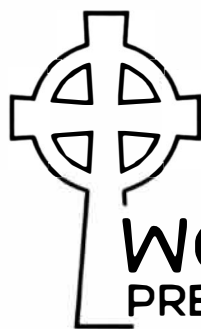


April 12, 2026



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER



**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 Ed and Kathleen Malecki
in memory of Cindy Malecki.*

Serving Us Today

**Ushers: Team B - Bob
Freed, Jordan Quickel
captains,** Pete Barnhart,
Carol and Dave Balsler,
Chris and Kathy Campbell,
J.B and Susan Love, Dave
and Nancy Wilson

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

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
- K-2: Room 112
- 3-5: Room 111
- 6 - 8: Living Room
- 9 - 12: Room 222 for a special breakfast

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
Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 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)*

Moment for Mission – *Habitat for Humanity Wall Build*

Richard Birnie

Passing of the Peace

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

All: **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP “Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain” Edward Broughton
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)*

Emirah Balsler

Christ is risen! **(repeat)**

He is risen indeed! **(repeat)**

Peace be with you. **(repeat)**

Even behind locked doors, **(repeat)**

blessed are those who dare to believe. **(repeat)**

*** HYMN #236** “The Strife is O'er”

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Risen Christ, we close the door in fear, and sometimes we shut you out, too. You come bearing peace--but we hold on to our worry. You offer life--but we hold on to what is broken. Forgive us. Unlock our hearts. Fill us with your peace. Make us your witnesses. In Jesus' name, Amen.

(Silent Confession)

*** Congregational Response**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

* Assurance of Pardon

* Gloria

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.*

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

Pastor Matt

Children & youth may attend Sunday School after the message. (See inside cover for locations). High schoolers are invited to a breakfast in Room 222.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Asa Douglass

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 145:13-21

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 Lord upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.

**The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.**

You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.

**The Lord is just in all his ways
and kind in all his doings.**

The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

**He fulfills the desire of all who fear him;
he also hears their cry and saves them.**

The Lord watches over all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.

**My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.**

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Christ Is Alive!

arr. Wayne Dirksen

The Chancel Choir - Russell Nagy, Director

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.*

*In every insult, rift and war,
where color, scorn or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.*

*Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.*

*Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love and praise.*

*Not throned afar, remotely high,
untouched, unmoved by human pains,
but daily in the midst of life,
our Savior in the Godhead reigns.*

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31

Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

SERMON

“Jesus’ No-Door Policy”

Pastor Matt

* **HYMN #231**

“Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers”

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

Offertory

“Reverence”

Robert Thygerson

* Doxology (*tune: #609*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures, here below.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



* Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

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

GOING IN GOD’S NAME

* **HYMN #233**

“The Day of Resurrection!”

* **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

Pastor Matt

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

“Christ the Victor”

Todd Kendall

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

TODAY

Flower Sale

Support Troop 268 by purchasing spring flowers, hanging baskets, vegetables, and Ohio Mulch gift cards. Scouts are taking orders after both services. **Orders due by April 15.**

High School Breakfast

High schoolers are invited for breakfast and a devotion during the 10AM service. Come to Room 222 after the Children's Message.

Youth Family Night

5PM • Meet at WPC

We'll walk to Hartford Park for kickball & pizza. Rain plan: board game night. Parents & siblings welcome!

Membership Seminar

4PM • Fellowship Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Contribution Statements

Due to rising postage and printing costs, 1st Quarter contribution statements will be emailed around April 15. Contact Brittany with questions or view your statement anytime in Engage under "Giving."

The Session has called a **Congregational Meeting** after the 10AM service on April 19 to elect a Nominating Committee member. All are welcome; members are encouraged to attend.

LOOKING AHEAD

RSVP for TNT • April 14

Dinner (lasagna) and fellowship begins at 6PM. Reflection guides are still available to pick up in the church office.

Montaña de Luz Gala • April 17

6:30PM • St. Charles Preparatory School
Proceeds benefit the MdL children's home in Honduras for youth affected by HIV/AIDS. Details, tickets, and sponsorships are available at bit.ly/26fiesta.

AIDS Walk • April 18

Genoa Park (303 W. Broad St., Columbus)
Join 1,000+ across Ohio to support HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention or participate virtually. Join or sponsor WPC's team.

9AM • Registration Opens

9:30AM • Program Begins

New Sunday Morning Series

April 19 • 9AM • Room 222/Zoom

Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I Have Loved

Seminary professor Kate Bowler was diagnosed with stage IV colon cancer. Frank and funny, dark and wise, she offers up hard-won observations on dying and the ways it has taught her to live.

The Language of Music and the Music of Language • April 20 • 7PM

Known locally as the trusted midday voice of WOSU Public Media's Classical 101, Jennifer Hambrick enjoys careers as a broadcaster, cultural journalist and an internationally recognized poet. Hambrick will talk about her dual careers and the unique role music plays as a hinge between them. She'll also read from her award-winning poetry. Come for dessert at 6:30PM sponsored by PWU.

Many items require a next step. Instead of multiple links & QR codes, visit wpcnow.org/next or scan this QR code for more details about what you see here.



**Adult Education Brainstorming
April 21 • 7PM • Room 222/Zoom**

Help us plan classes for next year! If you cannot attend in person, email Pastor Tom with ideas for classes or to request the Zoom information.

Graduation Sunday • May 3

We'll celebrate our graduates during the 10AM service. If someone in your family is graduating from high school or college, let us know, so we can recognize them!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

***Riverview International Center
Urgent Volunteer Needs:***

**Help supervise children during
ESL conversation groups**

Tuesdays & Thursdays • 10–11AM
Thursdays • 5–6PM

Coding Tutor Needed

A middle school student is seeking help with coding. (Student has a laptop)

Homework Help

Assist students with homework:
Tuesdays & Thursdays • 5:30–7PM

Food Distribution Volunteers

Join us Friday April 24 • 10:30–11:30AM
Help welcome neighbors, organize or distribute food, set up/tear down, or deliver food to families unable to attend. Great opportunity for families & groups!

Learn More / Get Involved

Contact Angelica at 614.636.0506 or by email, or attend a volunteer info meeting:

Wednesday, April 22 • 5:30PM or
Tuesday, April 28 • 12PM

**Habitat Wall Build • April 25
8AM - Noon • Front Lawn of WPC**

Habitat for Humanity–MidOhio, founded in 1987, has helped more than 1,000 Central Ohio families through homeownership and home repair programs. Partner families complete financial and home maintenance training and contribute “sweat equity” to their homes.

Since 1993, WPC has partnered with area churches to build Habitat homes. This group formed the Northside Partnership in 2018. WPC continues to lead in funding and volunteers.

Join us Saturday, April 25 for a Wall Build on the Village Green in front of the church. Help build a home for a local family. Volunteer for construction, breakfast prep, or childcare.

Sign up at wpcnow.org/habitat or in Fellowship Hall after worship. We also need a few volunteers on Sunday to help load and deliver the walls.

**Help Bring Snowball Mountain
Challenge VBS to Life!**

June 1 - 5 • 9AM - Noon

Mirolo Pavilion

Kids will experience an exciting, winter-themed adventure filled with games, stories, and hands-on faith lessons, learning they can be brave, give their all, and trust God's strength. We're looking for volunteers to help create a fun, welcoming environment.

Be part of a week that makes a lasting impact on kids' faith. Visit wpcnow.org/vbs for all the info you need!