

July 5, 2026



**6TH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**



“Freed to Love”



**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 Eric W. Johnson &
Shannon Sommers in honor
of all WPC Pastors and Staff
on our first anniversary.*

Serving Us Today

Usher Team D: Bob
Harrington & Doug Fell,
captains, Steve Burk, Brent
Mulgrew, Linda Irwin-Soiu,
Mike & Debbie Murphy,
Chuck Seely, 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 a special time of fellowship to celebrate America's 250th anniversary.

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

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Worthington Presbyterian Church
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2026

10:00 AM

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

** Please stand*

WELCOME

Annie Barner

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 "His Truth Is Marching On"

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

*(Each time the leader signals the congregation, please say, "**Jesus invites us all.**")*

Come to this place to worship together.

Come to this place, every kind of person.

Come to this place, whether you are ready or not so sure.

Come to this place to find rest and grace.

*** HYMN # 331** "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious One, you call us to do justice, but we explain that justice is complicated. You ask us to love mercy, but we counter that a show of strength is necessary. You invite us to walk humbly with you, but we struggle to recognize you in our neighbors, in the dispossessed, in the poor and hungry places of our own hearts. We confess we have failed to summon the courage and compassion required by your call. We have treated hospitality as an option and kinship as a choice, rather than the center of our life together. Forgive us, we pray. In Jesus' 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

Pastor Betsy

Children are invited to Summer Sunday School in the chapel after the message.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Emirah Balser

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "**'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'** This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: **'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'** On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

ANTHEM

Christ Be in My Waking

Larry Shackley

The Chancel Choir - Russell Nagy, Director

Christ be in my waking,
As the sun is rising,
In my day of working,
With me every hour.
Christ be in my resting,
As the day is ending,
Calming and refreshing,
Watching through the night.

Christ be in my thinking,
And my understanding,
Guarding me from evil,
Walking in the light.
Christ be in my speaking,
Every word a blessing,
Pure and not deceiving,
Grace to all who hear.

*Jesus, this is my devotion:
All my life to know You,
Every day to walk with You.
Saviour, You're my deepest longing,
You're the One I live for,
Teach me, Lord, to walk with You.*

Christ be in my gladness
For the joy of living,
Thankful for the goodness
Of the Father's hand.
Christ be in my sorrow,
In my day of darkness,
Knowing that I follow
In the steps He trod.

Christ when hope has faded,
Nothing left to cling to,
Every pleasure jaded,
Every well is dry.
Christ the loving Shepherd
Draws me with His kindness,
Leads me from the desert
To the streams of life.

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 19:1-6; 20:1-2

Rev. Dr. Tom Rice

On the third new moon after the Israelites had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that very day, they came into the wilderness of Sinai. They journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

Then God spoke all these words, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Nineteen Comes Before Twenty”
1 of 4 in the series, “Freed to Love”

Pastor Tom

* **HYMN #43** “You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Rev. Betsy Rice

Offertory

“Sweet Freedom’s Song”

Franklin Ritter

* 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

Pastors Tom & Betsy

All who put their trust in Christ are welcome to receive communion. Please come forward to be served communion in your row. Gluten-free bread is in the center of the plate. Grape juice is red, and wine is white.

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.

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

* HYMN #338 "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Pastor Tom

POSTLUDE

"God of Our Fathers "

Gilbert M. Martin

*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.*

***After worship, join us downstairs for a special
Coffee Hour celebrating America's 250th anniversary.***

About the series: **"Freed to Love"**

The Ten Commandments first came to people learning to live free. They instructed Israelites journeying out of slavery in Egypt in life's great truth: we are fundamentally lovers.

Our true freedom and flourishing comes as our desires are directed to God's glory and the wellbeing of our neighbor. How does the God who wrote ancient commandments on stone continue to write them on the flesh of contemporary hearts?

Series returns July 19, 26 & August 2

CHURCH PICNIC: THIS THURSDAY

July 9 @ 5:30 – 7:30PM

Join us for a festive evening at Mirolo Pavilion! WPC provides hot dogs, chips, and ice. Bring a side dish or a friend! **Please RSVP.** Visit wpcnow.org/next or scan the QR code below.

MEN'S BIBLE & BREAKFAST

Saturday, August 1 @ 7:30AM

Our next book is *Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical America*. Copies are available in the office and include a reading schedule. You can also watch the authors introduce each chapter on YouTube as you read.

SENIORS OVER SIXTY is on "summer vacation." Activities will resume in the fall beginning with a RED, WHITE, and BLUE PARTY to celebrate our 250th birthday.

ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

August 2 @ 5PM on the Front Lawn

You don't know it yet, but you could be exactly what someone has been praying for.

Someone in our congregation may need a listening ear. Could you be the one to provide it? **Contact Pastor Betsy** to learn about Stephen Minister training this fall.

Honor a loved one or a special occasion by donating chancel flowers. **Available dates: July 26, Aug. 2 & 23, Sept. 6.** Cost: \$90. After worship, deacons deliver the bouquets to those who need comfort or encouragement. Contact the church office to reserve.

Looking for prayer requests, sign-ups, or the church calendar?

Our newsletter is biweekly through Labor Day, but you can always find the latest updates at wpcnow.org/next or by scanning the QR code.



HELP FEED OUR NEIGHBORS: JULY 11 & 12

We are helping NNEMAP to collect fresh fruits and vegetables at WPC to address a summer produce shortage.

Donate: July 11 (8AM–Noon) during the Farmers Market or July 12 (9:30–11:30AM) at church.

Needed: Carrots, Peppers, Zucchini, Tomatoes...also accepting Apples, Oranges, Avocados and Pears

Volunteer: Greet donors, assist with collection, or share about WPC's food-related outreach ministries. One-hour shifts available.

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YOUR
NEIGHBORS
IN NEED?**

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