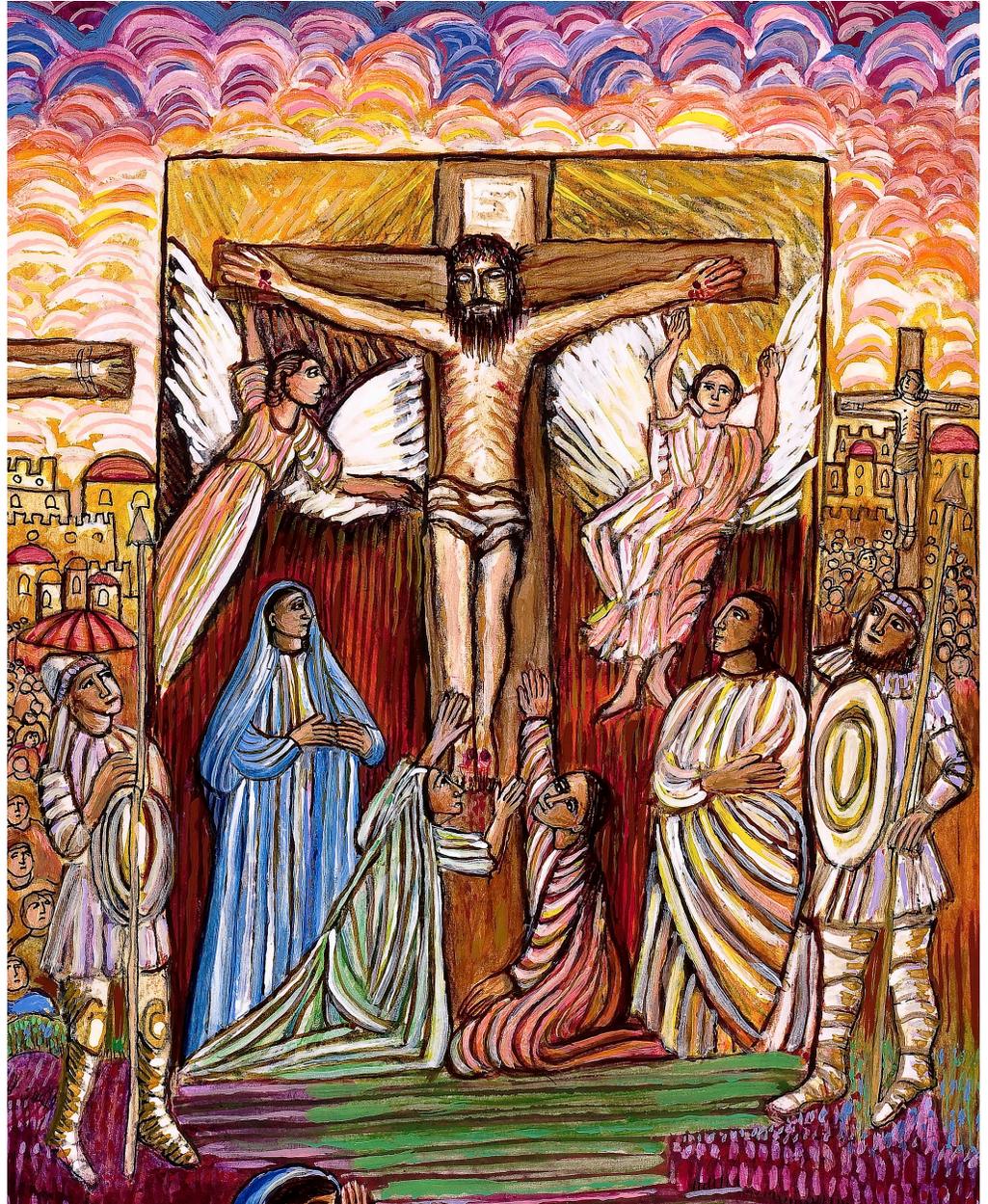


4th Sunday in Lent

March 15, 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
Coordinator 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 Ninna Anderson & Eva
Goode in loving memory of
their mother, Mary Wheeler.*

Serving Us Today

Ushers: Team C - John
Smith & Sue Funk, captains;
Peggy Albright; Elaine
Christian; Debbie Dieringer;
Tom Hull; Kathy Hull; Dave
LaHue; Bill Leiter; Connie
Lewis; Mark Ranck; Marsha
Smith

Video: Bill Yost

Carillon: Sue Rapiere

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

Children and youth are invited to Sunday School after a brief children's message around 10:15AM. Nursery care begins at 9:45AM in the Nursery downstairs outside Fellowship Hall. You can pick your child or youth up in the following rooms after the service:

- Pre-K: Room 113
- 3 - 5: Room 111
- K-2: Room 112
- 6 - 7: Living Room
- Confirmation: Youth Room

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
wpchurch@wpcnow.org | 614.885.5355 | wpcnow.org

Worthington Presbyterian Church
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
4th Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026

10:00 AM

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

** Please stand*

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves

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.**

Please stand and greet one another in the peace of Christ.

Feel free to give friendly waves or a hand over your heart.

CALL TO WORSHIP "Looking Toward the Cross"

Gerald Peterson

IN MUSIC

Kim Anderson, organist

The music is a call to open one's spirit to God's presence in our midst.

OPENING SENTENCES *(From Child of Blessing)*

All may stretch out their hands as an expression of receptivity.

One: We begin this journey together— **(Repeat)**

Come into this new day. **(Repeat)**

God welcomes us as we are. **(Repeat)**

Our hearts are ready to receive. **(Repeat)**

Let us worship God! **(Repeat)**

*** HYMN #363** "Rejoice the Lord is King"

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

All-knowing God, you give us compassion, but we do not always receive it. You are with us, but we do not always notice. You call us beloved, but we do not believe you. Forgive us. Help us receive your grace and live as your people. In Jesus' name. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

* Lenten Kyrie (#576)

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy on us.

