

May 31, 2026



# FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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**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 Stanton Ickes in  
memory of Ann Ickes .*

## Serving Us Today

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

**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

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. 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**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**May 31, 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)*

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**

"How Great Thou Art"

Shine Robison, pianist

Stewart K Hine; arr.

Dan Forrest

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

### **OPENING SENTENCES** *(From Child of Blessing)*

One: Come into this community that God so loves  
to worship God together.

All: **And as we do,  
may we feel the love of the one true God:  
the Creator, the Son, the Spirit,  
this day and always.**

\* **HYMN # 309** "Come, Great God, of All the Ages"

### \* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Dear God, you made the land and the water and said it was good. But we don't always take good care of it. You made the plants and the animals and said they were good. But we don't always take good care of them. You made a world of people and said we all are good. But we don't always take good care of each other. We are sorry. Forgive us. Help us care for this whole world that you love so much. In the name of the Trinity 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 Betsy

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

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Debb Wilson

### SCRIPTURE READING Deuteronomy 5:12-15

“Observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.’ ”

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

### ANTHEM

*Come Thou Fount*

Craig Courtney

The Summer Choir - Russell Nagy, Director

*Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; He,  
to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart; O take and seal I, seal it for thy courts above.*

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 11:28-30

Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves

**“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”**

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

## **SERMON**

“Jesus’ Gift of Rest”

Pastor Matt

*1 of 5 in the series, “I Will Give You Rest”*

## **\* HYMN #182**

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

# **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**

Offertory

“Deep River”

arr. Larry Schackley

### **\* 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**

*Scan the QR code to give online or visit [wpcnow.org/give](http://wpcnow.org/give)*



# GOING IN GOD'S NAME

\* HYMN #683

“Lord of All Hopefulness”  
*(Choir sings verse 1)*

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Pastor Matt

POSTLUDE

“Walk Worthy of the Lord”

Lani Smith

*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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## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

To celebrate the gifts and ministry of the WPC staff, each month, we will learn more about a staff member, their work, and their heart for ministry. Our first spotlight is on **Senior Pastor Matt Reeves**.

***What do you do at WPC? What is a typical day like?***

With other pastors and leaders, I oversee the church's life and mission. Each day begins and ends with meditation and prayer with scripture. Most days involve sermon and worship preparation, meeting with staff, other leaders and committees to discern God's leading and coordinate ministry and making pastoral calls. Across my day I try to live mindful of God's presence.



***What do you enjoy most about your job?***

I enjoy listening for God in Scripture and the church's life, and seeing how God is alive in the church.

***Is there anything people don't understand about your role that you wish they did?***

Leadership isn't about knowing what the church should do but listening for God's guidance with others and acting on it.

***When you're not at work, how do you like to spend your time, and who do you usually spend it with?***

I enjoy daily dog walks and exercise, time with my family, and moments of silence and solitude. I read as much as I can – I'm always working on a novel – and like cooking at home.

Lately, I've been baking sourdough bread.

***What is one thing that people might be surprised to learn about you?***

My first job was playing trombone in a band in high school. We had a summer gig at a KOA.

***Favorite comfort food, restaurant, or coffee order?***

Comfort food is tortilla chips and dark chocolate, but not together. I've abandoned coffee; my coffee order is hot chocolate.

## TODAY

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### Summer Sermon Series Begins

We will 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.

### Bible Study: The Book of Esther

9AM • Room 222 or via Zoom

### NNEMAP Food Pantry Breakdown

11AM • Fellowship Hall

### VBS Volunteer Training for Youth

11AM • Youth Room

### A Light to the Nations Celebration

3 - 5PM • Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall

Featuring congregations from throughout the Presbytery of Scioto Valley, this is a special worship service followed by food and fellowship.

## CHURCH UPDATES

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### Per Capita Update

The Generosity Committee extends their gratitude to everyone who has donated towards our Per Capita campaign. To date we have raised \$13,045, or 55%, of our goal of \$23,575. There is still time to make your donation! Please contribute \$46 for each member of your household who is a confirmed member of WPC. Donations may be made online via Engage or via cash or check (please notate "per capita"). Thank you for your support of WPC and our Presbytery.

### The Deacons Can Help

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



### Vacation Bible School Starts Tomorrow

9AM - 12PM • Mirolo Pavilion

VBS is 5 days of fun, storytelling, games, art, and music for children in Preschool - 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Scholarships are available! Visit [wpcnow.church/vbs](http://wpcnow.church/vbs)

### Lawn Chair Church

June 14 • 8AM • Front Lawn

Our chapel service moves out to the front lawn starting June 14. Two volunteers are needed each Sunday to help set up.

### Lemonade on the Lawn

June 14 • 11AM • Front Lawn

Join us outdoors for a special coffee hour.

**Visit our YouTube Channel** to watch last Sunday's Adult Education class about the impact of COVID-19 on American churches.

**Youth Kings Island Trip** • June 10  
8:30AM - 10PM (*Meet / return to WPC*)  
All youth and friends are invited; adult chaperones needed. \$70 (Scholarships available).

## SIGN UPS & MORE

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Scan the QR code for more details about these announcements or visit [wpcnow.church](http://wpcnow.church)



# I Will Give You Rest Keep Sabbath

## Roots of the Practice

In the Ten Commandments, God commanded Israel to keep the sabbath as a way of sharing in God's rest and delight on creation's seventh day (Exodus 20:8-11) and of living free of enslavement to production (Deuteronomy 5:12-15). Jesus practiced sabbath. His ministry of restoration on the sabbath expressed the day's deep meaning.

In *Christ Plays in Ten Thousand Places*, Eugene Peterson writes, "The most striking thing about keeping the Sabbath is that it begins by not doing anything. The Hebrew word *shabbat*, which we take over into our language untranslated, simply means, 'Quit ... Stop ... Take a break.'" Sabbath helps us to rest our whole being in the promise that we live in God's world and by God's grace, not our own striving.

## Ways to Practice Sabbath

Practicing sabbath is simple, but in our culture it isn't easy. It involves setting aside time, traditionally from sundown on Saturday to sundown on Sunday, to rest from work, worship God, and do what delights. If twenty-four hours doesn't work, begin with a sabbath micro-practice of half a day or a few hours.

Here are some ideas:

- turn off digital devices
- walk outdoors attending to creation's wonder
- spend time with friends or family
- enjoy a favorite meal
- sleep a full 8 hours / take a nap
- read a book
- spend time alone with God
- do what brings joy, however small

*What ideas would you add to this list?*

*What are some things you and your family can do to set apart the sabbath from the rest of the week?*

Give yourself permission to start sabbath practice small and even to fail. Sabbath isn't just about resting and recharging for a day but learning to rest our lives in God who is present with us every day