

May 24, 2026



DAY OF PENTECOST



**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 Rose Berendt in memory
of those who gave the
ultimate sacrifice for our
country.*

Serving Us Today

Usher Team C: John Smith

& Sue Funk, captains;

Peggy Albright, Elaine

Christian, Debbie Dieringer

Tom & 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

After a brief children's message at 10:15AM, children will return to their seats to worship with their family. There is no Sunday School today. The nursery is also closed for the holiday weekend. Children's worship bags are available at the entrances to the sanctuary.

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
Day of Pentecost

May 24, 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: *A Light to the Nations Celebration*

Peter Okyere

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**

“Come Down, Holy Spirit”

David Paxton

Kim Anderson, organist

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

OPENING SENTENCES

The Holy Spirit (repeat)
fills us (repeat)
with love (repeat)
and peace (repeat)
and courage! (repeat)
Let us worship God! (repeat)

*** HYMN # 289** “On Pentecost They Gathered”

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving God, sometimes we don't want to listen to people who seem different from us. Sometimes we don't even try to understand other people. We are not loving our neighbors as we love ourselves. Forgive us, Lord! Send your Spirit to help us. Send your Spirit today—to heal us and help 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

Nicholas Robison

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pete Barnhart

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Come Flood This Heart of Mine

David Lantz

The Chancel Choir - Russell Nagy, Director

Thomas Secrist - Violin

Come flood this heart of mine with Your great love divine.

Come Spirit make Your home, my heart is Yours alone.

Come flood this heart of mine with Your great love divine.

Come flood this heart of mine with Your pure joy divine.

My every sin forgive as one with you I live.

Come fill my heart, I am longing for your power.

Your presence and peace will be mine this very hour.

Make of this heart of mine a vessel wholly Thine.

Drive dark and doubt away, O fill me, Lord, I pray.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-21

Rev. Dr. Tom Rice

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, **“Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?** Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, **“What does this mean?”** But others sneered and said, **“They are filled with new wine.”**

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. **Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“What Does This Mean?”

Pastor Tom

*** HYMN #291**

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves

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

“In Memoriam”
Robert Fischer, Euphonium

Lani Smith

* Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

* Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

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GOING IN GOD'S NAME

* HYMN #295

“Go to the World!”

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Pastor Tom

POSTLUDE

“Salutation”

Eriks Esenvalds

*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.*

Memorial Day Remembrance

The Columbarium Board and Troop 268 scouts are paying tribute to veterans laid to rest in our Columbarium. Niches are adorned with patriotic ribbons, and the walkway is decorated with American flags. Visit the Columbarium to honor these veterans and all those remembered by the flags along the entrance walkway.

William Abey
David Alban
Richard Allen
Harold Armstrong
George Barlow, Jr.
H.J. Barber
George Bates
Keith Beachler
Theodore Bookhout
Richard Borg
Bob Bowers
Christopher Clark
Gordon Clark
John Clay
Robert Cooper

Bob Cowan
John Donnally
Miles Edwards
Robert Ferris
Doug Foust
Robert Getty
George Greuling Sr.
Jack Haunty
Gordon Hausser
Don Hershberger
Maurice Heyman
Fred Hofer
Marion Holbrook
Dean Huff
Bruce Carley Johnson

Micheal Ketchum
Martin Larson
Mike Minister
Robert Montgomery
Don Pendell
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Chuck Read
John Sanborn
John Shenefield
Doug Stiles
Frank Strobel
Claude Tabor
Bobby Van Stavern
John Wright



NNEMAP food pantry

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SCAN TO PURCHASE



Featuring live music from Chaz & Nicki
special guests The Ohio Alphorn Band,
and NBC4's Gabrielle Phifer as our returning emcee!

In support of
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Saturday, June 13 • 1:00pm – 4:00pm
Tickets: \$100

Participating Restaurants:

Agni
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Bendi's
Cento Italiano
Chocolate Café
Harvest Pizza

Haufbrau Haven
Jony's Sushi
Katzinger's
Lindey's
Local Cantina
Mohawk

Rossi
Schmidt's
Smoked On High
South Village Grill
Valter's



Presented by:



TODAY

Children's Sunday School Sabbath

Children will worship with their families today. Worship bags are available at the sanctuary entrances. The nursery is also closed for the holiday.

CHURCH UPDATES

Church Closed Tomorrow • May 25

New Summer Sermon Series • May 31

This summer we'll explore Jesus' invitation: "I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Together we'll reflect on how Christ offers rest for body, soul, and mind.

Reverend Charles Talcott

With grateful hearts, we invite you to join us in celebrating the life and legacy of Reverend Charlie Talcott. As Youth Pastor at WPC from 1981 - 1986, Charlie was a trusted mentor, a joyful presence, and a dear friend to generations of young people and families. Please join us on Saturday, May 30, from 4 - 7PM in the Youth Room to celebrate Charlie's life and legacy.

Lawn Chair Church Returns June 14

Our 8AM service moves outdoors for the summer. Bring your own chair! Two volunteers are needed weekly for setup. Look for the sign up this week.

Did You Know?

The deacons can help in times of need. The Meal Train is available to provide dinner for you as you recover from surgery or during challenging times. Transportation is available if you need help driving to a medical appointment. Please call the church office at 614.885.5355, and the deacons will be in touch!

WAYS TO HELP

Hospitality Volunteers Needed • May 31

Worship: 3-4PM • Potluck: 4-5PM

WPC will host *A Light to the Nations* in the sanctuary next Sunday for our entire Presbytery. We need a few volunteers to help provide a welcoming experience.

NNEMAP Supply Drive & Breakdown

May 31 • 11AM

Needed: sugar, coffee, and salt. All ages are invited to help break down supplies after the 10AM service next Sunday.

WPC @ Worthington Pride

June 7 • 1-5PM

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



Vacation Bible School

Registration remains open for Preschool–rising 5th graders. Youth and adult volunteers are still needed for games, crafts, snacks, and more.

Support VBS through the Amazon Wish List or by sponsoring a child's registration. For all details, visit: wpcnow.org/vbs.

PT Nursery Coordinator Needed

WPC is seeking a part-time Nursery Coordinator to help provide a safe, nurturing environment for young children and families. Experience with children birth–3 years preferred. Tell a friend!

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