

April 19, 2026



# 3<sup>rd</sup> 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  
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 Doug, Amy, Brooks and  
Kate Gilmore in memory of  
Brooks C. Gilmore.*

## Serving Us Today

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

**Video:** Bill Yost

**Carillon:** Linda Ranck

*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 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: 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

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**Worthington Presbyterian Church**  
**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**3rd Sunday of Easter**

**April 19, 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 - Youth Fundraiser

Passing of the Peace

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

All: **And also with you.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

"Faithfulness"

arr. Bradley Anderson

**IN MUSIC**

The Celebration Ringers - Jennifer Fry, Director

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

**OPENING SENTENCES**

One: The Risen Christ **(repeat)**  
will break open our silence, **(repeat)**  
speak peace to our fear, **(repeat)**  
and help us trust the good news. **(repeat)**  
Let us worship God! **(repeat)**

**\* HYMN # 240** "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of resurrection, you call us, but we do not always listen. You invite us to follow you, but we are trapped by fear. You offer joy, but we cling to safety. Forgive us. Raise us to new life. Help us trust you and walk in your light. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

*(Silent Confession)*

**\* Congregational Response**

***Lord, have mercy.***

***Christ, have mercy.***

***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

Nicholas Robison

*Children & youth will attend Sunday School after the message. See inside cover for locations.*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Deanna Olson

### SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 42:5-9

Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:

**I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,  
to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.**

I am the LORD; that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.

**See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.**

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

### *God's Right Hand and Holy Arm*

K. Lee Scott

The Chancel Choir - David Scott, Guest Director  
Jennifer Fry, Debb Wilson - Ringers

God's right hand and holy arm have won the victory,  
God's right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

*Christ being raised from the dead shall die no more.  
Death has no power over Him; He lives to God.*

*Why seek the living now among the dead?  
Recall His promise unto you; He lives again.*

*Gone is death's victory, gone is death's sting,  
God gives to us the victory through Christ our Lord.*

*Christ being raised from the dead shall die no more.  
Death has no power over Him; He lives to God.*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 9:1-19a

Rev. Dr. Tom Rice

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem, and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

“Easter Continues TODAY!”

Pastor Tom

\* **HYMN #369**

“Blessing and Honor”

## **RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Pastor Matt

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

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

James Southbridge

Kim Anderson, organist

\* 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

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# GOING IN GOD'S NAME

\* HYMN #720

“Jesus Calls Us”

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Pastor Tom

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

“He Is Risen! He Is Risen!”

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.*

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*Please stay for the congregational meeting  
immediately following the worship service.*

## TODAY

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### **Looking for WPC-related swag?**

Our Youth Committee can help! Scan the QR code on the next page. All proceeds support our Ghost Ranch summer mission trip, the Cornerstone Youth Band, and scholarships for youth events throughout the year.

**Stay for a congregational meeting** after worship to elect a Nominating Committee member. All are welcome; members are encouraged to attend.

### **Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I Have Loved**

9AM • Room 222/Zoom

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 how it has taught her to live.

## LOOKING AHEAD

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### **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. Learn about her dual careers and the unique role music plays as a hinge between them. Dessert & conversation starts at 6:30PM.

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

Help us plan classes for next year! Can't attend in person? Contact Pastor Tom with ideas or to request the Zoom information.

### **New! Christian Meditation Group Wednesdays (starts April 22) 5:30PM • Chapel**

Christian meditation is an ancient way of prayer that opens us to God in silence and stillness. Each group includes a brief teaching or reflection on Christian meditation, a period of meditation, and sharing on how the practice meets us in daily life. Beginners are welcome – no meditation experience is necessary! Led by Pastor Matt.

### **Graduation Sunday & End of Year Sunday School Party • May 3**

Do you have a graduate in the family? Let us know, so we can celebrate them! We will also celebrate the end of Sunday School for the year with games, treats & more on the front lawn after worship!

## VOLUNTEER

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### **Help Build a Brighter Future! This Saturday, April 25 • 8AM–Noon Front Lawn of WPC**

There's still time to join us as we build the walls for a new Habitat home. Construction volunteers (age 10+) are still needed, no experience required. Stop by the table outside the church office to sign up or scan the QR code at the bottom of this page.

**Riverview International Center** has urgent volunteer needs! Learn how you can join us in welcoming our new American neighbors. Attend an upcoming Volunteer Info Meeting:

- Wed, April 22 • 5:30PM
- Tues, April 28 • 12PM

Scan the code below to learn more or sign up.

### **Make a Lasting Impact on a Child's Faith during VBS • June 1 - 5 9AM - Noon • Mirolo Pavilion**

Youth & adult volunteers are needed to help create a welcoming environment at VBS. You can also support student scholarships or donate needed supplies via our Amazon Wishlist. Please register soon!

### **Find Sign Ups, Opportunities & More**

We can't fit everything here, and many opportunities require sign-ups, RSVPs, or other links.

Visit [wpcnow.org/next](http://wpcnow.org/next) or scan the QR code to find all details, links, and ways to get involved.

