

September 27, 2026



18th 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 wpcnow.org for a
complete staff list.*

Sanctuary Flowers

The chancel flowers are
given to the glory of God
by the Blackmore Family
in memory of Josiah
Blackmore.

Serving Us Today

Ushers: 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: Laura Schlader

Welcome

Welcome to Worthington Presbyterian Church.
We have worshiped together since 1805, and
welcome all who seek faith, hope, and joy.

Visiting for the first time? Join us for
refreshments and conversation in Fellowship
Hall after the service.

Children & Youth

Children and youth are invited to Sunday
School after the children's message around
10:15AM. Nursery care begins at 9:45AM
downstairs near Fellowship Hall.

Pick up children and youth after worship:

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

Accessibility

Accessible features include parking near the
east and west entrances, a ramp at the main
entrance, an elevator, accessible restrooms,
and T-coil hearing support.

*For a large print bulletin or a listening device,
please see an usher.*

Prayer Requests

Please write prayer requests on the pew
prayer cards and place 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
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 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: *Blanket & Coat Drive*

Kristan Finn

Passing of the Peace

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

All: **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
IN MUSIC

Lani Smith

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)*

One: God calls us to worship together.

All: **God calls us to worship together.**

One: God calls us to worship

All: **when we are tired or grumpy, hungry or thirsty.**

One: God calls us to worship

All: **when we are full of energy, ready to praise God.**

One: God calls us to worship

All: **when we ask "why."**

One: God calls us to worship.

All: **Let us worship God!**

*** HYMN # 687** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God, the words you speak are full of love and truth. We sometimes use our words to hurt others. We twist our words to avoid telling the truth. We yell and argue rather than cooperate. We insist on our own way. Forgive us. Give us new hearts and new words. Teach us better ways to live: to love others as you love us. In Jesus' name. 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

Pastor Matt

Children & youth will attend Sunday School after the message.

See inside cover for locations.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Judy Hazelton

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:11-12

[Jesus said,] "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

ANTHEM

Praise to the Lord, Alleluia!

John Carter

The Chancel Choir - Russell Nagy, Director

Praise to the Lord, Alleluia!

Praise to His Name, Alleluia!

The heavens above speak of His marvelous love;

All of the works of His hands sing His praise!

What am I that He should think of me?

What am I that He should care for me?

Yet He formed me from the dust of the earth;

And crowned me with glory and light, Alleluia!

Praise to the Lord, Alleluia!

Praise to His Name, Alleluia!

The earth, sky and sea tell of His great majesty,

Sounding His praise endlessly, Alleluia!

Praise to the Lord, Alleluia!

Praise to His Name, Alleluia!

Rejoicing I sing to the Creator and King,

Maker of all wondrous things, Alleluia!

Now Joseph was taken down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man; he was in the house of his Egyptian master. His master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD caused all that he did to prosper in his hands. So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him; he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had, in house and field. So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge, and with him there he had no concern for anything but the food that he ate.

Now Joseph was handsome and good-looking. And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, **"Lie with me."** But he refused and said to his master's wife, **"Look, with me here, my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my hand. He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except yourself, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great wickedness and sin against God?"** And although she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not consent to lie beside her or to be with her. One day, however, when he went into the house to do his work, and while no one else was in the house, she caught hold of his garment, saying, **"Lie with me!"** But he left his garment in her hand and fled and ran outside. When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled outside, she called out to the members of her household and said to them, **"See, my husband has brought among us a Hebrew to insult us! He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice, and when he heard me raise my voice and cry out, he left his garment beside me and fled outside."** Then she kept his garment by her until his master came home, and she told him the same story, saying, **"The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to insult me, but as soon as I raised my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me and fled outside."**

When his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, saying, **"This is the way your servant treated me,"** he became enraged. And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; he remained there in prison. But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love; he gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer. The chief jailer committed to Joseph's care all the prisoners who were in the prison, and whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. The chief jailer paid no heed to anything that was in Joseph's care because the LORD was with him, and whatever he did, the LORD made it prosper.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Stuck with God”

Pastor Matt

* **HYMN #543** “God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Matt

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

“Holy of Holies”

Lani Smith

* 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 #815** “Give to the Winds Thy Fears”

* **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

Pastor Matt

POSTLUDE

“Heeding the Call”

Tom Birchwood

*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.*

Today

'The Call' Study

9AM • Room 222 or Zoom

Continue the six week study of the Apostle Paul by Adam Hamilton, with a weekly video. Replays on our YouTube channel.

