

June 14, 2026



3RD SUNDAY AFTER 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
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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 Karen Clark in memory of
Gordon and Sue Clark.*

Serving Us Today

**Usher Team A: Dan Foley
& Gregg Russell, captains;**
Jeff Appel, Dan Bevan, Diana
& Bob Clouse, Harry Pukay-
Martin, Curtis & Ellen Payne,
Mark & Betsy Senff.

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 outside on the front lawn for refreshments and conversation.


Children & Youth

Nursery care for children ages 3 and under is available beginning at 9:45AM on the first floor.

Following a brief children's message at 10:15AM, children are invited to Summer Sunday School. After worship, please pick up your child on the playground (weather permitting).

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
3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 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

"Prelude to God's Word"

Rex Koury

Kim Anderson, organist

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

OPENING SENTENCES *(From Psalm 42)*

One: As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.

All: **My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.**

One: Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?

All: **Hope in God, for I shall again praise him,
my help and my God.**

*** HYMN # 625**

"How Great Thou Art"

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God, Jesus loved you with all his heart, soul, mind, and strength. He loved every person as himself. We want to live like him but we do not. We forget how good you are. We don't always love our neighbors. We don't remember to love ourselves. Forgive us. Help us to live more like Jesus. We pray this in his name. 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

Nick Robison

Children will attend Summer Sunday School after the message. Please pick up your child on the playground after the service (weather permitting).

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Susan Boisvert

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

Make Me A Channel of Your Peace

Sebastian Temple

The Summer Choir - Russell Nagy, Director

Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring Your love.
Where there is injury Your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in You.

*Oh Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood, as to understand,
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Make me a channel of Your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 42:1-5a

Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves

As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.

**My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.**

**When shall I come and behold
the face of God?**

My tears have been my food
day and night,
**while people say to me continually,
“Where is your God?”**

These things I remember,
as I pour out my soul:

**how I went with the throng
and led them in procession to the house of God,
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,
a multitude keeping festival.**

Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?

**Hope in God, for I shall again praise him,
my help and my God.**

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Rest for the Soul”

Pastor Matt

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

* HYMN #282

“Come Down, O Love Divine”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

COMMISSIONING OF HIGH SCHOOL S’MORES TRIP

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

“Haven of Rest”

Edvard Grieg

* 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 #802

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Pastor Matt

POSTLUDE

“Praise the Lord, Who Reigns Triumphant”

David Paxton

*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.*

Join us on the front lawn
after the worship service for
refreshments and fellowship!

lemonade
on the lawn

TODAY

Lawn Chair Church Begins

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

Commissioning of Youth Mission Team

The High School S'MOREs (Summer Mission OutReach Experience) to Ghost Ranch, New Mexico is June 21 - 26. We will commission youth participants and adult chaperones during the 10AM worship. They will share about their experiences during the July 12 worship services.

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.

Bible Study: The Book of Esther 9AM

• Room 222 or via Zoom

Lemonade on the Lawn

11AM • Front Lawn

Join us after worship for 'coffee hour' outside!

SAVE THE DATE

All-Church Picnic

Thursday, July 9

6PM at Mirolo Pavillion

NNEMAP Fresh Produce Drive

July 11 - 12

School Supplies Drive

July 26 - Aug 2

CHURCH UPDATES

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.

Church Offices Closed

June 19 • Juneteenth

July 3 • Independence Day

Free Notary Services • June 21

11am • Youth Room

WPC member Peter Hazelton will offer free notary services.

S.O.S. (Seniors Over Sixty) Event

Sunday, June 28 • 2PM

Join us for a trip to the Ohio Theatre to see the classic film *An American in Paris*. Tickets are \$5.

The church bus leaves WPC at 1PM.

RSVP to Chris Togni by June 24 if you would like a seat on the bus (11 seats available). christinetogni@yahoo.com

SIGN UPS & MORE

Scan the QR code for more details about these announcements or visit wpcnow.org/next



I Will Give You Rest

Christian Meditation / Contemplative Prayer

Roots of the Practice

In the Bible, the soul is both our deepest self and entirety of our being. Our soul is the integration of our whole person. What souls long for above all is God who alone can give them life and love them unconditionally.

In the early centuries of the church, men and women often called “Desert Fathers” and “Desert Mothers” fled to the Egyptian and Palestinian deserts. In both solitude and community, they practiced a way of being that integrated pursuit of God into all of life. Many practiced a way of silent prayer that they called “resting in God.” Today, some call this contemplative prayer, a form of which is Christian meditation.

Christian meditation seeks to be with God in silence and stillness, open to the love that God pours into our depths by the grace of the Spirit (Ro. 5:5). In stillness, we stop running from God and ourselves. In silence, we receive the enlivening presence of God ever given to us. In Christian meditation helps us live as souls open to the gift of our own being and of God’s being with us.

Practicing Christian Meditation

Sit down. Sit still and upright. Close your eyes lightly. Sit relaxed but alert.

Silently, interiorly begin to say a single word. We recommend the prayer-phrase maranatha (meaning “come, Lord” [1 Cor 16:22b]). Recite it as four syllables of equal length. Listen to it as you say it, gently but continuously. Do not think or imagine anything – spiritual or otherwise.

If thoughts and images come, these are distractions at the time of meditation, so keep returning to simply saying the word.

Meditation isn’t supposed to “feel” like anything—peaceful, thought-less, etc. Its fruit comes not at the time of meditation but in daily life as the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22ff).

A meditation practice may grow to twice a day, morning and evening, for between 20 and 30 minutes, but starting with even 2 minutes once a day is good.

How might your day begin to incorporate a period of meditation?

It can take time to develop this practice, and the support of a community is always helpful. A Christian meditation group has begun meeting at WPC, in the Chapel, Wednesdays at 5:30pm. Contact Pastor Matt to learn more.