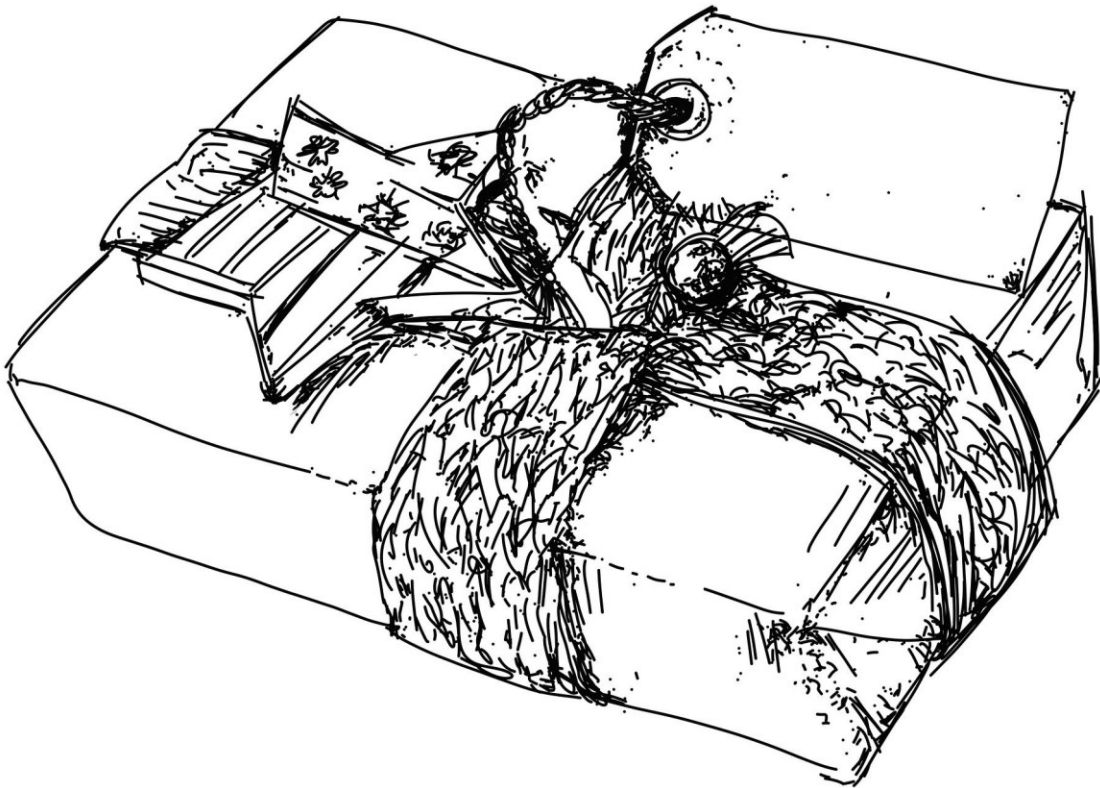


August 30, 2026

14TH 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 Mara Stark in memory of
Amanda Blackwell Stark.*

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: Linda Ranck

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
14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 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)*

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

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

arr. Lani Smith

Kim Anderson, organist

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

OPENING SENTENCES

One: Come and listen! God is calling.

All: **God calls us together.**

One: Come and listen! God is calling.

All: **God calls us to holy ground.**

One: Come and listen! God is calling.

All: **God calls each of us to love God and love our neighbor.**

One: Come and listen! God is calling.

All: **Let us worship the God who calls us here.**

*** HYMN # 694**

“Great God of Every Blessing”

*** 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, we pray. 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 image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff has two vocal parts, 1 and 2, with lyrics. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics. Chord symbols F#, Bm, E, and A are written above 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 image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff has lyrics and an asterisk above the first measure. The second staff also has lyrics and an asterisk above the first measure.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

Pastor Betsy

Children and youth are invited to Sunday School after the message.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pete Barnhart

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 105:1-6, 45b

O give thanks to the LORD; call on his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.

Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles and the judgments he has uttered,
O offspring of his servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones. Praise the LORD!

