September 13, 2026

16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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 Dorie Eisenman in loving memory of Mark Eisenman.

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: Linda Ranck

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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 out front for 'Lemonade on the Lawn,' our outdoor coffee hour.

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
- Confirmation: Youth Room
- Middle School: Living Room
- High School: Room 222

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
16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2026 **10:00 AM**

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

** Please stand*

WELCOME Nick Robison

Invitation to Mission & Discipleship *(Please sign & pass the Friendship Pads)*
Moment for Mission: *CROP Walk* Doug Foust
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 "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah" arr. Joel Raney

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)* Jack Payne

One: We rejoice together today.
All: We are in God's house.
One: We rejoice together today.
All: We are united in God's love.
One: We rejoice together today.
All: We sing God's song of justice.
Let us worship God!

* **HYMN # 475** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of grace, you are always helping us to grow through the Holy Spirit. Sometimes we think we can grow all on our own. Sometimes we think that growth looks like power rather than love. Forgive us. Strengthen our faith so that we may be more loving, more kind, and more just, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

* Congregational Response #578 "O Lord, Have Mercy"

O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy;
O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.

O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy;
O Christ, have mercy, have mercy on us.

* Assurance of Pardon

* Gloria #583 (*sing twice*)

Glory to God, glory to God,
glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God,
alleluia, alleluia!

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES Nick Robison

Children & youth may attend Sunday School after the message. (See inside cover for locations). High schoolers are invited to a breakfast in Room 222.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Pete Barnhart

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 8:23-27

When [Jesus] got into the boat, his disciples followed him. A windstorm suddenly arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves, but he was asleep. And they went and woke him up, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, you of little faith?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a dead calm. They were amazed, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?"

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

ANTHEM *I'm Bound for the Promised Land* Lynn Bailey

The Chancel Choir - Russell Nagy, Director

Who will take a stand and go with me?
I am bound for the promised land.
Who will take a hand and be set free
I'm bound for the promised land.

I'm bound for the promised land, I'm bound for the promised land.

Freedom train's a comin' to carry me home, Lord,
I am bound for the promised land.
Hear them wheels a hummin', hummin', hummin' strong.
I'm bound for the promised land.

Oh, who will come and go with me?
I am bound for the promised land.

I'm a sinner, a servant, a scoundrel, a slave,
But I'm still that child who the Lord forgave.
Well, I got me a ticket for the gospel train,
So, I'm ready when He calls my name.

I'm bound for the promised land, I'm bound for the promised land.

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-16 Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves

The Lord saw that the wickedness of humans was great in the earth and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. And the Lord was sorry that he had made humans on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. So the Lord said, **"I will blot out from the earth the humans I have created – people together with animals and creeping things and birds of the air—for I am sorry that I have made them."** But Noah found favor in the sight of the Lord.

These are the descendants of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation; Noah walked with God. And Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. And God saw that the earth was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon the earth. And God said to Noah, **"I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth.** Make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above, and put the door of the ark in its side; make it with lower, second, and third decks. **For my part, I am going to bring a flood of waters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. But I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you.** And of every living thing, of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. Of the birds according to their kinds and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind, two of every kind shall come in to you, to keep them alive. Also take with you every kind of food that is eaten, and store it up, and it shall serve as food for you and for them." Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven, and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground, but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark, and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days and sent out the dove, and it did not return to him any more.

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, **"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."** God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: **I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh, and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth."**

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "What Floods God's Heart" Pastor Matt

*** HYMN #13** "The Mighty God with Power Speaks"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Saman Perera

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 "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand" arr. Don Hustad
Kim Anderson, organist

* Doxology #605

Praise to God the Father; praise to God the Son;
Praise to God the Spirit; praise to the Three-in-One.
Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high. Praise
to God Almighty; praise to the Holy One.

* Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

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GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*** HYMN #546** "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

*** CHARGE & BENEDICTION** Pastor Matt

POSTLUDE "Firm in the Faith" Todd Kendall

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.

Join us out on the front lawn for Lemonade on the Lawn after the service!

Step Up. Fight Hunger. Change Lives.

Central Ohio CROP Hunger Walk

Sunday, October 4 • Scioto Audubon Metro Park

Walk with Worthington Presbyterian Church to fight hunger locally and worldwide as economic pressures, climate disasters, and inequality limit access to nutritious food.

Impact Fair • 1 PM | **Walk Send-Off • 2 PM**

Local impact: 25% supports community hunger relief

Everyone welcome: walk, fundraise, or donate!

JOIN OR SUPPORT WPC'S TEAM
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SUPPORT PASTOR TOM
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TODAY

New Class Begins: Join a six-week study of *The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul* by Adam Hamilton, ft. weekly video. Meet at 9AM in Rm 222 or on Zoom.

Confirmation & High School Breakfast: After the Children's Message, Confirmation will begin in the Youth Room. At the same time, high school students will meet for breakfast and discuss "Being Presbyterian in an Evangelical America" in Rm 222.

Lemonade on the Lawn: Join us after 10AM worship for Coffee Hour on the front lawn.

Youth Group / Parents' Night Out, 5–7PM: Youth will assemble college care packages, while their parents gather at Old Bag of Nails.

UPCOMING

Community Friendship Dinner • Sept. 14: Presbyterian Women United will serve chicken pasta casserole, green beans, Panera bread, and dessert beginning at 4:30PM.

New Member Seminar • Sept. 20, 4PM: Learn about WPC membership. RSVP to Pastor Betsy.

SOS Lunch at Schmidt's • Sept. 27: Seniors Over Sixty, singles and couples, are invited to lunch at Schmidt's Sausage Haus in German Village. We will meet in the WPC parking lot at 11:30AM to drive or carpool. Lunch is on your own.

After lunch, Debra and Mitch Janklow will host the group for dessert at their nearby home, with time afterward to explore German Village. **RSVP by Friday, Sept 25** to **christinetogni@yahoo.com**. Include # attending, if you need a ride, or can drive others. You may also RSVP by calling the church office at 614-885-5355.

The Kindway Experience • Sept. 29, 7PM: Jan Elliott and five formerly incarcerated women will discuss the Kindway prison ministry. Sponsored by Presbyterian Women United. Join us in Fellowship Hall.

World Communion Sunday • Oct. 4: Celebrate through worship, a shared meal, and service. Bring an international dish or family recipe to our potluck after the 10AM service. International fabrics for the communion tables are needed! Please bring them (labeled) to the church office by Sept. 28; pick them up after worship on Sunday.

Central Ohio CROP Hunger Walk • Oct. 4: See the reverse page for details. Doug and Nancy Foust, WPC CROP Walk coordinators, will be available after worship for questions.

Coat & Blanket Drive • Oct. 11–18: Donate new or gently used coats and blankets for neighbors in need.

SAVE THE DATE

Habitat Home Dedication • Oct. 15, 4PM: Celebrate the home we started on the front lawn in April! All are welcome to 1283 E. 22nd Ave., Columbus for the dedication.

Spooky Pooch Event • Oct. 15: WPC will be blessing dogs at the Third Thursday Night Market in Old Worthington. Contact Pastor Betsy to participate.

Trunk or Treat • Oct. 23, 6–7:30PM: WPC and WPPS welcome church, preschool, and neighborhood families for decorated trunks, candy, costumes, and fellowship. Look for details soon!

Looking for prayer requests, sign-ups, or the church calendar? Find helpful links by scanning the QR code below or typing this link into your device. **wpcnow.org/next**