

June 7, 2026



# VBS 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  
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 Byron and Joan  
Bossenbroek in celebration  
of their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding  
anniversary.*

## Serving Us Today

### Usher Team E: Ken &

### Elizabeth Short, captains;

Andy Balsler, Dennis Decker,  
Jack Dicke, John Gray, Joyce  
Hinkle, Simmey Ketchum,  
Larry & Leslie Snyder, Joann  
& Dury Sudduth.

**Video:** Bill Yost

**Carillon:** Sue Rapier

*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, children in preschool through 3rd grade are invited to Summer Sunday School for prayer, a Bible story, songs, and activities. Children in 4th grade and up will remain in worship and receive communion. Please pick up your child in the Chapel after the service or find us on the playground (weather permitting). Nursery care is available starting at 9:45AM on the first floor for children age 3 and under.

## 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**  
**2nd Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 7, 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)*

Passing of the Peace

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

All: **And also with you.**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP "God is Our Refuge and Strength"**

Paul Davis

### **IN MUSIC**

Kim Anderson, organist

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

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

Phoebe Claybon

*When prompted by the worship leader, say:*

All: **What does that mean?**

### **\* HYMN # 393** "O Day of Rest and Gladness"

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

**You have told us, O God, that you want us to trust and obey you like Abraham and Sarah did. But sometimes we do not. You have told us, O God, that you want us to be hopeful and faithful like the woman who touched Jesus' cloak. But sometimes we are not. Forgive us. Thank you for loving us even though we are not perfect. Help us to do better, O God, starting right now. In Jesus' 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

## VBS Children & Volunteers

### *Jump Up! Walk A Little*

by Andy Wilson

#### **Verse 1**

*What I hope for can't be bought,  
But You give me all You've got,  
What You offer is what I need,  
Got the power to get me on my feet so*

#### **Verse 2**

*Can't believe it, You blow my mind  
All I long for, You provide  
What You offer is what I need  
Got the power to get me on my feet so*

#### **Chorus**

*I put all my hope in You,  
I put all my hope in You Jesus, oh  
I know there is nothing You can't do  
I was helpless, I was weak,  
You set me on my feet so I can  
Jump up! Walk a little little  
Jump up! Walk a little more*

### *I Can Do All Things*

by Shine Robison

#### **Verse 1**

*When I'm weak, God gives me strength  
When I fall, He lifts me up  
When I'm lost, God's got the way  
And the truth is I can say*

#### **Verse 2**

*When I'm sad, God helps me through  
When I lack, God provides  
When I'm scared, He'll lead me on  
And the truth is I can say*

#### **Chorus**

*I can do all things through Christ  
who strengthens me  
Yes I can do all things through Christ  
who strengthens me  
Even in the good, even in the bad, and  
everything between  
I can do all things through Christ  
who strengthens me*

#### **Bridge**

*For the Lord (gives me strength)*



## MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

Annie Barner

*After the Children's Message, children are invited to Summer Sunday School. Please pick up your child outside on the playground, weather permitting.*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cohen Arthur

## SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 11:28-30

**"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.**

## ANTHEM

*For The Beauty of The Earth*  
The Summer Choir - Russell Nagy, Director

John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies.

*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this, our joyful hymn of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flower,  
sun and moon and stars of light.

For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild.

For each perfect gift of thine,  
to our race so freely given,  
graces human and divine,  
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven

## SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 16

Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;  
I have no good apart from you."**

As for the holy ones in the land,  
**they are the noble ones in whom is all my delight.**

Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;  
**their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out  
or take their names upon my lips.**

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.

**The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
I have a goodly heritage.**

I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel;  
**in the night also my heart instructs me.**

I keep the Lord always before me;  
**because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;  
my body also rests secure.

