
Palm Sunday

March 29, 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 palms on the chancel are
given to the glory of God.*

Serving Us Today

**Ushers: Team E - Ken &
Elizabeth Short , captains;**
Andy Balsler; Dennis Decker;
Jack Dicke; John Gray; Joyce
Hinkle; Simmey Ketchum;
Larry Snyder; Leslie Snyder;
Joann & Dury Sudduth

Video: Bill Yost

Carillon: Debb Wilson

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. Children will attend a special Sunday School in the Chapel. Please pick up your child after the service. Youth are invited to stay for 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
Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026

10:00 AM

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.**

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

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



All children are invited to the narthex to form a palm parade.

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Hosanna!"

Gilbert M. Martin

IN MUSIC

Kim Anderson, organist

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

OPENING SENTENCES (John 12:12-16)

Xavier Druckenmiller

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

"Hosanna!

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—
the King of Israel!"**

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

"Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

**Look, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!"**

His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

Hosanna! Let us worship God!

* **HYMN #196** “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Let the congregation wave palms during the refrain!

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O Blessed One, who comes in love and walks in the way of sorrow, 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 always 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.

* 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 Betsy

Children are invited to bring their Fish Banks forward. After the message, all children will attend a special Sunday School in the Chapel. Please pick your child up after the service. Youth are invited to stay for the service.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Joyce Blackmore

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it,

the world, and those who live in it,

for he has founded it on the seas

and established it on the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

And who shall stand in his holy place?

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,

**who do not lift up their souls to what is false
and do not swear deceitfully.**

They will receive blessing from the Lord
and vindication from the God of their salvation.

**Such is the company of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in!

**Who is the King of glory?
The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle.**

Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in!

**Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory.**

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Make Way

Russell Nagy

The Chancel Choir - Russell Nagy, Director
Andrew DeWeese - Percussion

Hosanna to the living Lord! Come lay your palms before Him!
Hosanna to the incarnate Word! "Make way" for God's Messiah!
To Christ, Creator, Savior King let earth, let heav'n hosanna sing!
To Christ, Creator, Savior King, hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna, Lord! thine angels cry. Come lay your palms before Him!
Hosanna, Lord! Thy saints reply, "Make Way" for Jesus Christ!
Above, beneath us, and around, the dead and living swell the sound.
Above, beneath us, and around, hosanna is the highest!
Lay your palms before Him!...

O Savior, with protecting care; Come lay your palms before Him!
Abide in this thy house of Prayer. "Make Way" for God's Messiah!
Where we Thy parting promise claim, assembled in Thy sacred Name,
Where we Thy parting promise claim, hosanna in the highest!

Most Holy Spirit, come and dwell; Come lay your palms before Him!
In hearts you've cleansed, Immanuel, "Make Way" for Jesus Christ!
And may our inmost person be a temple purified by Thee.
And hear us as we cry to Thee, Hosanna in the highest!

SCRIPTURE READING

John 19:16b-22

Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves

Then [Pilate] handed [Jesus] over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus, and carrying the cross by himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

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

SERMON

"When God Became King"

Pastor Matt

Downward Glory

Sixth in a Six-Part Series

* HYMN #198

"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dr. Tom 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

One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering

Offertory

"The Palms"

Jean Baptiste Faure

* 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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GOING IN GOD'S NAME

* **HYMN #209** "My Song Is Love Unknown"

* **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

Pastor Matt

POSTLUDE "The Jerusalem Gate"

Lani Smith

*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.*

Join us for fellowship and refreshments
downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

ON THE COVER



Palm Sunday Procession © 2026 P. Solomon Raj | Eyekons

Dr. P. Solomon Raj, born in Andhra Pradesh, India, is a Lutheran theologian and artist known for his work on indigenous Christianity. Trained in art in India and at Indiana University, his batiks and woodcuts have been exhibited internationally. A leader in Christian arts organizations, he has produced hundreds of works of art and multiple publications. Even into his 80s, he continued creating, reimagining the *Biblia Pauperum* as a teaching tool for new audiences.

The procession of the Palms represents the triumphant passage of Jesus into Jerusalem. This has been a favorite theme of Solomon Raj's artwork. The palms in the hands of the crowd and the cloak spread for him on the road emphasize Jesus' majesty, while his riding on the donkey in ordinary dress speaks to his humility.

TODAY

Meeting Jesus at the Table

9AM • Room 222

Easter Baskets Due by 11:15AM

Stay for Coffee Hour if you'd like to help deliver. Thank you!

One Great Hour of Sharing

Support the most vulnerable—locally and globally. Please use special OGHS envelope during worship or give online.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Maundy Thursday

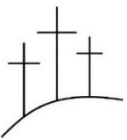
April 2 • 7PM • Sanctuary

A service remembering Jesus' final meal and command to love one another.



Good Friday

April 3 • Noon • Beginning on front steps of WPC. Rain plan: Sanctuary



April 3 • 7PM • Sanctuary

A solemn service of readings, music, and growing darkness.

Easter Sunday

April 5 • 7AM, 9AM & 11AM

- **7AM Sunrise Service:** Columbarium → Chapel (communion & light breakfast)
- **9 & 11AM:** Worship in the Sanctuary with brass & choir
- *No Sunday School or Adult Education*



Easter Egg Hunt

April 5 • 12:15PM • Front Lawn

Bring your own basket!

SERVE OUR NEIGHBORS

Habitat for Humanity Wall Build

Saturday, April 25 • 9AM • Front Lawn

Ages 10+ • Sign up: wpcnow.org/habitat

Red Cross Blood Drive

April 11 • 11:30AM–5:30PM

Call 1-800-RED-CROSS

Montaña de Luz Fiesta Gala

April 17 • 6:30PM • St. Charles Prep

Dinner, auctions, and Honduras updates.

Tickets: bit.ly/26fiesta

COMING UP

Christian Life Bible Study

April 9 • 1–2PM • Room 222

Led by Pastor Tom (business meeting at 12:30PM). All are welcome!

RSVP for TNT

April 14 • 6PM • Fellowship Hall

Pick up a *Worship God* Adult Reflection Guide in Fellowship Hall or the church office. RSVP via QR code at the bottom or by calling the church office.

Scout Flower Sale! Troop

268 is offering spring flowers and Ohio Mulch gift cards. All proceeds support their summer camp activities. Place your order after worship on April 12. Or scan the QR code to purchase online.



VBS Volunteers Needed: June 1 -5

Help create a week of fun, faith, and community for children.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Nominating Committee is seeking: Elders (6), Deacons (8), and Nominating Committee members (6). Stop outside the church office for a referral form. Referrals, including self-referrals, can be handed directly to members of the Nominating Committee or placed in an envelope and dropped off in the church office.

Scan this code if you are looking for a sign-up form.

