

April 26, 2026



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY



**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

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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
Mara Stark in honor of
Amanda Blackwell Stark*

Serving Us Today

Ushers: Team D - Bob
Harrington & Doug Fell,
captains, Steve Burk; Brent
Mulgrew; Linda Irwin-Soiu;
Mike & Debbie Murphy; Bill
Woods

Carillon: Debb Wilson

Video: Bill Yost

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CONNECT ✦ SERVE ✦ TRANSFORM

Welcome

Welcome to Worthington Presbyterian Church. This congregation has worshiped together in the community since 1805. We welcome all who seek faith, hope, and joy.

Join us outside after the service to write blessings on the Habitat house walls and to celebrate new WPC members!


Children & Youth

Nursery care begins at 9:45AM in the Nursery outside of Fellowship Hall. Children are invited to Sunday School after the children's message at 10:15AM. You can pick them up in these rooms after the service:

Pre - K: Rm 113 // **K - 2:** Rm 112 // **3 - 5:** Rm 111

Youth are invited to stay in the service to support our confirmands.

Accessibility

- 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

The Cornerstone Youth Band

Tristan Arthur - acoustic guitar
Katie Becker - vocals, bass guitar
Thomas Becker - piano
Juliette Chang - piano
Mary Joyce Evans - guitar, vocals
Will Frederick - cajon
Caleb Okyere - piano Ohenewaa
Okyere - vocals

Mentors:

Robert Boyd - vocals
LingLing Chen - percussion Tom
Shaffer - guitar

Worthington Presbyterian Church
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Confirmation Sunday

April 26, 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)*

Moment for Mission: *Nominating Committee*

Andy Balsler

Passing of the Peace

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

All: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP IN MUSIC

"Wayfaring Stranger"

L. Shackley/M. Kim

"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"

Kim Anderson, organist

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

OPENING SENTENCES

Cohen Arthur

(Excerpts from the Confirmands' Statements of Faith)

One: I believe that God is my Holy Father
and a support to everyone.

All: God loves everyone on this earth.

God will stay by our side no matter what.

One: I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son:
He is my Lord and Savior.

**All: I believe that he is trustworthy,
and that he will lead me on my path with God.**

One: Jesus is the reason I do everything I do,
because I want to act and think the way he thinks.

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

Let us worship God!

*** HYMN # 634**

"To God Be the Glory"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we take you for granted. You are glorious, but we ignore you. You are mighty, yet we rely on our own strength. You are loving, but we still hurt others. You are forgiving, while we are judgmental. Forgive us, God of mercy. By your Holy Spirit, turn us away from our broken ways, and turn us to your Son, Jesus Christ. 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.***

RECEPTION OF CONFIRMANDS & NEW MEMBERS Elder Peter Hazelton

* The Apostles' Creed *(p. 35 in the hymnal)*

We welcome our youth confirming their baptismal vows **Thomas Becker, Alicia Neylon, Peter Schlader, and Anna Van Slyke**, and our adult new members, **Helen Ayuk, Ann Britton, John Britton, Bismarck Nwana, Gareth Reeves, Heather Reeves, Yusirah Rufai, Samuel Sarkodee, and Chuck Seely**. Please greet these new members and share the joy of the whole church. A reception for all will be on the Village Green following worship.

ANTHEM

Pressing On

Shine Robison

The Cornerstone Youth Band - Shine Robison, director

Verse 1

*All my life, God You've always been faithful
Through the rolling seas and turbulent
storms You're my rock onto which I cling
God You're ever faithful*

Verse 2

*On the rocky paths and scorching deserts
The renewing and the silence
Your love is steadfast and anchors me
God You're ever faithful*

Verse 3

*We press on to new horizons
Bring God's kingdom here on earth Christ
our cornerstone and foundation
God You're ever faithful*

Chorus

*We trust in Christ who ransomed our
souls We rest in God who holds the world
We know the Spirit who guides our steps
Come let us praise the Lord!*

Ending

*Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me!*

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

Pastor Betsy Rice

*Children will attend Sunday School after the message. See inside cover for locations.
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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bob Freed

SCRIPTURE READING Ecclesiastes 8:9-15

All this I observed, applying my mind to all that is done under the sun, while one person exercises authority over another to the other's hurt.

Then I saw the wicked approaching to sacrifice; they go in and out of the holy place, and they boast in the city that they have done such things. **This also is vanity.** Because sentence against an evil deed is not executed speedily, the human heart is fully set to do evil. Though sinners do evil a hundred times and prolong their lives, **yet I know that it will be well with those who fear God,** because they stand in fear before him, but it will not be well with the wicked, neither will they prolong their days like a shadow, because they do not stand in fear before God.