**For you do not give me up to Sheol  
or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

You show me the path of life.  
**In your presence there is fullness of joy;  
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

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

## SERMON

"Rest for the Body"  
2 of 5 in the series, "I Will Give You Rest"

Pastor Matt

\* HYMN #810

"When in the Night I Meditate"

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Rev. Dr. Tom Rice  
Gilbert M. Martin

Offertory "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"

\* 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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## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*All who put their trust in Christ are welcome to receive communion. Please come forward to receive communion by row. Gluten-free bread is in the center of the plate. Grape juice is red and wine is white. If you prefer, a pastor will serve you in your seat.*

\* The Apostles' Creed (see p. 35 of the hymnal)

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Prayer after Communion

**Loving and gracious God, from east and west, from north and south, you have gathered us at your table, called us your beloved, and fed us from your body. Transform us to be your body in the world, and fortify us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you and our neighbors with great joy. Amen.**

Music during Communion

"Sonatina in G"

Beethoven

Thomas Becker, soloist

## GOING IN GOD'S NAME

\* HYMN #702

"Christ Be Beside Me"

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Pastor Matt

POSTLUDE

"Go Therefore"

Robert F. Smith

## TODAY

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### Summer Sermon Series Continues

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.

**VBS Sunday:** During the 10AM service, children and volunteers will sing the new songs they learned this week at VBS.

### Bible Study: The Book of Esther

9AM • Room 222 or via Zoom

### Summer Sunday School begins today!

Please pick up your child on the playground after the service (weather permitting).

### WPC @ Worthington Pride

1- 5PM • WPC will have a booth at the 5th Annual Worthington Pride event on the Village Green this afternoon. Stop by to say hello and welcome our neighbors while enjoying family-friendly activities, food, music, and more.

## CHURCH UPDATES

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**Many thanks** to the leaders, helpers, teachers, staff and families who served at VBS last week. We had a BLAST learning about God's presence with us. Thank you, church family!

The Generosity Committee extends their gratitude to everyone who has donated towards our **Per Capita campaign**. To date we have received \$14,501, or 62%, or 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.

### 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).

### 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 at 614.885.5355, and the deacons will be in touch!

Our **Summer Choir** is open to all who enjoy singing! We meet on Sunday mornings at 9AM to practice an anthem for the 10AM service. Join us in sharing meaningful music!

### Free Notary Services • June 21

11AM • Youth Room

WPC member Peter Hazelton will offer free notary services.

### Lawn Chair Church • June 14

Our 8AM service moves out to the front lawn next Sunday. Two volunteers needed each Sunday to help set up. Look for the sign-up sheet or scan the code below. Bring your own chair!

### Lemonade on the Lawn: Next Sunday

June 14 • 11AM • Front Lawn

Join us for coffee hour outside!

### Red Cross Blood Drive

June 8 • 11:30AM – 5:30PM

Appointments: 1-800-RED-CROSS.

Walk-ins are welcome!

## SIGN UPS & MORE

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# I Will Give You Rest

## Breath Prayer

### Roots of the Practice

Our baptism promises the gift of the Holy Spirit. In Romans, Paul writes about the Holy Spirit as “God’s love...poured into our hearts” (5:5) and says that “the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words” (8:26). To the Corinthians, he asked, “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you?”

The Holy Spirit--God’s Holy Breath--breathes in our bodies.

There is a way of prayer that doesn’t say many words, but seeks the Spirit’s presence and help in our bodies just by breathing with simple phrases, like:

- “Lord (breathe in), ...help me (breathe out).” (Ps. 70:1)
- “God is our refuge (breathe in) and strength (breath out).” (Ps. 46:1)
- “I give thanks (breathe in) to you, O God (breathe out).” (Ps. 86:12)
- “Be still, and know (breathe in) that I am God (breathe out).” (Ps 46:10)

### Practicing Breath Prayer

When we notice stress, anxiety, fear, or pain in our bodies, as well as joy and delight, we can breathe into those feelings with words of scripture like those above. When our minds run away with troubled thoughts, we can breathe with simple words to receive God’s presence and help.

Breath prayer can happen on the go, but it can be good to learn it in quiet and stillness.

- Sit still and notice your breath.
- Notice how your body and mind feel as you breathe.
- Join a word or phrase of scripture to your inhale and exhale, such as, “Lord” (breathing in), “help me” (breathing out).
- Breathe in and out, focusing your attention on the words and the breath.
- You may also “breathe” into the place into your body where you feel stress, pain, or delight.

With breath prayer, the body becomes a place to receive and trust God’s loving presence.

*When in your day might breath prayer help you rest in God’s presence and receive God’s help?*

It’s okay to start this practice small. Practice breath prayer for a minute during the day. Try it as you drive or walk, or between meetings or events.