NNEMAP Breakdown

11AM • Fellowship Hall

All ages are welcome to help sort supplies. Donations of sugar, salt, coffee, canned goods, and diapers may be left in the wooden NNEMAP bin.

SOS Lunch

11:30AM • Schmidt's Sausage Haus

Meet in the WPC parking lot after worship to carpool. Lunch is at your own expense, followed by dessert at the Janklows' home.

A Light to the Nations

Noon • Chapel

All are welcome to worship with this congregation.

This Week

The Kindway Experience

Tuesday, Sept. 29 • Fellowship Hall

Program at 7PM in Fellowship Hall (*Dessert & coffee at 6:30PM*) Learn how Kindway walks alongside people as they rebuild their lives after incarceration. According to Kindway, fewer than 1.5% of those who complete its entire program, Embark, return to prison, compared with Ohio's 32.7% three-year return rate (*VADOC, 2024*). **What contributes to Kindway's success?** WPC member Jan Elliott and five women who completed Kindway's program will share stories of reentry, encouragement, and hope.

Christian Life Bible Study

Thurs Oct. 1 • 1PM in Room 222

The Apostle Paul uses several metaphors to describe the church and sees his role as both mother and father to the new Corinthian converts. Join us to discuss how we are "Connected in Christ" in 1 Corinthians 3-4. Come for coffee and fellowship at 12:30PM!

Next Week

World Communion Sunday

October 4

Join us for worship as we celebrate our connection with Christians around the world. We'll welcome the Christian Women's Fellowship from Cameroon, the Cornerstone Youth Band, and a special guest from Church World Service. If you can lend international fabric for the Communion tables, please contact Pastor Betsy and bring it to the church office by Monday, Sept. 28, with your name attached. You may pick it up at 11AM on Oct. 4.

International Potluck

11:15AM • Fellowship Hall

Bring a favorite dish or family recipe to share after worship. Everyone is welcome. If you're bringing food, sign up at **wpcnow.org/next** so scan the QR code we can plan for you.



Central Ohio CROP Hunger Walk

1PM Impact Fair • 2PM Walk

Join or support WPC's team at Scioto Audubon Metro Park, 400 W. Whittier St., Columbus. Choose a 0.75 mile or 4 mile route. Learn more or give at **bit.ly/2026-crop-walk**; support Pastor Tom at **bit.ly/pastor-tom-walks**. Checks made payable to: CWS/CROP.

Later in October

**GOT SOME
EXTRA
WARMTH
♥ SHARE?**

Coat and Blanket Drive

Oct. 11-18

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

Blessing of the Pets

Thursday Oct. 15 • 5-8PM



Help welcome neighbors and their dogs at WPC's tent on the Village Green during the Third Thursday Night Market. Contact Pastor Betsy to volunteer.

Habitat Home Dedication

Thursday Oct. 15 • 4PM

Celebrate the home whose walls WPC built on the front lawn in April. All are welcome at **1283 E. 22nd Ave., Columbus.**

Trunk or Treat

Friday Oct. 23 • 6-7:30PM



WPC and WPPS welcome church, preschool, and neighborhood families. Decorate a trunk, donate individually wrapped nut free candy, or attend. Trunk decorators should arrive by 5:30PM. Leave candy outside Annie Barner's upstairs office; guests should park at the Griswold Center. Sign up at **wpcnow.org/next** or scan the QR code.



More Ways to Connect

Beware of Impersonation Emails and Texts

Some people have received 'scam' messages claiming to be from Pastor Matt or WPC. These messages may mention a "confidential request" or ask for gift cards, money, favors, or purchases. WPC pastors will never make these requests by email or text. Remember, WPC staff emails will end in **@wpcnow.org**. If a message seems suspicious, do not click the links or reply. Please delete it.

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