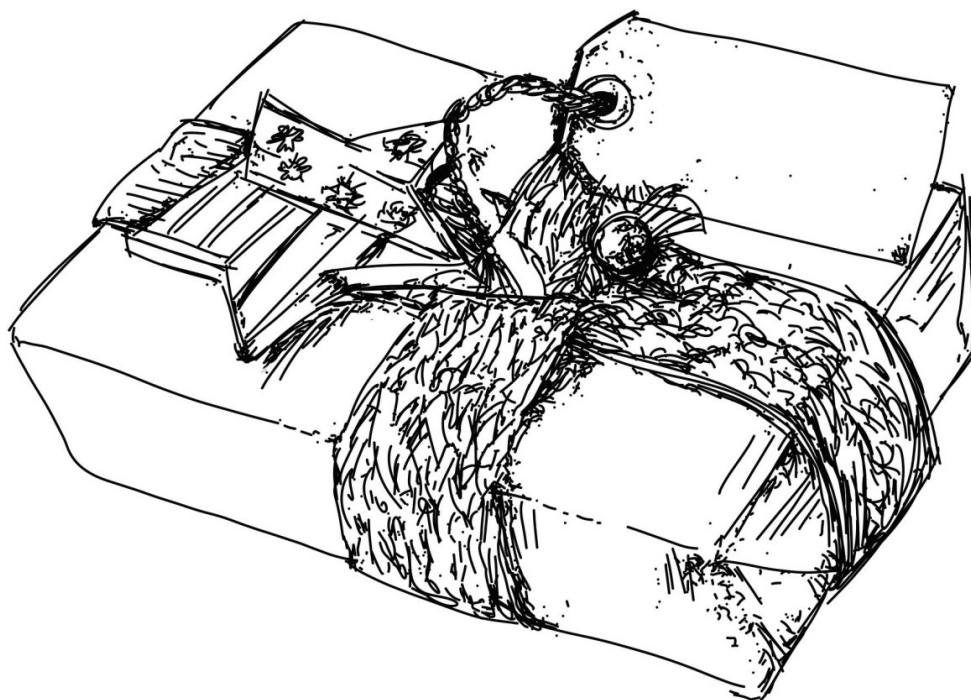


August 16, 2026



KICK-OFF SUNDAY

"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 Jeff and Diane Amick in
honor of our 50th
anniversary.*

Serving Us Today

**Usher 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: 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.

Today marks the start of our church program year! Join us outside after worship for food, fun, and fellowship as we kick off an exciting year together

Children & Youth

Nursery care for children age 3 and younger begins at 9:45AM outside Fellowship Hall. During the 10AM service, children and youth are invited to Sunday School after a brief children's message. Please pick up your child after worship:

- Pre-K: Room 113
- K-2: Room 112
- 3-5: Room 111
- Youth: Living Room

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
12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2026

10:00 AM

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

** Please stand*

WELCOME

Rev. Betsy Rice

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

Moment for Ministry: *Tuesday Nights Together*

Ellen Payne

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

arr. Jason Krug

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 *(from Child of Blessing)*

Garrett Claybon

One: We come together

All: **to listen for God.**

One: We come together

All: **to remember what Jesus taught.**

One: We come together

All: **to be filled with God's love.**

One: We come together

All: **to learn what is good.**

One: We come together

All: **to worship the God with us,
who created us and loves us.**

*** HYMN # 299 "You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"**

*** 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, 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 #578 "The Kyrie"

Chords: A, D, E, A

1 O Lord, have mer - cy; O Lord, have mer - cy; O
 2 O Christ, have mer - cy; O Christ, have mer - cy; O

Chords: F#, Bm, E, A

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.
 Christ, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

* Assurance of Pardon

* Gloria #583

Chords: Dm, Gm, C, F (chords continue)

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

Annie Barner

Backpack Blessing

God is with you in the classroom and at lunch. God is with you on the bus and on the playground. God is with you when school feels easy, and God is with you when school feels hard. God is with you, everywhere you go. Amen.

Children & youth are invited to attend Sunday School. (See inside cover for locations)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Joyce Blackmore

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 63:1-8

O God, you are my God; I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.

Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips
when I think of you on my bed
and meditate on you in the watches of the night,
for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

I Will Arise

Howard Helvey

The Chancel Choir - Russell Nagy, Director
Shine Robison, piano

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak
and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus
ready stands to save you, full of pity,
love, and power.

*I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.*

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
true belief and true repentance, every
grace that brings you nigh.

Let not conscience make you linger,
nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness He requireth
is to feel your need of Him.

I will arise!

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better,
you will never come at all

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall

into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Life that Really Is Life”
2 of 5 in the series, “The Gift that Is in You”

Pastor Matt

*** HYMN #846**

“Fight the Good Fight”

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.

