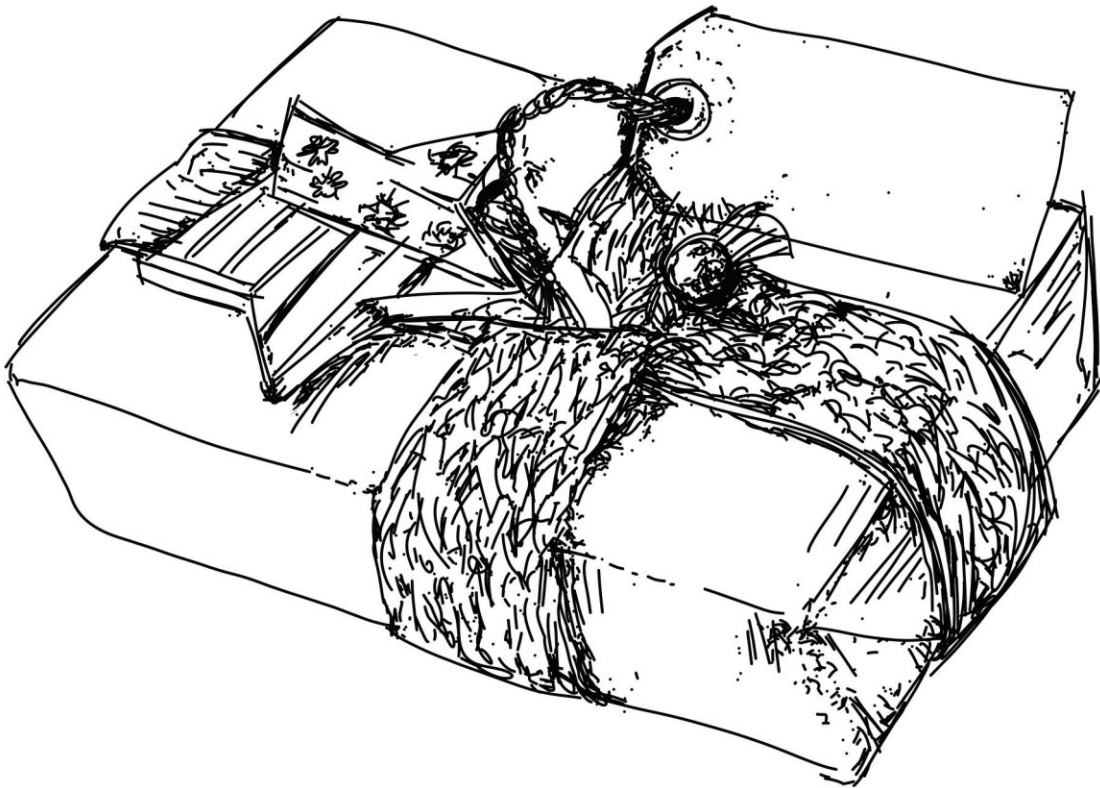


August 23, 2026



13TH 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 Richard & Debbie Bernie
in celebration of our 50th
wedding anniversary.*

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: Connie Syron

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

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
13th Sunday after Pentecost**

August 23, 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**

"Peaceful Morning"

David Paxton

Kim Anderson, organist

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

OPENING SENTENCES *(Child of Blessing)*

Ben Bosse

One: We gather to worship God,

All: **Who made heaven and earth.**

One: We gather to worship God,

All: **Whom we find in surprising places.**

One: We gather to worship God,

All: **Who cares for all creation.**

One: We gather to worship God,

All: **Who transforms and renews us through grace.**

Let us worship God!

***HYMN #10**

"Sing Glory to the Name of God"

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God, you are loving and just. Forgive us when we do not care for all of creation and when we do not care for one another. Guide us when things are unfair so we can learn what your justice means and share your love on earth. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

(Silent Confession)

* Congregational Response #578 "The Kyrie"

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

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

The musical score is written on two staves in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 3/4 time signature. The first staff contains the melody for the first two lines of the response, with lyrics written below. The second staff continues the melody for the next two lines. Chords are indicated above the notes: A, D, E, A on the first staff and F#, Bm, E, A on the second staff.

* Assurance of Pardon

* Gloria #583 (please sing twice)

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!

The musical score is written on two staves in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 6/8 time signature. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the Gloria, with lyrics written below. The second staff continues the melody for the second line. Chords are indicated above the notes: Dm, Gm, C, F on the first staff and (chords continue) on the second staff. There are asterisks above the first and third measures of each line.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

Annie Barner

Third Grade Bible Presentation

Children & youth will attend Sunday School after the message. See inside cover for locations.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Peter Okyere

SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

**"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."**

Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.”
But the LORD said to me,

**“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy,’
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.
Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the LORD.”**

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me,

**“Now I have put my words in your mouth.
See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.”**

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Amazing Grace

arr. Jack Schrader

The Chancel Choir - Russell Nagy, Director

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and
grace will lead me home.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life
that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors
did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your

tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Gift that Is in You"

Pastor Matt Reeves

3 of 5 in the series, "The Gift that Is in You"

*** HYMN #688** "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

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.