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

One Faith, One Hope, One Lord
The Chancel Choir - Russell Nagy, Director

Craig Courtney

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which he died, One voice, one song we lift in praise to him who was and is and shall be evermore.

There is one body, one spirit, as you were called to one hope. One Lord, baptism and faith, one God and Father of all, who is in you all.

Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts, we are given to each other for the unity of faith, that we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God, in the fullness of Christ.

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which he died, One voice, one song we lift in praise to him who was and is and shall be evermore.

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Rev. Dr. Tom Rice

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he will also deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Remember!”

Pastor Tom Rice

4 of 5 in the series, “The Gift that Is in You”

* **HYMN #490**

“Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves

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.

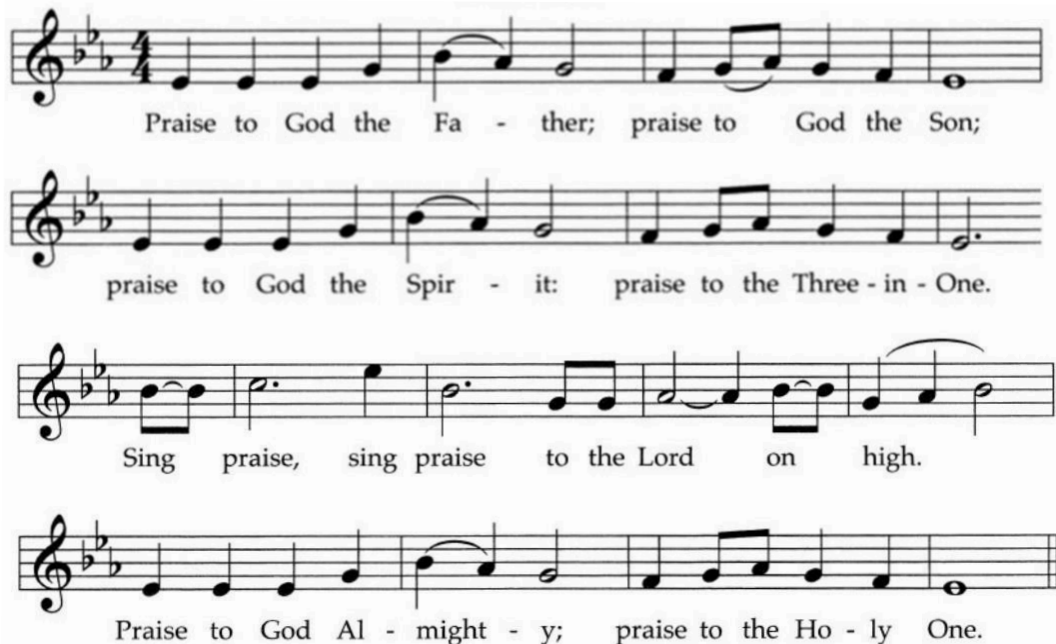
PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory

Meditation on "Chereponi"

arr. Richard Blake

* Doxology



* Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

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GOING IN GOD'S NAME

* HYMN #246

"Christ Is Alive!"

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Pastor Tom

POSTLUDE

"Higher Ground"

arr. Brian Glyncannon

*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.*

Please stay for the congregational meeting following the worship service.

Coming Up at WPC

TODAY

Congregational Meeting

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. An agenda and candidate information are located in the back of the bulletin.

Baby Shower for Annie Barner

After the Congregational Meeting, join us in the Youth Room to celebrate Annie! Cards, diapers, wipes, monetary gifts, and unwrapped registry gifts are welcome. Find registry at bit.ly/annie_registry.

COMING UP

Christian Life Circle Bible Study • Sept. 3

We'll begin R.M. Lee's *United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other: Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians*. Coffee and fellowship begin at 12:30PM in Room 222, followed by the study at 1PM.

Church Office Closed • Monday, Sept. 7

The office will be closed in observance of Labor Day. ***Community Friendship Dinner shifts to Monday, Sept. 14.***

Confirmation • Starts Sept. 13

Confirmation gives youth in grades 8–12 a place to explore their faith, ask questions, and learn what it means to follow Jesus as a Presbyterian. Contact Nick Robison if your youth is interested.

