

August 2, 2026



**10TH 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 of 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 Walt and Judy Furnas in
honor of their 66th
anniversary.*

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: 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 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
10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2026

10:00 AM

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

** Please stand*

WELCOME

Pastor Betsy

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

“The Love of God”

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

One: God gives us water when we are thirsty.

All: **Our God is great!**

One: God fills us when we are hungry.

All: **Our God is great!**

One: God takes a little and makes it enough.

All: **Our God is great!**

One: Let us worship the one who loves, who strengthens, and
who satisfies us.

All: **Amen!**

*** HYMN # 81** “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving God, thank you for the gift of one another. Thank you for the people who make our days better. Forgive us when we are not loving to the people who love us. Forgive us when we do not help one another because we disagree or have hurt feelings. Give us your grace so we can learn to listen, to apologize, and to love like Jesus. 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 Matt

Children are invited to attend Summer Sunday School after the message. Please pick up your child on the playground after the service (weather permitting).

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

O Bread of Life from Heaven

David White

The Summer Choir - Russell Nagy, Director

O bread of life from Heaven, to saints and angels given;

O manna from above!

The souls that hunger, feed thou, the hearts that seek thee lead thou,

With thy sweet, tender love.

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 20:17

Rev. Dr. Tom Rice

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The *Hardest One?*"
4 of 4 in the series, "Freed to Love"

Pastor Tom

* HYMN #724

"O Jesus I Have Promised"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory

"Tranquility"

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

Scan the QR code to give online or visit wpcnow.org/give



THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Pastors Betsy & Matt

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

* The Apostles' Creed (*see p. 35 of the hymnal*)

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 #619** "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

*** CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

Pastor Tom

POSTLUDE

"To the Glory of God"

Gerald Peterson

*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.*

Ice Cream & Concert on the Green

Join us at 5:30 PM as we welcome the community with Dairy Queen ice cream before the OSU Marching Band Alumni concert at 7PM! You can help by:

- Joining us and inviting a friend or neighbor
- Donating individually wrapped cookies or brownies (leave in the kitchen by 11AM)

Festival of Faiths & Nations

Sunday, Aug. 9

Celebrate Worthington's diverse faiths and cultures next Sunday from 1–5 PM on the northwest Village Green. Enjoy music, activities, games, prizes, and international displays at this free event hosted by Worthington Interfaith Neighbors (WIN).

Interfaith Worship Service & Choir

Aug. 9 • 5PM • St. John's Episcopal Church

Join Worthington faith communities for an Interfaith Worship Service celebrating Faith250. All are welcome!

Interested in singing? Choir rehearsal is Monday, Aug 3, at 7:15PM at **All Saints Lutheran Church**.

Last Call for School Supplies

Drop off backpacks and school supplies in Fellowship Hall. Donations support students at Salem Elementary and through the Worthington Resource Pantry. Thank you for your generosity!

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.

Stephen Ministers don't have to be miracle workers. But sometimes it seems to work out that way.

Stephen Ministers have made a profound difference in people's lives by offering support and understanding when it was needed the most. That kind of care can feel like a miracle for someone who is struggling. Contact Pastor Betsy to learn more

Looking for prayer requests, sign-ups, or the church calendar? Find the latest updates at wpcnow.org/next.



Volunteers Needed for Kickoff Sunday Aug. 16

Celebrate the start of a new Sunday School year! Children will meet their teachers, visit their classrooms, and create class covenants. During the 10 AM service, we'll offer a special Blessing of the Backpacks, followed by lunch, games, fun, and an inflatable slide on the front lawn at 11AM.

We need a few volunteers to help make the celebration a success! Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/wpckickoff



Come One, Come All -
It's Kick Off Sunday!



August 16

Children will receive a backpack blessing during worship as we begin the 2026-2027 Sunday School year! Lunch will be served on the front lawn following 10AM worship.

CORNERSTONE YOUTH BAND





WE EXIST TO LEAD WORSHIP EFFECTIVELY AND WITH SPIRIT, HELPING THE CHURCH TO ENCOUNTER GOD MORE DEEPLY THROUGH MUSIC AND TO GROW PERSONALLY IN OUR FAITH

BEGINNER OR ADVANCED, OUR PROFESSIONAL BAND MENTORS ARE HERE TO HELP

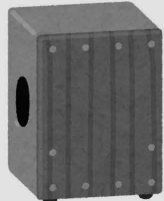
PIANO/KEYS
VOCALS
PERCUSSION
GUITAR

PRACTICES: Sundays 11:15a - 12:30p
Aug-May

SERVICES: 4th Sundays monthly, plus special services like Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Confirmation & Grad Sunday, and the Presbytery of Scioto Valley Fall Youth Retreat

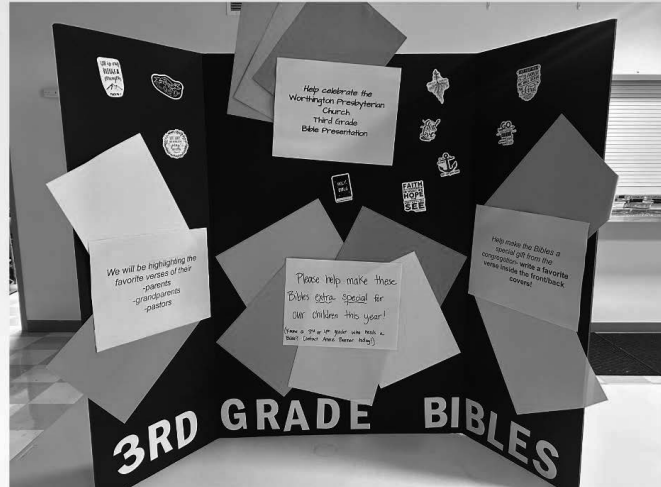
GRADES
6-12

CONTACT SHINE WU ROBISON:
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Bible Presentation: August 23!

We invite you to help bless our third graders by highlighting your favorite Bible verse in their new Bibles during coffee hour in fellowship hall.



3RD GRADE BIBLES

Your words of faith and encouragement will remind them that their church family is cheering them on as they grow in Gods word!



FESTIVAL OF FAITHS & NATIONS

SUNDAY
AUGUST 9
1-5 PM



VILLAGE
GREEN
NW

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GAMES
MUSIC
DISPLAYS

PRIZES
CULTURE
FRIENDSHIP




Starts August 25!

FOR ALL AGES

TUESDAY *Nights* TOGETHER

2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month