(repeat)

* 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 Matt

Children & youth will attend Sunday School at 10:15AM after a brief children's message. See inside cover for locations.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Shine Robison

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 145:10-13

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your faithful shall bless you.

They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,

to make known to all people your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The LORD is faithful in all his words
and gracious in all his deeds.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Arise My Soul, Arise

Dan Forrest

The Chancel Choir - Russell Nagy, Director
Thomas Secrist - Violin

Arise, my soul, arise,
Shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears
Before the Throne, my Surety stands.
My name is written on His hands

Five bleeding wounds He bears,
Received on Calvary,
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me:
"Forgive him, O forgive, " they cry
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

My God is reconciled,
His pardoning voice I hear,
He owns me for His child I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.
Arise, my soul, arise!
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.
Arise, my soul, arise.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 18:28-40

Rev. Dr. Tom Rice

Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said, "**What accusation do you bring against this man?**" They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." Pilate said to them, "**Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law.**" The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "**Are you the King of the Jews?**" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "**I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?**" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "**So you are a king?**" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate asked him, "**What is truth?**"

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, **“I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?”** They shouted in reply, **“Not this man but Barabbas!”** Now Barabbas was a rebel.

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

SERMON

“Pilate to Co-Pilate”
Downward Glory
Fourth in a Six-Part Series

Pastor Tom

* HYMN #800

“Sometimes a Light Surprises”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Betsy Rice

Sharing of Prayer Requests & Blessings
The Pastoral Prayer
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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory

"Arietta"
(From Peer Gynt)

Edvard Grieg

* 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

Scan the QR code to give online or visit wpcnow.org/give

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

* **HYMN #269**

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

* **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

Pastor Tom

POSTLUDE

“Hope Eternal”

Edward Broughton

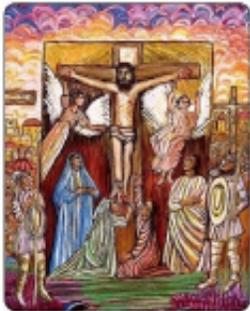
*Please remain seated during the postlude as it is the final “Amen” to our worship.
Those who need to leave before the end of the postlude are free to do so quietly.*

Please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall
for conversation and refreshments after the worship service.

Lent comes from an Old English word meaning “spring.” It is the church’s season of preparation for celebrating Jesus’ resurrection and God’s renewal of all things. Our preaching series, **Downward Glory**, explores how Jesus reveals glory not through power or triumph, but through humility and service to the broken and overlooked. Catch up on sermons by scanning the QR code or visiting our YouTube channel.



ON THE COVER



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

John August Swanson (1938–2021) was an American artist and printmaker known for vivid, narrative works exploring human values, spirituality, and everyday life. Swanson’s art has been exhibited in major institutions including the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History, the Art Institute of Chicago, London’s Tate Gallery, the Vatican Museum’s Collection of Modern Religious Art, and the Bibliothèque Nationale in Paris.

“*The Crucifixion* is 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 grass lead to a weeping figure. I wanted to create an image of those close to Christ, showing their great sorrow.”

To RSVP for an opportunity, scan the code at the bottom or visit wpcnow.org/links

TODAY & THIS WEEK

Meeting Jesus at the Table

9AM • Room 222 • A Lenten study exploring stories of Jesus sharing meals.

Introduction to Meditation

Wed., March 18 • 7PM • Chapel • Learn simple Christian practices to slow down and notice God's presence. A soup potluck begins at 6:30PM. Please RSVP.

SERVE

Easter Basket Collection

Deadline: March 29 • Fellowship Hall
Donate a completed Easter basket for children in our community (K-5). Include small toys, coloring books, or candy (no nuts). Online donations are also welcome.

Conversation Partners

3rd Tuesdays • 7 - 8PM • Fellowship Hall
Casual conversation with neighbors from around the world in small groups with guided conversation. Children's activities are provided. No experience required.

Habitat for Humanity Wall Build

Saturday, April 25 • Front Lawn
Help build the walls for a Habitat house right here at WPC. Up to 120 volunteers are needed. No experience required. Breakfast and lunch provided. Sign up at: wpcnow.org/habitat

NNEMAP Food Breakdown

March 22 • 11AM • Fellowship Hall
Help sort pantry donations. Urgent needs: sugar, coffee, salt, diapers, and dog food.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

TNT Gathering - March 24

Explore how the practices of worship shape us as followers of Jesus in the world. Please RSVP by March 23.
Dinner: bourbon chicken, rice and veggies

Easter Lily Cross

Honor loved ones through a gift (at least \$30) toward our traditional lily-filled cross and Easter flowers. Dedications appear in the Easter bulletin. **Deadline: March 25.**

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

This special offering supports the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and Self-Development of People. Donations may be made during worship or online. **Deadline: March 29.**

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Easter Egg Hunt Volunteers

April 5 • 12:15PM • Front Lawn
Youth and adults needed! Contact Annie at abarner@wpcnow.org

Vacation Bible School

June 1-5 • 9AM-Noon • Mirolo Pavilion
Open to children preschool-5th grade. Kids will enjoy music, crafts, games, and activities as they explore their faith. Volunteers are needed. Register: wpcnow.org/vbs

HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday • April 2

7PM • Sanctuary

Good Friday • April 3

Community Service • Noon • Village Green
Tenebrae Service • 7PM • Sanctuary

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 5

7AM Sunrise Service

Columbarium & Chapel (light breakfast)

9AM & 11AM Worship Services

Identical services with a worship bag for every child.

12:15PM Easter Egg Hunt

Front Lawn

Scan code for
sign up forms.