There is a vanity that takes place on earth, that there are righteous people who are treated according to the conduct of the wicked and wicked people who are treated according to the conduct of the righteous. I said that this also is vanity. So I commend enjoyment, for there is nothing better for people under the sun than to eat and drink and enjoy themselves, for this will go with them in their toil through the days of life that God gives them under the sun.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Saints Bound for Heaven

arr. Parker/Shaw

The Chancel Choir - Russell Nagy, director

*Our bondage it shall end, by and by, by and by,
Our bondage it shall end, by and by;
From Egypt's yoke set free;
Hail the glorious jubilee,
And to Canaan we'll return, by and by, by and by,
And to Canaan we'll return, by and by.*

*Our deliverer he shall come, by and by, by and by,
Our deliverer he shall come, by and by;
And our sorrows have an end,
With our threescore years and ten,
And vast glory crown the day, by and by, by and by,
And vast glory crown the day, by and by.*

*And when to Jordan's floods, we are come, we are come,
And when to Jordan's floods, we are come;
Jehovah rules the tide,
And the waters he'll divide,
And the ransomed host shall shout, we are come, we are come,
And the ransomed host shall shout, we are come*

*Then with all the happy throng, we'll rejoice, we'll rejoice,
Then with all the happy throng, we'll rejoice;
Shouting glory to our King,
Till the vaults of heaven ring,
And through all eternity we'll rejoice, we'll rejoice,
And through all eternity we'll rejoice.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 16:16-34

Nicholas Robison

One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune - telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

SERMON

“The Journey of a Disciple”

Nicholas Robison

* **HYMN #700**

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

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 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

“Nobody Knows the Trouble I’ve Seen”

Gilbert M. Martin

* 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 #750**

“Goodness Is Stronger than Evil”

(Sing twice)

* **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

Nicholas Robison

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

POSTLUDE

“Proclamation”

Rex Koury

Please remain seated during the postlude as it is the final “Amen” to our worship.

Confirmands and families are invited to take photos after the postlude.

Everyone is invited to write blessings on the Habitat walls and to celebrate our new members.

TODAY

Congratulations to our confirmands who will be making their Profession of Faith during the 10AM worship service:

- Thomas Becker
- Alicia Neylon
- Peter Schlader
- Anna Van Slyke

Also happening:

- NNEMAP Breakdown
- A Light to the Nations
- New Member Reception
- Outdoor Fellowship (so we can bless the Habitat house walls)!

LOOKING AHEAD

Graduation Sunday & End of Year Parties • May 3

Do you have a graduate in the family? Let us know by scanning the QR code below, so we can recognize them! We will celebrate the end of Sunday School for the year with games, treats & more on the front lawn after worship! Youth will have an end of the Year Party at Activate Play at Polaris (4:30-6:30PM).

S.O.S. - Seniors Over Sixty • May 3 • 12PM Meet in Youth Room • Park of Roses

Enjoy a spring stroll and picnic! Make a sandwich at church, then head to the park. \$5 donation requested. RSVP to christinetogni@yahoo.com (note "bus" if you want to ride in the church van). *Rain plan: lunch & trivia in Youth Room.*

Part-time Nursery Coordinator Needed

to provide care for infants to 3-year-olds on Sunday mornings and during special events (TNT, Christmas Eve). Candidates with exceptional childcare experience preferred. Visit wpcnow.org/careers or scan the QR code. ---->

New! Christian Meditation Group Wednesdays • 5:30PM • Chapel

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. No meditation experience is necessary! Led by Pastor Matt.

Christian Life Circle • May 7 1 - 2PM • Room 222

All are welcome to join our discussion, led by Pastor Tom, of *When You Are Walking with Jesus: The Road to Emmaus*.

VOLUNTEER & SERVICE

The **Nominating Committee** is seeking: 6 Elders, 8 Deacons and 6 Nominating Committee members to serve next year. 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 the code below to view position descriptions. Referral forms are located outside the church office.

Riverview International Center has urgent volunteer needs! Learn how you can join us in welcoming our new American neighbors. Attend a volunteer info meeting on Tuesday, April 28 at 12PM. Visit bit.ly/ricvolunteer or scan the code below.

VBS • June 1 – 5

9AM - Noon • Mirolo Pavilion

Youth & adult volunteers needed to help create a welcoming environment at VBS! Can't attend? Support a student scholarship or donate supplies via our Amazon Wishlist.

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