Come to the Lord's Table

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



WPC

Worship Team

Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves
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Pastor for Member Ministries

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Director of Music Ministries

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Kim Anderson, Organist

Visit our website for a complete list of WPC staff.

Sanctuary Flowers

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God by Doug, Amy, Brooks and Kate Gilmore in memory of Helen Gilmore.

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: 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.

Visiting for the first time today? After the service, join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall for an international potluck!

Children & Youth

Nursery care begins at 9:45AM in the Nursery located outside Fellowship Hall.

On the first Sunday of the month, children Pre-K -3rd grade go to the chapel for "Wee Worship," while older children and youth stay in worship with their families and receive communion. Please pick your child up after the service.

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
World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2026 **10:00 AM**

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Today WPC joins Christians worldwide in celebrating World Communion Sunday, a witness to our oneness in Christ and a call to unity across denominations.

** Please stand*

WELCOME Nick Robison

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 Christ There Is No East or West" arr. Gilbert M. Martin
IN MUSIC Kim Anderson, organist

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

OPENING SENTENCES

One: When you are hungry,
All: **there is room at God's table.**
One: When you are tired,
All: **there is room at God's table.**
One: Whether this place is familiar or new,
All: **there is room at God's table.**
One: Whether you are close or very far away,
All: **there is room at God's table.**
One: Come and worship God who nourishes us.
All: **There is room at God's table.**

* **HYMN # 637** **"**O Sing to the Lord"

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving God, we confess that we use our words to hurt instead of to heal. We take more than we need and don't share what we have. We don't care for ourselves or each other. Teach us again your ways of love. Help us to live as your faithful people, 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 in Pre-K through 3rd grade will go to the chapel for Wee Worship. Older children and youth will worship with their families and receive communion.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 14: 5-7, 10-14

When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the minds of Pharaoh and his officials were changed toward the people, and they said, **"What have we done, letting Israel leave our service?"** So he had his chariot made ready and took his army with him; he took six hundred elite chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them.

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear, the Israelites cried out to the LORD. They said to Moses, **"Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone so that we can serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness."** But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today, for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Praise Him!* Craig Courtney

The Chancel Choir - Russell Nagy, Director

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise HIm above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Praise God in His sanctuary;
Praise HIm for His mighty acts.
Praise Him in the firmament of His power.
Praise Him according to His excellent greatnes
Praise Him!

I will extol the Lord, my God,
And I will bless His name forever.
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.
The Lord is righteous and holy.

The Lord is gracious and kind;
Full of compassion, slow to anger;
His tender mercies are over all His works;
The Lord is good to all.
Praise Him!

Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise Him.

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 14: 21-29 Rev. Betsy Rice

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. **The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.** The Egyptians pursued and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD, in the pillar of fire and cloud, looked down on the Egyptian army and threw the Egyptian army into a panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. **But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.**

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Walls of Water" Pastor Betsy

*** HYMN #515** "I Come with Joy"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Pastor Tom

Including the World Communion Special Offering →

Offertory — Musical Selections
Christian Women's Fellowship
(Cameroonian members)

* 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

Scan the QR code to give online or visit wpcnow.org/give

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

All who put their trust in Christ are welcome to receive communion. Please remain seated to receive communion in your row. Gluten-free bread is in the center of the plate. Grape juice is red, and wine is white. You may eat the bread when you receive it. Please hold the cup until all are served. We will drink the cup together symbolizing our unity in Christ.

* The Apostles' Creed (p. 35 in the hymnal)

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.

Breaking of the Bread

Music — "How Great Thou Art" — arr. Robert J. Boyd

Prayer after Communion

Loving and gracious God, from east and west, from north and south, you have gathered us at your table, called us your beloved, and fed us from your body. Transform us to be your body in the world, and fortify us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you and our neighbors with great joy. Amen.

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*** HYMN #328** "Praise God, All You Nations"
(*sing twice*)

*** CHARGE & BENEDICTION** Pastor Betsy

POSTLUDE "O God of Earth and Altar" arr. James Mansfield

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's bread and fabric from various countries remind us of our unity in Christ worldwide. Like Jesus and his disciples, we share unleavened bread this morning. We also share other breads from around the world. Thank you to the members who donated and prepared the bread and to the Living Hope Circle for their faithful service in preparing communion each month.

We will continue the World Communion celebration with an International Potluck downstairs in Hazelton Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

Got some extra warmth to share?

Our Coat and Blanket Drive begins today and runs until Sunday, October 18. During last year's drive, WPC provided over 250 coats — and a lot comfort — to people who really needed it. Your generosity was truly amazing!

But, during an Ohio winter, "cold" isn't a condition that goes away. It's constant, and for some people, it's really hard to navigate. And, when you consider that, this year, there will be over 133,000 people in Franklin County who are at, or below, the poverty level, it seems like warmth might be something that a lot of people will be doing without.

But, as the people in this church keep proving, over and over again, year after year, warmth isn't just something you **r**eserve for your friends and family. It's something you give away freely, and generously, to people you've never even met. And now is a great time to share it.

So we hope you'll grab a new or gently used coat or blanket and bring it to Fellowship Hall by next Sunday, to share it with someone in need. It's exactly the kind of warmth you're famous for. And the kind of warmth that someone you don't even know will never forget.

Today

World Communion Sunday
Celebrate our connection with Christians around the world in worship, welcome the Christian Women's Fellowship from Cameroon during the 10AM service, and support the World Communion Special Offering. If you provided fabric for the communion tables, please pick up after the 10AM worship service.

***The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul* • 9AM • Room 222.** Join this Adam Hamilton study featuring a weekly video; replays are available on WPC's YouTube channel.

International Potluck • 11:15AM Fellowship Hall
Stay after worship for food, fellowship, and flavors from around the world!

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 may also be made payable to WPC with CWS/CROP in the memo.

Announcements

First Aid Supplies Around WPC.
AEDs, wall-mounted first aid kits, and blood pressure cuffs are in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall. Kits and cuffs are also in the Choir Room, Living Room, Chapel, and Room 222; additional kits are in the Kitchen, Youth Room, Office Workroom, Nursery, and Sunday School classrooms.

Drumkit Donation Needed!
The Cornerstone Youth Band is seeking a used drumkit in good working condition. Contact Shine Robison at **srobison@wpcnow.org**.

Calling Young Adults! Join an off-site afternoon hangout on the first Sunday of each month and an intergenerational small group at TNT on the second and fourth Tuesdays. Contact Shine Robison at **srobison@wpcnow.org.**

Beware of Impersonation Emails and Texts. Scammers may pose as a pastor or WPC and request gift cards, money, favors, or purchases. WPC pastors will never make these requests by email or text. Do not click links or reply; delete suspicious messages.

Upcoming Events

Trunk or Treat • Oct. 23 • 6–7:30PM
Help fill the WPC parking lot with decorated trunks, individually wrapped nut-free candy, and welcoming faces. Decorators should arrive by 5PM; other attendees should park at the Griswold Center. Please leave nut-free candy outside Annie Barner's upstairs office and scan the QR code to RSVP if donating candy or decorating a trunk.

Habitat Home Dedications
Celebrate two new homes and welcome their families!

- Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 3:30PM, 1277 E. 22nd Ave., Columbus (Northside partnership)
- Thursday, Oct. 15, at 4PM, 1283 E. 22nd Ave., Columbus (featuring walls built at WPC).

All are welcome at either or both.

Sign Ups + Links + More

Looking for prayer requests, sign-ups, or the church calendar? Find the latest updates at **wpcnow.org/next**.