

July 12, 2026



# SMOREs SUNDAY

Summer Mission Outreach Experiences



**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  
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 Megan & Kevin  
Claybon in honor of our  
10th wedding anniversary.*

## **Serving Us Today**

**Ushers Team E:** Ken &  
Elizabeth Short, captains;  
Andy Balser, Dennis Decker,  
Jack Dicke, John Gray, Joyce  
Hinkle, Simmey Ketchum,  
Larry & Leslie Snyder, Joann  
& Dury Sudduth.

**Video:** Bill Yost

**Carillon:** Connie Syron

*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](mailto:wpchurch@wpcnow.org) | 614.885.5355 | [wpcnow.org](http://wpcnow.org)

**Worthington Presbyterian Church  
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
7th Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 12, 2026**

**10:00 AM**

**GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

*\* Please stand*

**WELCOME**

Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves

Invitation to Mission & Discipleship *(Please sign & pass the Friendship Pads)*

Moment for Mission: *School Supplies Drive*

Debbie Towarnicky

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 Will Take Care of Thee"

W. Stillman Martin

**IN MUSIC**

Kim Anderson, organist

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

**OPENING SENTENCES** *(Genesis 1)*

Tristan Arthur

One: God created the sun and stars, and created the earth,

All: **And God saw that it was good.**

One: Then God created all living plants and vegetation,

All: **And God saw that it was good.**

One: God then created all of the beasts of the earth, the fish in the sea, and the birds of the air,

All: **And God saw that it was good.**

One: Then God created humanity in his image. God looked upon all that he had created,

All: **And indeed, it was very good.**

**\* HYMN # 401**

"Here in This Place"

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Shine Robison

**Almighty God, through the beauty of creation, we see how much you care for this world and everything in it, yet we do not take care of it. We know that we are made in your image, but we ignore that reflection in ourselves and in others. You sent Christ into this world to show us a better way, yet we**

**crucified him. Forgive us, Lord. Show us how to see others the way Christ did.  
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**

Cohen Arthur

*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**

Wes Mehl

### **SCRIPTURE READING**      Genesis 1:26-27

Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humans in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **REFLECTION**

**"I Am Made in the Image of God"**

Logan Page  
& Doug Haddix

## ANTHEM

### *Gracious Spirit Dwell with Me*

K. Lee Scott

The Summer Choir - Russell Nagy, Director

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me:  
I would gracious be;  
Help me now thy grace to see,  
I would be like thee;

And with words that help and  
heal  
Thy life would mine reveal;  
And with actions bold and meek,  
For Christ my Savior speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me:  
I would truthful be;  
Help me now thy truth to see,  
I would be like thee;

And with wisdom kind and clear  
Thy life in mine appear;  
And with actions brotherly,  
Speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me:  
I would holy be;  
Show thy mercy tenderly,  
Make me more like thee;

Separate from sin I would,  
And cherish all things good,  
And whatever I can be  
Give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me,  
I would mighty be;  
Help me now thy pow'r to see,  
I would be like thee;

'Gainst all weapons hell can wield,  
Be thou my strength and shield;  
Let thy word my weapon be,  
Lord, Thine the victory.

Gracious Spirit, swell with me,  
I would be like thee!

## SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 8:26-37

Nicholas Robison

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.  
In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?"

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

**REFLECTION** "Others Are Made in God's Image"

**\* HYMN #24** "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Pastor Matt

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 "Meditation on a Camp Meeting Spiritual" Gilbert M. Martin

**\* 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 #762

"When the Poor Ones"

*Choir sings stanza 1;  
Congregation sings stanzas 2 - 4*

## \* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Pastor Matt

## POSTLUDE

"Be Joyful in the Lord!"

Marc Jordan

*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 in Fellowship Hall to see our photos from the trip!

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# SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Sunday, July 26 - Sunday, August 2

## Most Needed

- Backpacks
- Notebooks (spiral & composition)

## Other Items Needed

- #2 pencils - ticonderoga
- Bar erasers
- Calculators - basic & scientific
- Colored pencils
- Crayons
- Glue sticks
- Highlighters
- Loose-leaf paper - notebook & graph
- Markers
- Pencil-top erasers
- Pocket folders
- Rulers
- Scissors
- Tissues



*for Salem Elementary School  
& Worthington Resource Pantry*

**Drop Off Location:  
Fellowship Hall**

Donate Online



## ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

August 2 @ 5:30PM

Join WPC for ice cream, cookies, and fellowship before The Ohio State University Marching Band Alumni Concert on the Green! Help welcome our neighbors and reconnect with friends. Bring individually wrapped cookies or brownies to the church kitchen by **11AM** that day if you would like to contribute.

*Bonus: Wear your WPC name tag!*

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

July 26 – August 2

Support local students by donating school supplies for Salem Elementary and the Worthington Resource Pantry. Most-needed items: empty backpacks and notebooks. Drop off donations in Fellowship Hall beginning July 26, give online, or write "School Supplies Drive" on your check to WPC.



Scan the QR code to learn more about our mission outreach work.

SCAN HERE

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**JOB OPENING:** Do you know someone with a heart for young children and their families? We're looking for a **Nursery Coordinator** who will help create a warm, welcoming environment for our youngest members. Pick up a job description from the table outside the church office and pass it along to someone who might be a great fit.

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## You don't have to have all the answers to make a difference.

Stephen Ministers are trained to walk alongside people during difficult times. You don't have to solve problems; you just have to care. Interested? Contact Pastor Betsy to learn more.

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

Our newsletter is biweekly through Labor Day, but you can find the latest updates at **wpcnow.org/next**.



## CALLING ALL YOUNG MUSICIANS!

Come join the WPC Cornerstone Youth Band to lead worship, enhance your musicianship, and nurture your faith! Whether you are a beginner or an advanced musician, our professional mentors are here to guide you.

**Grades 6 - 12**

### Instrumentation includes:

- Piano/Keys
- Percussion
- Bass/Electric/Acoustic Guitar
- Vocals



### Season Schedule:

August 23rd– May 2nd



### Practices:

Sunday afternoons, 11:15AM - 12:30PM

### Service Appearances:

4th Sundays of the month, plus special services like Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Confirmation Sunday, Graduation Sunday, and the Presbytery of Scioto Valley Fall Youth Retreat.

**Contact:** Shine at **srobison@wpcnow.org**