Lemonade on the Lawn • Sept. 13

Join us on the front lawn for the final outdoor Coffee Hour of 2026 after the 10AM service.

HELP END HUNGER!

Walk, fundraise, or donate with WPC on Sunday, Oct. 4. Help neighbors facing hunger here and around the world. Learn more on the next page. →

New Member Seminar • Sept. 20 at 4PM

Interested in learning more about WPC or what it means to be Presbyterian? Attend a Membership Seminar. RSVP to Pastor Betsy.

The Kindway Experience • Sept. 29

Jan Elliott and five formerly incarcerated women will share their Kindway prison ministry experiences. Sponsored by PWU. Join us at 7PM in Fellowship Hall.

LOOKING AHEAD

Stephen Ministry Training

Do you have a compassionate heart, a willing ear, and a desire to help? WPC will offer training this fall. Contact Pastor Betsy Rice if you are interested.

Columbarium Niches

If you have been considering a columbarium niche, now is a good time to learn more. A limited number of niches remain, with no current plans for expansion. Small niches are \$1,670 and large niches are \$3,320. Please contact Dave Matthias to learn more.

World Communion Sunday • Oct. 4

Celebrate our connection to Christians and neighbors around the world through worship, a shared meal, and service!

International Fabrics Needed!

WPC is looking for fabric from all countries to drape on both communion tables on Oct. 4. Please bring fabric to the church office on or before Monday, Sept 28, tag the fabric with your name, pick it up at 11AM on World Communion Sunday.

International Potluck • Oct. 4

Stay after worship for food, fellowship, and flavors from around the world. Bring a favorite international dish, family recipe, or food representing your heritage. Everyone is welcome, and every dish has a story! Scan the QR code below to let us know if you'll be bringing a special dish.

Central Ohio CROP Hunger Walk • Oct. 4

Walk with WPC at Scioto Audubon Metro Park. The Impact Fair begins at 1PM and the Walk starts at 2PM. Join or support WPC's team or support Pastor Tom in his competition with the other Worthington pastors to see who can raise the most to end hunger! Scan the QR code below.

Coat & Blanket Drive • Oct. 11-18

Donate new or gently used coats and blankets for the Guadalupe Center, serving individuals and families in West Columbus. Bring donations to Fellowship Hall.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Each month, we learn more about a WPC staff member, their work, and their heart for ministry.

Jennifer Fry, Director of Handbells Serving WPC since August 2018



What do you do at WPC? What is a typical day like? *I am part-time and only at the church on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings once a month. I get to church and get all the bells out,*

music, chimes, etc. I then go through my rehearsal plan for the evening. I mark any music that needs to be marked for any certain ringer.

What do you enjoy most about your job? *I love teaching ringers new pieces and different techniques.*

When you're not at work, how do you like to spend your time and who do you usually spend it with? *I am usually doing events with my dogs. Field trials, conformation shows, Earthdog tests and FastCat.*

What is one thing that people might be surprised to learn about you? *I wanted to be an opera singer when I was in college.*

Favorite restaurant?

Lindey's in German Village

MORE ABOUT PASTOR SAMAN

Rev. Saman Perera is a Presbyterian minister, theological educator, and peace activist from Sri Lanka. He will be in Columbus until Sept. 14, recovering from shoulder surgery.

He holds a master's degree in theology from the University of Glasgow and has served the church for more than 20 years. His leadership roles have included chairing the National Christian Council of Sri Lanka, moderating the Presbytery of Lanka, and serving as president of the Kandy YMCA.

Rev. Perera also founded Samadana, an organization that promotes justice, reconciliation, and peace through nonviolent action. His ministry continues to focus on healing divisions and advocating for marginalized communities.

He is scheduled to teach a 9AM class on Sunday, Sept. 6 at WPC called: Mission and Ministry in Sri Lanka. Learn more about Pastor Saman and his congregation by scanning the QR code.

Find all links & signups
wpcnow.org/next



SPECIAL MEETING OF WORTHINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, August 30, 2026
Immediately Following 10AM Worship Service

AGENDA

Call to Order and Convening Prayer

Rev. Matt Reeves, Moderator
Marian Greuling, Secretary

MOTION: to approve revisions to the bylaws as proposed by the session.

