

July 19, 2026



**8TH 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
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 Eva Goode in loving
memory of Bill Goode and
George Wheeler.*

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: Linda Ranck

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

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Worthington Presbyterian Church
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2026

10:00 AM

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

** Please stand*

WELCOME

Peter Okyere

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 "I Need Thee Every Hour"

arr. Joel Raney

IN MUSIC The Celebration Ringers - Jennifer Fry, director

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

OPENING SENTENCES

Caleb Okyere

One: Creating God,

All: **You know us and you love us.**

One: Loving God,

All: **You search for us and you find us.**

One: Just God,

All: **You care about the whole world and you help us.**

Let us worship God!

*** HYMN #624** "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

Verses 1, 2, 3 & 5

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, you know us and you love us. Forgive us when we do not love like Jesus. Forgive us when we give our energy in the wrong places. Help us to learn what it means to follow you, that your love might grow in us—small at first, like a seed, but full of your abundant grace. 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

Annie Barner

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jennifer Hambrick

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

Create in Me a Clean Heart

John Leavitt

The Chancel Choir - Russell Nagy, Director

Create in me a clean heart, O God;
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence, Lord;
Take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation.
Grant a willing spirit to sustain me.
Create in me a clean heart, O God;
And renew a right spirit within me.
My lips, Lord, open, and I'll sing Your praise.
Alleluia, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 20:2-11

Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves

"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

“You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

“You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

“Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Living Godward”
2 of 4 in the series, “Freed to Love”

Pastor Matt Reeves

*** HYMN #63**

“The Lord Is God”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dr. Tom 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

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus ”

Emma Lou Diemer

* 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 #714

"God of the Fertile Fields"

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Pastor Matt

POSTLUDE

"The Rock of Salvation "

Franklin Ritter

*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.*

School Supplies Drive

Sunday, July 26 –Aug. 2

Help local students by donating school supplies. Empty backpacks and notebooks are especially needed. Please drop off donations in Fellowship Hall or give online or by check (memo: *School Supplies Drive*). Wish lists are located around the church.

Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 2 • 5:30 PM

Join WPC for ice cream, cookies, and fellowship before the OSU Marching Band Alumni Concert. Bring individually wrapped cookies or brownies to the kitchen by 11AM if you'd like to contribute.

A Journey of Grit & Grace

Saturday, Aug. 15 • 7:30– 9AM

Everyone is invited for breakfast and an inspiring presentation by author and OSU alum John LaMacchia about his **4,100-mile bike ride** across America. RSVP to Pastor Tom.

Save the Date: Kick-Off Sunday

Sunday, August 16

Join us as Sunday School resumes for the new school year!

Chancel Flowers Needed!

Honor a loved one or a special occasion by donating chancel flowers. **Available Sundays: July 26, Aug. 2, Sept. 20, Oct 11.** Cost: \$90. After worship, deacons deliver the bouquets to those who need comfort or encouragement. Contact the church office to reserve.

Do you know someone with a heart for young children and their families? We're looking for a part-time **Nursery Coordinator** who can help create a warm, welcoming environment for our youngest members. A job posting is located outside the church office. If you know someone who might be a good fit, please share it!

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**.



A Charitable Way to Use Your Frequent Flyer Miles

Rev. Saman Perera, our mission partner from Scots Kirk, a historic Presbyterian church, in Kandy, Sri Lanka, needs shoulder replacement surgery. Thanks to the Mission Committee and the generosity of an OhioHealth surgeon, the procedure will be performed at no cost.

We are also looking to offset travel costs and are hoping that some of you can help. If you have an American Airlines AAadvantage frequent flyer account,

please consider transferring frequent flyer miles to help cover his flight.



Details about transferring AAadvantage points can be found at **bit.ly/giftmiles** (requires log in).

Rev. Saman will arrive in mid-August and is scheduled for surgery August 27. If you choose to transfer points, please contact Kristan Finn at **krlwaxwing@gmail.com** or 614-206-7085 for the information you will need, like Saman's account number. Thank you for your generosity!

