

June 28, 2026



5TH 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
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 the Matta Family in
honor of our parents, John
and Ann Britton.*

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: 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 are invited to Summer Sunday School. After the service, please pick up your child in the Chapel, 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

wpchurch@wpcnow.org | 614.885.5355 | wpcnow.org

Worthington Presbyterian Church
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 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

"Sunset and Evening Star"

Robert W. Thygerson

Kim Anderson, organist

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

OPENING SENTENCES *(Based on Psalm 89:1-2)*

Liam Ryan

One: Let us offer praise to God who calls us to worship:
I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord.

All: **So will we!**

One: I will tell everyone about your faithfulness, O Lord.

All: **So will we!**

One: I will declare that your love lasts forever, O Lord.

All: **So will we!**

One: And all God's children say, **Amen.**

*** HYMN # 14**

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving God, sometimes it's hard to trust you. Sometimes we're not sure you're really taking care of the world. Sometimes we think, "How long, O Lord, will bad things happen?" Thank you for hearing these questions from us. Teach us the ways of your love, O Lord, and help us to trust you. 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 Tom

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

Liam Ryan

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

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Thomas Dorsey

The Chancel Choir - Russell Nagy, Director

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone;
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 36:1-9

Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves

Transgression speaks to the wicked
deep in their hearts;
**there is no fear of God
before their eyes.**

For they flatter themselves in their own eyes
that their iniquity cannot be found out and hated.
The words of their mouths are mischief and deceit;
they have ceased to act wisely and do good.

They plot mischief while on their beds;
they are set on a way that is not good;
they do not reject evil.

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains;
your judgments are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Rest for the World”

Pastor Matt

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

*** HYMN #67**

“My Song Forever Shall Record”

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

“Après Un Reve”

Gabriel Faure

Thomas Seclist, violin

*** 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



GOING IN GOD'S NAME

* **HYMN #307** "God of Grace and God of Glory"

* **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

Pastor Matt

POSTLUDE

"To God Be the Glory "

Edward Broughton

For you, Stanton, celebrating "98" glorious years!

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.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

*To celebrate the gifts and ministry of the WPC staff, each month, we are learning more about a staff member, their work, and their heart for ministry. Our June spotlight is on **Robert Dent**, food services coordinator and custodian, who has been serving WPC since October 2022.*



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

On a day to day basis, I oversee all of WPC's food service needs. This includes the TNT Fellowship dinners,

which feed approximately 85 WPC members every other week throughout the year. I also provide food services during VBS, Youth Group gatherings, Sunday morning Fellowship, as well as our annual congregational BBQ/potluck. In addition, I provide custodial services as needed.

What do you enjoy most about your job? I love knowing that I am serving the Lord as I feed His people and help care for His house.

Is there anything people don't understand about your role that you

wish they did? I am fortunate to be able to interact with the congregation and help to meet their needs every week.

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

I love spending the rest of my time with my son and my fiancé. I enjoy taking my son camping, hiking, visiting National Monuments, and being the best father that I can be.

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

My first job out of the Air Force was a working dog handler at the Atlanta Olympics - a great experience.

Favorite comfort food?

My comfort food is lasagna - two of the special seasonings I use are fennel and cilantro.

TODAY

Summer Sermon Series Continues

We 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

This summer, children are discovering the Fruits of Spirit. **Today's Sunday School lesson focuses on joy.**

NNEMAP Breakdown

11AM • Fellowship Hall

Seniors Over Sixty: Trip to Ohio

Theatre • 2PM (*Van leaves WPC at 1PM*)

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

CHURCH UPDATES

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, July 3 for Independence Day.

Christian Meditation Group

Wednesdays, 5:30PM in the Chapel

Christian meditation is an ancient way of prayer that opens us to God in silence and stillness. Beginners are welcome—no meditation experience is necessary! Led by Pastor Matt.

Scripture Reader Coordinator

The Worship & Arts Committee is seeking a volunteer to coordinate Scripture readers for worship services beginning in September. This role involves scheduling and communication by email, with Scripture selections and communication provided by the pastor.

If you enjoy organization and helping support meaningful worship, this may be a great fit for you. Please contact Dan

Foley with questions at **614.403.9106 / dan4.foley@gmail.com.**

Hungry to Help: Produce for NNEMAP

Food pantries across Central Ohio are facing a shortage of fresh produce this summer due to reduced funding and limited access to produce distribution programs. To help, NNEMAP will have a refrigerated van at WPC to collect fresh fruit and vegetable donations.

Saturday, July 11 • 8AM–Noon

Sunday, July 12 • 9:30–11:30AM

8AM worshipers: Drop off produce in kitchen

Vegetables (*greatest need*):

Carrots, Peppers
Zucchini, Tomatoes

Fruit:

Apples, Oranges
Avocados, Pears

Thank you for helping provide fresh, healthy food for our neighbors.

All-Church Picnic

Thursday, July 9

5:30 - 7:30PM at Mirolo Pavillion

Join us for a festive evening at Mirolo Pavilion! WPC provides hot dogs, chips, and ice. Look for the sign up genius to RSVP in your email or below.

SAVE THE DATE

- July 9 - All-Church Picnic
- July 12 - Youth Mission Sunday; Bring Produce for NNEMAP
- July 26 - Aug 2 - School Supplies Drive
- Aug 2 - Ice Cream Social

SIGN UPS & MORE

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



I Will Give You Rest Lighten Another's Burden

Roots of the Practice

Jesus was the human who fully rested his whole being in God. He kept sabbath, regularly withdrew for prayer and solitude, and turned to scripture to resist the temptation of afflictive thoughts. The rest Jesus found in God resulted in an active life of love in which he released others of burdens in body, mind and spirit.

Jesus' invitation in Matthew 11:29, "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me," is not merely about finding in him rest for *ourselves*. It is also about joining him in drawing near to others in their burdens. When our lives are sourced in Jesus' life, they get yoked to his healing, whole-making, love-shaped work even in small, simple ways.

Practicing Lightening Another's Burden

In *Celebration of Discipline*, Richard Foster writes, "True service comes from a relationship with the divine Other deep inside. We serve out of whispered promptings, divine urgings. Energy is expended but it is not the frantic energy of the flesh." This is the active life that flows out of resting in God.

As you go through each day, take seriously that every person you meet is carrying some kind of burden in body, mind or soul—even all three. Listen for God's whispers for how you might lighten them even in small ways, especially by being kind.

- Make eye contact and smile at strangers.
- Practice everyday kindness: hold a door; let someone go ahead of you in line; make it easier to merge on the highway.
- Listen to a family member, friend, or stranger with loving attention.
- Donate useable clothes or household goods.
- Give time or money to an organization that serves people in their struggles.
- When you notice a difficulty in someone's life, pray for them briefly and sincerely, saying something like, "Lord, have mercy on _____."