Bob Freed

*(revisions previously distributed electronically,
available online via instructions below or from an usher)*

MOTION: to approve Elders, Deacons and Nominating Committee members as proposed by the Nominating Committee

Gary Riddle

(candidates on next page)

MOTION: to Adjourn with Prayer

Closing Prayer

Rev. Matt Reeves

Review proposed changes to the bylaws and background information:

Open your phone's camera and point it at the QR code. Tap the link that appears on your screen.

or

Open an internet browser on your device and type this link into the address bar.



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Session



Elizabeth “Liz” Beck grew up at WPC, participating in preschool, Choir Plus, and youth group. After marrying at WPC in 1996, she returned with her family in 2004 after a move from Chicago. She has served on Session as a youth

member and chaired the Membership and Fellowship Committee. She hopes to strengthen congregational engagement, welcome all people, and expand community outreach. Liz is a nurse practitioner at The Ohio State University Medical Center, holds a Doctor of Nursing Practice, and enjoys family, church, and community life with her husband, Dan, and their three adult sons.



Marcia Frederick has been a member of WPC for 21 years. She served on the Youth and Children’s committees and volunteered with Sunday School, VBS, nursery care, YWCA family dinners, and other mission projects. She is

grateful for WPC’s fellowship and opportunities to serve God. Professionally, she is Executive Vice President at Supreme Communications, a healthcare-focused PR and marketing agency. Marcia and her husband, Chris, have three children, and she enjoys walking, reading, and time at the beach.



Jill Gilbert has been a WPC member for more than 30 years. She has served as a high school youth advisor, Elder, Deacon, Sunday School teacher, Nominating Committee member, and Youth Committee chair. She

values WPC’s history and its creativity in adapting to a changing world. Her professional background includes auditing with Coopers & Lybrand and accounting and finance at JPMorgan Chase. Jill is married to Bill, has two children, Ashley and Luke, and enjoys tennis, pickleball, golf, and reading.



Tripp Hinkle has been a member of WPC for just under a year. His first Sunday was the 7AM Easter service in the Columbarium, an unexpected but memorable introduction. He is active in the Young Adult

group and Saturday Men’s Bible Study and finds WPC lively and welcoming. Tripp is a Senior Engineer at Honda specializing in anti-corrosion technology. Outside work and church, he enjoys spending time with friends and visiting the zoo or Easton Town Center.



Mitch Janklow joined WPC in November 2024 and serves on the Mission Outreach Committee. His first WPC experience was a 2023 Habitat for Humanity Wall Build, and he also joined the 2025 mission trip

to Montaña de Luz. He values WPC’s mission focus, its welcoming congregation, Adult Sunday classes, TNT, and Men’s Bible Study. Mitch and his wife, Debra, moved to Columbus to be near family and enjoy time with their four grandchildren. Retired from broadcast engineering with ABC Network and NBC Sports, he now volunteers with Habitat for Humanity.



Megan Leitnaker grew up at WPC and was confirmed and married here. Her favorite early experiences include Sunday School, Choir Plus, Youth Group, and annual Work Camp trips. She served on Session from 2012–2014

and contributed as a youth leader, committee member, and Sunday School and VBS volunteer. Megan, her husband, Brant, and their children, Eva and Emmett, regularly attend TNT. She values WPC’s warm atmosphere, traditional worship, and supportive community for families with young children.

Deacons



Jeff Appel has been a member of WPC for 27 years. He has served on Session and is currently an usher. He values worship and the longstanding friendships at WPC. Jeff and his wife, Heather, have two adult children who grew up in the church.



Cohen Arthur (Student Representative) has attended WPC since birth, was baptized here, and became a member after confirmation in spring 2025. He considers WPC a second home and has served through youth mission trips,

Vacation Bible School, and Sunday school. Cohen enjoys tennis, pickleball, and Young Life and is eager to deepen his involvement as a deacon.



Erin Farley has attended WPC for about 18 years and has volunteered in the nursery, on the youth committee, and with Vacation Bible School. She values the welcoming community and watching her children form friendships at WPC. Erin, an

eighth-grade social studies teacher, is married to Michael and has two children, Nora and Liam.



