

May 17, 2026



# PER CAPITA 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

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 Dick Jones and The Jones  
Family in memory of Pat  
Jones.*

## Serving Us Today

### Usher Team B:

**Bob Freed & Jordan  
Quickel, captains;** Pete  
Barnhart, Dave & Carol  
Balsler, Chris & Kathy  
Campbell, J. B. & Susan  
Love, Dave & Nancy Wilson.

**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

There is no Sunday School for children and youth. Nursery care begins at 9:45AM in the Nursery downstairs outside Fellowship Hall. (*The Nursery will be closed on Sunday, May 24*).

## 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**  
**7th Sunday of Easter**

May 17, 2026

10:00 AM

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*\* Please stand*

### WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Tom Rice

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

Moment for Mission—*Y Family Center Dinners*

Larry McDonald

Passing of the Peace

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

All: **And also with you.**

### CALL TO WORSHIP

“Amazing Love”

arr. Lloyd Larson

### 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 *(Psalm 47:1)*

One: Clap your hands,  
**(clap, clap, clap)**  
all you people.  
**(clap, clap, clap)**  
Shout to God  
**(clap, clap, clap)**  
with songs of joy!  
**(clap, clap, clap)**

### \* HYMN # 137

“He Came Down”

### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, like your first disciples, we need your blessing. We need to hear that you love us. We need reminding that you want us to love you, and you want us to love each other. Forgive us when we do not love everyone as you have shown us. In Jesus' name we pray. 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

*There is no Sunday School today. Children will worship with their families.*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lisa Abrams

### SCRIPTURE READING      Psalm 149:1-5

Praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord a new song,

**his praise in the assembly of the faithful.**

Let Israel be glad in its Maker;

**let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.**

Let them praise his name with dancing,

**making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.**

For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;

**he adorns the humble with victory.**

Let the faithful exult in glory;

**let them sing for joy on their couches.**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

*I Will Make a Way!*

Tom Trenney

The Chancel Choir - Abigail Mayer, Guest Director

*Behold! I will do a new thing!*

*Everything old has passed away.*

*See, everything old has become new.*

*I will make a way in the wilderness.*

*I will make rivers in the desert.*

*See, everything old has passed away.*

*Everything has become new.  
Do not remember the former things or consider the ways of old.*

*I will make a way in the wilderness.  
I will make rivers in the desert.*

*The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and ostriches,  
For I give water in the wilderness; the desert shall be a pool.*

*Everything old is passed away!  
I will make a way!*

**SCRIPTURE READING**      **Philippians 2:1-18**      **Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves**

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he existed in the form of God,

**did not regard equality with God  
as something to be grasped,**

but emptied himself,

**taking the form of a slave,  
assuming human likeness.**

And being found in appearance as a human,

**he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.**

Therefore God exalted him even more highly

**and gave him the name  
that is above every other name,**

so that at the name given to Jesus

**every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,**

and every tongue should confess

**that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Do all things without murmuring and arguing, so that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse

generation, in which you shine like stars in the world, holding forth the word of life so that I can boast on the day of Christ that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.

But even if I am being poured out as a libation over the sacrifice and the service of your faith, I rejoice, and I rejoice together with all of you; in the same way also you should rejoice and rejoice together with me.

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

**SERMON**

“Growing Down”

Pastor Matt

\* **HYMN #727**

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

## **RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Rev. Betsy 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**

Per Capita Offering

Offertory

“I Stand Amazed in the Presence”

Marc Jordan

\* 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 contribute to the Per Capita Special Offering.  
Checks can also be made out to WPC with "per capita" in the memo.



# GOING IN GOD'S NAME

\* **HYMN #80** "You Shall Go Out with Joy"

\* **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

Pastor Matt

**POSTLUDE** "Recessional "

Stanley E. Saxton

*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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## **Why is it important to reach this year's total Per Capita goal?**

WPC continues to commit to paying its full per capita obligation. In 2026, this totals \$41,400. This payment is divided between the General Assembly, Synod and our local Presbytery, which receives approximately 2/3 of the total.

The annual Per Capita Campaign asks each member to contribute their individual amount of \$46. These contributions will fund WPC's obligation and are a way for members to recognize the benefits of connection to the larger Presbyterian Church (USA).

## **What is our goal?**

Our goal is to raise 57%, or \$23,600, of the total per capita commitment through the Per Capita Special Offering we will collect during worship today. If you have not contributed to per capita in the past, please consider donating in 2026. If you plan to pay your per capita and can do more, consider paying the per capita for those on a more limited budget. Thank you for your generosity! Find out more about per capita at [wpcnow.org/per-capita](http://wpcnow.org/per-capita) or scan the QR code on the previous page.

## TODAY

### Per Capita Offering

Today we receive the annual Per Capita Special Offering during worship. Members are invited to contribute their \$46 to help offset what WPC pays to the larger Presbyterian Church (USA). Our goal is to raise 57%, or \$23,600, of the total per capita commitment.

### Children's Sunday School Sabbath

May 17-31 • Children will remain in worship today. Nursery care and worship bags are available.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Wear Red for Pentecost • May 24

Celebrate the "birthday" of the Church with wind, fire, and joy! Please note: the Nursery will be closed next Sunday.

### Church Office Closed • May 25

## SUMMER CAMP @ WORTHINGTON PRESBYTERIAN

Robotics, Video  
Game Design,  
Coding, Animation  
June 15-18, 2026  
July 7-11, 2026



classroom  
**Antics**



*For children ages 7-14: A week of robotics, coding, Minecraft, and LEGO-based programs. Scan the code above for details.*

## WAYS TO HELP

### Hospitality Volunteers Needed • May 31

WPC is hosting A Light to the Nations for the entire Presbytery, followed by an international potluck. Volunteers are needed to help with hosting.

### VBS • June 1-5 @ Mirolo Pavilion

Volunteers (rising 6th grade and older) are needed to help with snacks, crafts, games, and more. You can also support VBS through the Amazon Wish List or by donating supplies.

### VBS Supply Request

Please donate toilet paper/paper towel rolls and small plastic peanut butter jars. Drop-off box outside Annie Barner's office.

### WPC @ Worthington Pride

#### June 7 • 1-5PM

We will have a booth on the Village Green for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Worthington Pride event. Sign up to staff the booth and give a welcome to our neighbors. Please contact **Jeff Amick**, Community Connections Committee.

### NNEMAP Supply Drive & Breakdown

#### May 24 • 11AM

We urgently need sugar, coffee, and salt. Donations may be placed in the NNEMAP bin in Fellowship Hall. All ages are invited to help with the supply breakdown next Sunday after the 10AM service.

### YWCA Family Meals

Volunteers and food donations are needed to help serve meals to families staying at the YWCA shelter. **Upcoming dinners:** June 29, August 24, October 28, and December 14.

## SIGN UPS & MORE INFO

We can't include everything on this page, so visit [wpcnow.org/next](http://wpcnow.org/next) or scan the QR code for more details about these announcements.

