

July 26, 2026



**9TH 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 the congregation of
WPC.*

Serving Us Today

Usher Team B: Bob Freed
& Jordan Quickel, captains;
Pete Barnhart, Dave &
Carol Balser, Tom Hume, J.
B. & Susan Love, Dave &
Nancy Wilson.

Video: Bill Yost

Carillon: Laura Schlader

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
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 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**

“Lead Me, Lord”
Kim Anderson, organist

Samuel S. Wesley

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

OPENING SENTENCES (Romans 8:31)

One: All people are invited.

All: **God's love calls us here.**

One: God is for us.

All: **God's love calls us here.**

One: God is with us.

All: **God's love calls us here.**

One: Nothing can separate us
from the love of God in Jesus Christ.

All: **Amen. Let us worship God!**

*** HYMN # 611** “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

*** 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 do not care about the needs of others. Help us to learn what it means to follow Jesus, so love might grow in us and others might know your 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

Nick Robison

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

Ed Malecki

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

Prayer Chorus

Shirley Porter

Karrie Horton - Guest Director

The Summer Choir

Only Jesus, Jesus only, after all the prayer, after all the care.

After searching, after seeking, Jesus only, only Jesus.

Gentle breezes of compassion, Jesus only, only Jesus.

In our deepest joy, in our deepest pain, Jesus only, only Jesus.

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 20:12-16

Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves

"Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

"You shall not murder.

"You shall not commit adultery.

"You shall not steal.

"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"A Beautiful Day for a Neighbor"
3 of 4 in the series, "Freed to Love"

Pastor Matt

* HYMN #693

"Though I May Speak"

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

"David's Lyre"

James Southbridge

* 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 #729**

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

*** CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

Pastor Matt

POSTLUDE

"Finale"

Dennis Eliot

*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.*

Festival of Faiths and Nations joins Worthington Sunday Funday August 9 on the Village Green



More than 20 faiths and countries will be represented in the annual festival, hosted by Worthington Interfaith Neighbors (WIN).

Highlights include displays from multiple countries and faiths, hands-on activities, music, dance, games, prizes and other cultural activities.

The popular festival will be held in conjunction with Sunday Funday, sponsored by Experience Worthington. Sunday Funday events attract large numbers of adults and children to downtown Worthington for themed food, entertainment and special deals from local businesses.

Questions?
windiversity@gmail.com

A free festival celebrating Worthington's diverse faiths and cultures will be held Sunday, August 9. The annual Festival of Faiths and Nations will take place from 1-5 PM on the northwest corner of the Village Green, in front of WPC.

WPC Staff Spotlight



Employee: **Brittany Siringer**

Job Title: **Accountant**

Start Date: **April 2023**

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

In a typical day, I process donations, prepare and send contribution statements, manage vendor payments, and generate reports to support daily and financial record keeping.

What do you enjoy most about your job? I enjoy the people I get to work with, and talking to members when they stop in the office.

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

I enjoy spending time with my family - my husband, Seth, and our two boys, William (4) and Matthew (7 months). We love exploring local parks, enjoying the outdoors or just relaxing at home.

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

I played collegiate volleyball.

Favorite coffee order? An Iced Spotted Owl with cold foam from Biggby Coffee.

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"Each one of us is born with inherent worth, so we treat everyone with dignity—no matter what."

7

"We fully engage with the other side, discussing even values and interests we don't share, open to admitting mistakes or changing our minds."

6

"We always talk to the other side, searching for the values and interests we share."

5

"The other side has a right to be here and a right to be heard. It's their country too."

4

"We're better than those people. They don't really belong. They're not one of us."

3

"We're the good people and they're the bad people. It's us vs. them."

2

"Those people are evil and they're going to ruin our country if we let them. It's us or them."

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"They're not even human. It's our moral duty to destroy them before they destroy us."

THE DIGNITY INDEX

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When life gets dark, it can be hard to see a way forward. But Stephen Ministers carry a flashlight.

Could you provide a little light for someone who needs it?

Contact Betsy Rice to learn more.
brice@wpcnow.org or 614 885 5355

School Supplies Drive Begins Today!

July 26 - Aug. 2

Help local students by donating school supplies for Salem Elementary and the Worthington Resource Pantry. Drop off donations in Fellowship Hall or you can also give online or by check (memo: *School Supplies Drive*). Empty backpacks and notebooks especially needed. Wish lists are available around the church.

Ice Cream Social

Sunday, Aug. 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 next Sunday if you'd like to contribute.

Habitat for Humanity Workday

Saturday, Aug. 22 • 8AM-3PM

1277 E. 22nd Ave., Columbus

Help us finish our Habitat home! No experience needed, just a willingness to serve. 9 volunteer spots remain.

Visit wpcnow.org/habitat to sign up, find instructions, and a waiver. **Invite a friend and join us!**

There will be a **NNEMAP Breakdown** after the 10AM service today in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

Interfaith Worship Service & Choir

Aug. 9 • 5PM • St. John's Episcopal Church
Join Worthington faith communities for an Interfaith Worship Service celebrating Faith250 on Sunday, August 9, at 5PM at St. John's Episcopal Church. All are welcome! **Interested in singing?** Choir rehearsal is Monday, Aug 3, at 7:15PM at **All Saints Lutheran Church.**

Kick-Off Sunday

Sunday, Aug. 16

Children will receive a backpack blessing during worship as we begin the 2026 - 27 Sunday School year! Lunch will be served on the front lawn following the 10AM service. Join us for games, fun, and an inflatable slide! Look for a volunteer sign up in your latest church email.

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

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!