Elizabeth Fleming has been a member of WPC since 2021 and enjoys ringing in the handbell choir. She values opportunities to serve in the church and wider community. Elizabeth is a stay-at-home mother to Charles and George and enjoys family,

running, reading, and cooking.



Andrew (Andy) Guthrie has been a WPC member for more than 15 years and married his wife, Lory, at the church in 2000. They taught Sunday school when their children were younger, and Andy values WPC's welcoming, joyful church family.

He enjoys family time, golf, and beach trips.



Amber Ryan became a WPC member in October 2025 and is married to Sean, with two sons, Declan and Liam. A speech-language pathologist in Worthington Schools, she has served through WPC's sock drive, Habitat Wall Build, and

YWCA meal service. Amber values the church's welcome, traditions, and care for members and the community.



Sarah Shaffer and her husband, Tom, have been WPC members for more than 30 years, and their two adult children participated in Choir Plus. Sarah has served on the Mission Outreach and Community Connections committees, helped a refugee

family settle in Columbus, and worked as a youth advisor. A retired Nationwide Children's Hospital nurse, Sarah values WPC's community and mission work and enjoys tennis and travel.



Marceline M Tabi-Tebob joined WPC in 2022 after moving from St. Andrew Presbyterian Church. She has led the Christian Women Fellowship's participation in Light to the Nations, sanctuary singing, and two Mega Services

and values WPC's hospitality and unity. Married with a son, Marceline enjoys cooking, travel, singing, and gardening and recently completed a Practical Nursing program while working as a State Tested Nursing Assistant.



Ian Wilson transferred to WPC in winter 2023 after retiring as an internist with COPCP in Westerville. Drawn to the church's welcoming atmosphere and commitment to service, he has participated in YWCA and Habitat for Humanity projects

and helped paint the sanctuary. He works part-time at his daughter's horse farm. Ian enjoys photography, fine arts, gardening, nonfiction reading, and spending time as a grandfather.

Nominating Committee



Noel Abrokwa became a WPC member in October 2020. He has more than 20 years of nursing experience, including seven as a home care agency office manager. At WPC, he has served as a

deacon and on the Pastor Nominating Committee. He supports youth and the monthly Light to the Nations service. He also participates in the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People. Noel is married with three children and enjoys travel, meeting people, reading, and swimming.



Duane Cable has been a WPC member for more than 30 years and has served on the Pastor Nominating Committee, Board of Deacons, and the Nominating and Worship & Arts committees.

Inspired by the congregation's warmth and generosity, he values WPC as a place to hear God's word and grow in fellowship. His children were confirmed here, his daughter was married here, and his grandchildren were baptized here!



Ed Malecki joined WPC in 2002. He has enjoyed working on Habitat for Humanity wall builds, participating in TNT, serving as a Scripture reader, and serving as a past member of the

Nominating Committee. He feels blessed by the love and care of WPC members and appreciates the attention from WPC pastors when he and Kathleen have needed it. He is a retired OSU geography professor who now focuses on travel and spending time with their widespread family.



Julie Payne has been a member of WPC for 18 years and has been actively involved with the Children's Committee, Sunday School, and Youth Group. She appreciates WPC's welcoming and

inclusive atmosphere and has loved raising her children in the church. Julie is the mother of Elle and Griffin and serves as principal of Bluffsvue Elementary School. She enjoys reading, running, and yoga.



Neal Porteus joined WPC in 1991. He has been married to his wife, Ruth, for 36 years. They raised three children in the church. He has served as a Deacon and is a current member of the Nominating

Committee. He has two grandchildren.



Rick Zarnoch joined WPC in 1988. He has served as an Elder and is currently a Deacon. He has also served on the Finance, Endowment, and Nominating committees, as well as chair of the

Stewardship Committee. He appreciates the church's mission projects of the Church, wonderful choir and loyal congregation. He retired from Huntington National Bank, is happily married to Joyce for nearly 46 years, and has two adult sons (Reid and Brad) and one grandson (Lincoln).