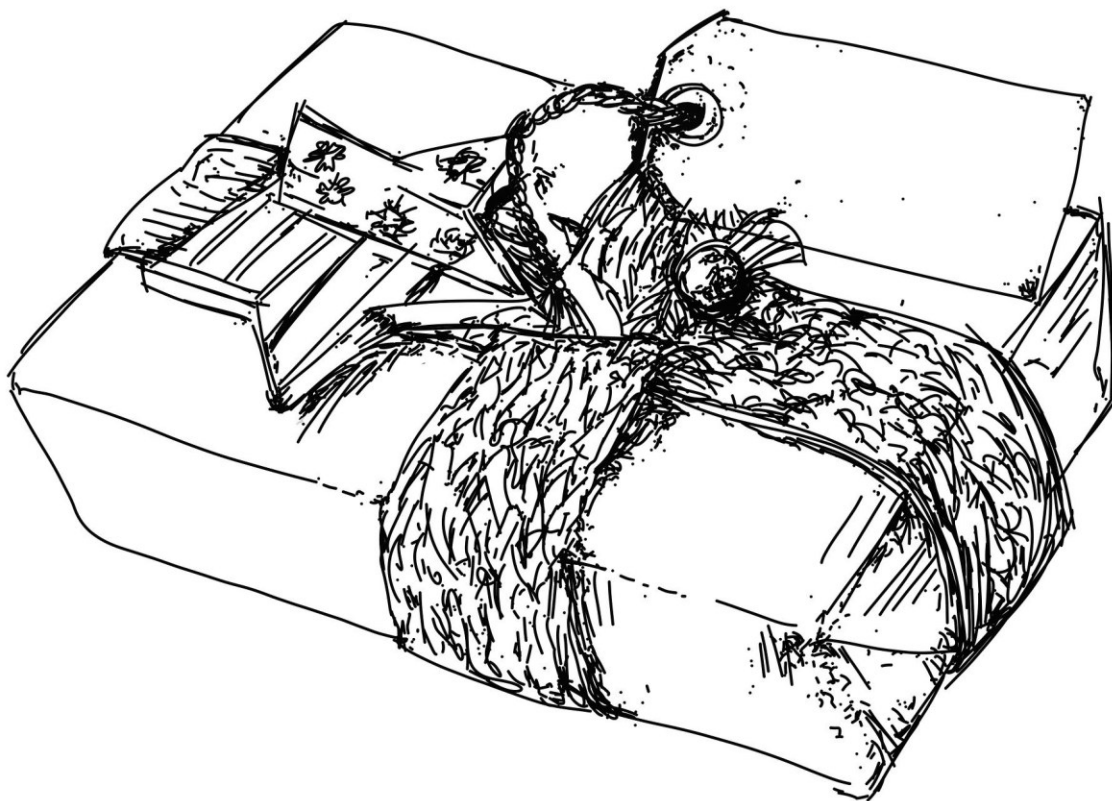


August 9, 2026



11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

"The Gift That Is In You"



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 Doug, Amy, Brooks and
Kate Gilmore in memory of
the Jack McDaniel*

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 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
11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 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)*

Moment for Mission

Richard Birnie

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**

Sonatina, Op. 36, No. 1

Muzio Clementi

Thomas Becker

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

OPENING SENTENCES

Britt Mehl

One: We say it out loud together,

All: **God is good!**

One: We say it out loud together,

All: **Jesus is Lord!**

One: We say it out loud together,

All: **The Holy Spirit meets us here!**

Let us worship God.

*** HYMN # 12** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(Child of Blessing)*

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, or the people who fail to 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 with the care of 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 Tom

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

Heather Reeves

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 65:1-4

Praise is due to you,

O God, in Zion,

and to you shall vows be performed,

O you who answer prayer!

To you all flesh shall come.

When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,

you forgive our transgressions.

Happy are those whom you choose and bring near

to live in your courts.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,

your holy temple.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

arr: Alice Parker

The Summer Choir - Russell Nagy, Director

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day and by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor man's, empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'ns Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“League of the Guilty and Graced”

Pastor Matt

1 of 5 in the series, “The Gift That Is In You”

* HYMN #353

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

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 “There’s a Wideness in God Mercy”

Dale Woods

* 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 #649

“Amazing Grace”

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Pastor Matt

POSTLUDE

“My Heart Rejoices”

David Paxton

*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.*

Coming Up at WPC

TODAY IN WORTHINGTON

Festival of Faiths & Nations • 1-5PM

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).