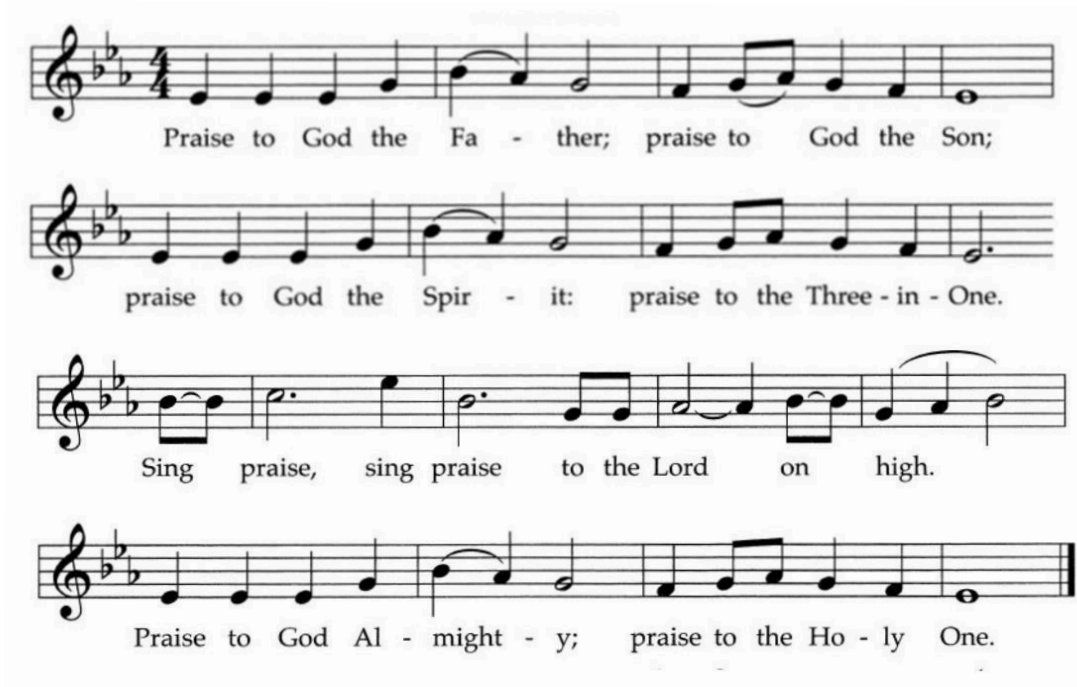
PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

James Southbridge

* Doxology (#605)



* Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

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GOING IN GOD'S NAME

* HYMN #280 “Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Pastor Matt

POSTLUDE

“Celebration”

David H. Hegarty

*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.*

Happening Today

- Retired OSU Geography professor **Ed Malecki** will share wisdom from a lifetime of research and teaching during “The Last Lecture” at 9AM in Room 222.
- **Third graders** receive Bibles during the 10AM worship service.
- A **NNEMAP** Breakdown will take place in Fellowship Hall at 11AM. All ages are welcome to participate.
- **All Youth** are invited to kick off the year with food, games, fellowship, and a service project at 4PM. Come hungry and bring a friend!

Tuesday Nights Together Begins • Aug. 25
Together, we'll explore what it means to live in Christian community. Each gathering begins with dinner at 6PM, followed by conversation and small-group discussion. This Tuesday's dinner will be tacos.

Congregational Meeting • Aug. 30
Following 10AM worship, 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.

A Baby Shower for Annie Barner will take place in the Youth Room next Sunday after the congregational meeting. Cards, diapers, wipes, monetary gifts, and unwrapped registry gifts are welcome.

Christian Life Circle begins a **new Bible study** Thursday, Sept. 3: *United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other: Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians* by R.M. Lee. In his letter to the church in Corinth, Paul points out and counsels these new Christians in dealing with conflict. His words of wisdom are just as applicable today! Please join us at 12:30PM in Room 222 for coffee and fellowship, followed by the study at 1PM.

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. Every step and every donation supports programs that provide food, immediate assistance, and long-term solutions for people facing hunger. **Walk with WPC's team on Sunday, Oct. 4 at the Scioto Audubon Metro Park.**

 **Come Share a Taste of the World!**
Celebrate cultures, traditions, and flavors at our **International Potluck!** Bring a favorite dish, family recipe, or food that represents your heritage, and enjoy an food, friendship, and fellowship. *Every dish has a story—come share yours*

Find all links & signups
wpcnow.org/next



Pastor Saman has arrived!

He is here for shoulder replacement surgery on Aug. 27 and will be with us until Sept. 14. We're looking for church members to help show him Christian hospitality, by helping to drive him to a medical appointment, or providing a meal or entertainment. Let's show him all that is good in our church and community. Scan the QR code above to find a sign-up genius with opportunities, or talk with Pastor Tom if you have an idea.

