
MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 2, 2026



WORTHINGTON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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Pastor for Member
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Nicholas Robison
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Coordinator for Children's
Ministries

Kim Anderson, Organist

*Visit our website for a
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SERVING US TONIGHT

**Usher Team C: John Smith,
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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.

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.

ON THE COVER

The Last Supper

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The theme of John August Swanson's serigraph of The Last Supper is community, and what it means to share a meal together. John writes, "I see, in The Last Supper, a scene in which the sacred embraces the ordinary. Our daily bread becomes holy when it is shared. The fruit of our labor becomes the fruit of the Spirit. At a round table there is no hierarchy. It is a welcome table. Jesus is both host and companion. We are all participating in this supper. It is the table where we come to know and love each other in the breaking of bread, and know we are not alone any more." To learn more about the artwork, visit johnaugustswanson.com/catalog/last-supper/

Worthington Presbyterian Church
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Maundy Thursday

April 2, 2026

7:00 PM

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

** Please stand*

GATHERING MUSIC

"At The Cross"

Gregg Sewell

Kim Anderson, organist

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

WELCOME

Nick Robison

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

OPENING SENTENCES *(Psalm 103, John 13:34 -35)*

One: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

All: Slow to anger and abounding in love.

One: This is our new commandment in Christ:

All: As Jesus loves us, let us love one another.

One: By this, the world will know that we are Christ's disciples.

All: Let us worship God.

*** HYMN #498** "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken" *(vv. 2-4)*

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord Jesus Christ, how well you know our hearts, and still you love us—you have loved us to the end. We have denied you and we have denied our calling to serve one another. We have betrayed you, and we have betrayed your commandment to love one another. Forgive us. Pour out your Spirit of grace upon us. Teach us to love and serve you faithfully, and to love and serve one another by the example you set for us. In your holy name we pray. 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Zyair White

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 12: 1-4, 11-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it....

"This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand, and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

"This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Can You Drink the Cup?

Craig Courtney

The Chancel Choir - Russell Nagy, Director

*Can you drink this cup, embrace it in your hands?
Can you look inside and face what it demands?
In the wine you see reflections of your soul.
No one else can drink this cup that you must hold.*

*Can you drink the cup? Then you must lift it high
though this cup of joy holds pain and sacrifice.
When you lift your cup, raise it unafraid.
Lift it up, this cup of life, and celebrate.*

*Can you drink the cup until there is no more?
When the wine is gone, Christ Himself will pour.
Though you drink it all the cup is never dry.
God keeps filling it with everlasting life.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 26: 20-30

Rev. Betsy Rice

When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve disciples, and while they were eating he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born." Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so."

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

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

SERMON

"Food for Life"

Pastor Betsy

*** HYMN #510**

"We Gather Here in Jesus' Name"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Pastor Betsy and Pastor Matt

All who put their trust in Christ are welcome to receive communion. Please come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread and the cup. If you prefer to stay seated, a pastor will bring communion to you. Gluten-free bread is in the center of the plate. Grape juice is red, and wine is white.

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

Music during Communion

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

Dale Wood

Prayer after Communion

God of grace, we give you thanks for the feast of redemption we have shared in the body and blood of our Savior. As you have nourished us with love, let our lives proclaim your great love for the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*** HYMN #220**

"Go to Dark Gethsemane" (vv. 1-3)

STRIPPING OF THE SANCTUARY

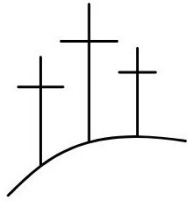
In Christian tradition, the Maundy Thursday service concludes with the stripping of the sanctuary, symbolizing Christ's arrest, humiliation, and suffering before the crucifixion. This tradition also grew out of the Jewish practice of cleansing the home prior to Passover.

The Communion Table is draped in black, and the paraments and pastors' stoles are removed from the sanctuary, symbolizing Jesus' abandonment by his friends at his arrest. The service is concluded when the chancel has been stripped and the worship leaders leave the sanctuary.

*** DEPART IN SILENCE**

Once the lights come back on, the congregation is requested to leave in silence. We omit the benediction and the postlude tonight to signify that our worship continues on Good Friday and through Easter. See next page for details.

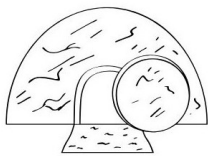
Continue worshipping with us...
HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2026



GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3

Worthington Ecumenical Service at noon - Worthington churches unite for an outdoor service with readings, prayer and singing around the Village Green, accompanied by the Salvation Army brass. We begin at WPC and conclude at the St. John's Episcopal Church cemetery.

Tenebrae Service at 7PM - Pastor Tom will lead a simple service of readings and music to remember the crucifixion of Jesus. "Tenebrae" is Latin for "darkness," and refers to the tradition of increasing the darkness as we hear the readings.



EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5

Sunrise Service at 7AM - This brief, reflective, informal service begins outdoors near dawn to announce the Resurrection, then moves to the Chapel for communion. A continental breakfast follows the service. In case of rain, the service will be held in the Chapel.

Worship Services at 9AM and 11AM - Two identical services feature brass, organ, and anthems by the Chancel Choir. Every child will receive a gift. Come, enjoy the beauty of the lilies and help us raise our Alleluias to our Risen Lord!

Egg Hunt at 12:15PM - Join us on the front lawn of the church for an Easter Egg Hunt! If it rains, we will move inside the church. Please bring your own basket!



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