Faith250 Interfaith Worship • 5-6PM

Join Worthington faith communities for a special worship service at St. John's Episcopal Church, 700 High Street. All are welcome!

NEXT WEEKEND

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. Join us in Fellowship Hall. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Pastor Tom.

Kick-Off Sunday • Aug. 16

Children will receive backpack blessings during worship as we begin the 2026-2027 Sunday School year! They will also meet their Sunday School teachers. Stay for lunch, games, an inflatable slide, and information about fall programs.

We need about 12 volunteers to help with set up, clean up, and hospitality tasks. Visit bit.ly/wpckickoff or scan the QR code to the right for more details.



Adult Classes Begin • Aug. 16 @ 9AM

Discuss current events through the lens of faith during 'The Bible in One Hand, the News in the Other.' Join us in Room 222 or on Zoom.

LATER IN AUGUST

Habitat Workday Volunteers Needed

Saturday, Aug. 22 • 8AM–3PM

1277 E. 22nd Avenue, Columbus

Help continue the work on the Habitat house we began in April! No experience is necessary. Visit wpcnow.org/habitat or scan the QR code below for more details and sign-up instructions.

Third-Grade Bibles • Aug. 23

Third graders will receive Bibles during the 10AM worship service. Contact Annie Barner to have your child included. The new Bibles are in Fellowship Hall so that the congregation can highlight favorite verses or write an encouraging message inside. The children love to look for these.

Youth Kickoff Party • Aug. 23 • 4-7PM

Calling all Middle School and High School Youth! Kick off the new school year with a big party of fun, fellowship, and making new friendships! Enjoy the games and activities, help with our service project, and come hear about our exciting new schedule for the year! Come hungry and bring a friend.

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



LEARNING, FELLOWSHIP & CHURCH LIFE

The Last Lecture Series • Aug. 23 & 30
Retired OSU professors Ed Malecki and Virgil Blanke will pretend to give their last lecture. They'll share with us wisdom gleaned from a lifetime of research and teaching. Come and enjoy!

TNT Begins • Aug. 25 @ 6PM

Living in Community

Together, we'll explore what it means to live in Christian community, building relationships across differences, sharing meals and stories, caring for those in need, and supporting each other during life's transitions. Each gathering begins with dinner, followed by conversation and small-group discussion. Look for a sign up to RSVP this week.

CHURCH LIFE

Congregational Meeting • Aug. 30

Following the 10AM worship service, members will elect elders, deacons, and 2027 Nominating Committee members and vote on proposed changes to WPC's Bylaws. All members are encouraged to attend.

Baby Shower for Annie Barner!

Aug. 30 • After congregational meeting



Join us in the Youth Room following the congregational meeting. All are welcome. Cards, diapers, wipes, (cash & checks), and unwrapped gifts from their registry are all appreciated. Come and share the joy! Scan the QR code or type into your browser: bit.ly/annie_registry

Could God Be Calling You to Stephen Ministry?

WPC will soon train a new class of Stephen Ministers to provide compassionate, one-to-one care during difficult seasons. Contact Pastor Betsy to learn more.

SAVE THE DATES

Aug. 16 - Kick-Off Sunday, Backpack Blessing & Adult Education

Aug. 22 - Habitat Workday

Aug. 23 - Third-Grade Bible Presentation, Youth Group Begins

Aug. 25 - TNT Begins

Aug. 30 - Congregational Meeting & Baby Shower

Help Welcome Rev. Saman Perera

Rev. Saman Perera will be coming later this month from Sri Lanka to have shoulder replacement surgery. We are looking for church members who can host him in their home. Pastors Tom and Betsy will be hosting him before his surgery, but we'd prefer homes without stairs for after surgery. **Could you host him for a 5-day period between August 27 and September 14?**

We're also looking for church members who can help make his stay more welcoming by **including him in a meal, outing, or other activity**. Whether you can open your home or simply share a little time and companionship, your hospitality will be greatly appreciated. **Please contact Pastor Tom for more details.**