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 51:6-12

You desire truth in the inward being;

therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness;

let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins,

and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

and put a new and right spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence,

and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

and sustain in me a willing spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM*I Need Thee Every Hour*

Mark Shepperd

The Chancel Choir - Russell Nagy, Director

I need thee ev'ry hour,
Most gracious Lord.
No tender voice like thine
Can peace afford.

*I need thee, oh, I need thee;
Ev'ry hour I need thee!
Oh, bless me now, my Savior;
I come to thee!*

I need thee ev'ry hour;
Stay thou nearby.
Temptations lose their pow'r
When thou art nigh.

I need thee ev'ry hour,
Most holy One.
Oh, make me thine indeed,
Thou blessed Son.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 13:1-17

Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“God at Our Feet”
Downward Glory
Second in a Six-Part Series

Pastor Matt

* **HYMN #202** “An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Rev. Dr. Tom Rice

Offertory

“Lonesome Valley ”

Robert W. Thygerson

* Song of Dedication (#698)

*Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.*

* Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

All who put their trust in Christ are welcome to receive communion. Please remain seated to be served communion in your row. Gluten-free bread is in the center of the plate. Grape juice is red, and wine is white.

* The Apostles’ Creed (see p. 35 in the front section of the hymnal)

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, as you fed your people in the wilderness with unexpected food, so you feed us at this table with a simple loaf and cup. Send us out to be Christ’s body in your broken and beautiful world, to bear your good news of hope and joy for all. Amen.

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

* **HYMN #203** “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

* **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

Pastor Matt

POSTLUDE “Postlude on ‘England’s Lane”

Glenn Medlock

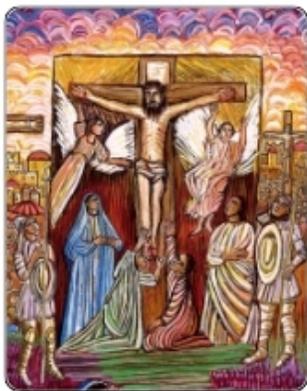
*Please remain seated during the postlude as it is the final “Amen” to our worship.
Those who need to leave early are free to do so quietly.*

Lent is from an Old English word meaning “spring.” It is the church’s season of preparation to celebrate Jesus’ resurrection that set in motion God’s renewal of all things. In the crucified and risen Christ, each of us and all creation is headed toward glory beyond grasp.



In Lenten worship, our preaching theme, “Downward Glory,” explores how Jesus’ glory shines with different hues than what can amount to “glory” in the world—not the sheen of triumph but of humility; not the luster of power and acclaim but of service to broken, disregarded people. Catch up with sermons in this series by scanning the QR code or visiting our YouTube channel.

ON THE COVER



Crucifixion 1 - Detail 2 © 2026 John August Swanson | Eyekons

Based on a sketch I made in 1978 of El Greco's Crucifixion (1600), I further developed my drawing into a painting in 2011. It is a picture within a picture. I expanded the narrative to include greater crowds. I waited 24 years to return to my pencil drawing. I never felt I had the skill to portray this important scene. The work grew from many small stages. It was difficult to complete, as I kept adding colors and details.

A bright, turbulent sky shines down on Christ and the two other condemned men. The background branches and steps are saturated in dark purples and reds. Two angels surround Jesus. And, a worn staircase and grasses lead to a weeping figure. I wanted to create an image of those close to Christ, showing their great sorrow.

John August Swanson (1938–2021) was an American artist and printmaker known for vivid, narrative works exploring human values, spirituality, and everyday life. His art is held in major collections worldwide.

To RSVP for an opportunity, scan the code at the bottom or visit wpcnow.org/links
Some sign-ups can be found on the table outside the church office.

TODAY

NEW 9AM CLASS BEGINS: *Meeting Jesus at the Table: A Lenten Study*

The Gospels are filled with stories of Jesus sharing meals and offering wisdom and forgiveness. Join us as we reflect on these “table stories” together each Sunday during Lent at 9AM in Room 222. Books available in the church office.

NNEMAP BREAKDOWN: Today at 11AM in Fellowship Hall. Help sort pantry donations. All ages are welcome!

LENTEN DINNER GROUPS: (RSVP Required) Dinner, Bible study, and communion in members’ homes.

UPCOMING

ENSURING THE CHURCH OF TOMORROW: Taylor & Annie Barner will lead a conversation on engaging young people in faith for the next generation. Tuesday, March 3 | Dinner at 6PM | Program at 6:30PM. Sponsored by PWU. Please RSVP.

INTRODUCTION TO MEDITATION: Consider making meditation part of your Lenten journey on Wednesdays at 7PM in the Chapel. Each class stands on its own and is led by Pastor Matt. Next class: March 4. Optional soup potluck at 6:30PM. Please RSVP.

CHRISTIAN LIFE CIRCLE STUDY: “The Woman Who Was Bent Over” (Luke 13:10–17). Join us on March 5 from 1–2PM in Room 222. Coffee and fellowship begin at 12:30PM.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will take place June 1–5 from 9AM–Noon at

Mirola Pavilion. Visit wpcnow.org to register. Volunteers needed!

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS: Follow Jesus through Matthew’s Gospel with daily Scripture, reflection, and prayer. Pick up a copy at church or download them weekly in our email.

CHILDREN & YOUTH IN WORSHIP: During Lent, we invite children and youth to help lead parts of worship. Pastors will help! Scan the QR code below to learn more / sign up. It’s a terrific way for them to learn by doing.

SERVE OUR NEIGHBORS

Support **RIVERVIEW INTERNATIONAL CENTER**, our grant recipient! Visit their office, tour the community space, and learn about upcoming opportunities to get involved. Monday, March 2 from noon – 1PM. Please RSVP.

EASTER BASKET DONATIONS: Bring joy to children in underserved areas. Look for more information in this Friday’s email or next Sunday. We also have instruction sheets around the church. **Deadline: March 29.**

SAVE THE DATES

- **TNT: March 24**
No TNT March 10 or 17
- **Easter Sunday: April 5**
Services: 7AM, 9AM, 11AM
- **Habitat Wall Build: April 25**

Scan this code if you
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a sign-up form.