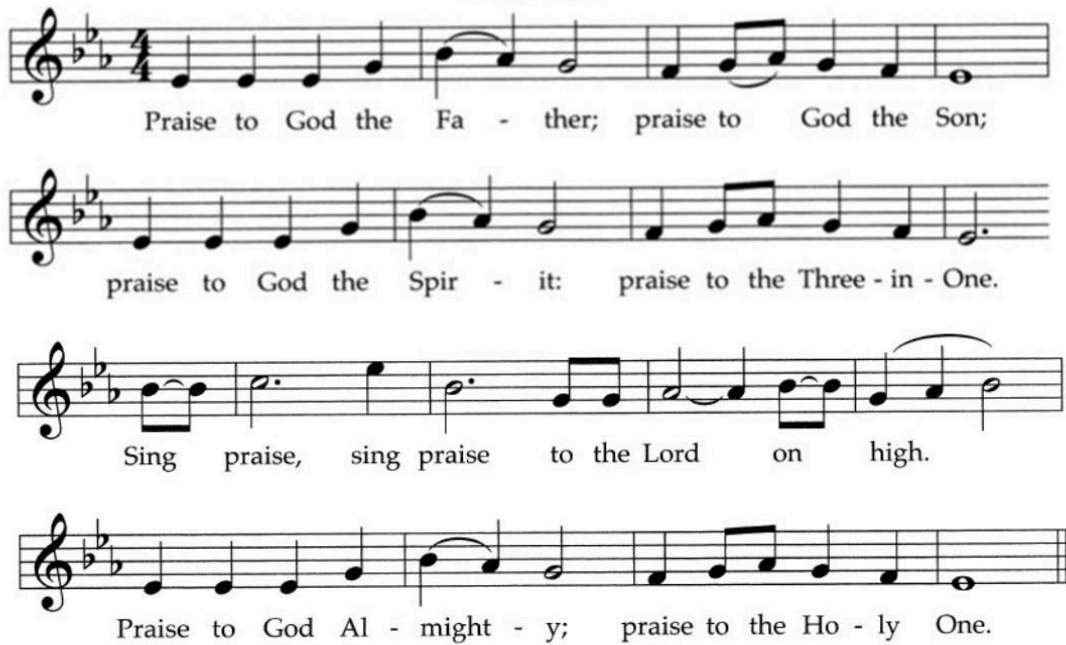
PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory

“Go Down, Moses with Wade in the Water”

arr. Larry Shackley

* Doxology #605



* Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

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GOING IN GOD'S NAME

* **HYMN #450**

"Be Thou My Vision"

As children parade through the sanctuary, celebrating a new year of learning and growing, we pray that God will be their vision and guide.

* **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

Pastor Matt

POSTLUDE

"Lord, I Know I Been Changed"

arr. Larry Shackley

Parents, please meet your children and youth in their Sunday School classrooms. Then, come join us for food and games on the front lawn.

THANK YOU!

Thank you all for your wonderful support of the school supply drive. This year our supplies weighed in at 471 pounds at Worthington Resource Pantry, so when doubled for the supplies that went to Salem, we totaled just under half a ton. "Hanging out" anywhere around that half ton weight is fantastic! We were also able to give extras to the Riverview International Center, our partners this year for mission outreach. Thank you, thank you, for your generosity!

Coming Up Next

Third-Grade Bibles • Aug. 23

Third graders will receive Bibles during the 10AM worship service. Contact Annie Barner if your third grader should be included.

Youth Kickoff Party • Aug. 23 • 4-7PM

Middle and high school youth: kick off the year with games, food, fellowship, a service project, and a look at what's ahead. Bring a friend!

The Last Lecture Series • Aug. 23 & 30

Retired OSU professors Ed Malecki and Virgil Blanke share the wisdom they would offer if this were their "last lecture." They'll share with us wisdom gleaned from a lifetime of research and teaching.

Tuesday Nights Together Begins • Aug. 25 *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 at 6PM, followed by conversation and small-group discussion. Scan the QR code at the bottom of this page to RSVP.

Five more volunteers needed for Saturday's Habitat Workday

Saturday, Aug. 22 • 8AM-3PM
1277 E. 22nd Avenue, Columbus

The walls are up, but we need some help to finish the house! All are welcome to help continue the work, no experience is necessary. It's fun and deeply satisfying to see the difference we are making together. Visit wpcnow.org/habitat or scan the QR code to find the sign up.

Looking for prayer requests, sign-ups, or the church calendar? Find the latest updates and links in one place. wpcnow.org/next.



elect elders, deacons, and 2027 nominating committee members and vote on proposed changes to WPC's Bylaws. All members are encouraged to attend. You can find a link to the Bylaws in your weekly update email or by scanning the QR code at the bottom.

Baby Shower for Annie Barner • Aug. 30

After the Congregational Meeting, help us celebrate Annie! Cards, diapers, wipes, monetary gifts, and unwrapped registry gifts are welcome. Visit bit.ly/annie_registry

NNEMAP Breakdown • Aug. 23 • 11AM

Please consider donating sugar, salt, coffee, dog food, cat food, and diapers in the wooden NNEMAP bin in Fellowship Hall. All ages are welcome to take part in the supply breakdown!

Welcoming Pastor Saman

Pastor Saman will be here for shoulder replacement surgery from Aug. 17 - Sept. 14. We're looking for church members to help drive, help provide meals, and help entertain - let's show Saman Christian hospitality and help him learn about all this is good in our church and our community! Thank you! Scan the QR code to find a sign up genius with opportunities.

Join us Sunday, Oct. 4!

The CROP Hunger Walk is a nationwide movement sponsored by Church World Service to raise funds to end hunger and poverty in the U.S. and around the world. Hundreds of religious groups, businesses, schools and others organize local Walk events in their communities each year. Every step and every donation supports programs that provide food, immediate assistance, and long-term solutions for people facing hunger. Scan the QR code to find our team's webpage.

