

October 11, 2026



20th 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
Debb Wilson in honor of her
daughter Melissa and Daryn
Lyons' 6th wedding anniversary.*

Serving Us Today

**Usher Team C: John Smith &
Sue Funk, captains;** Peggy
Albright, Elaine Christian,
Debbie Dieringer, Tom & Kathy
Hull, Dave LaHue, Bill Leiter,
Connie Lewis, Mark Ranck,
Marsha Smith

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Carillon: Sue Rapier

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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 downstairs in Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

Children & Youth

Children and youth are invited to Sunday School after a brief children's message around 10:15AM. Nursery care begins at 9:45AM in the Nursery downstairs outside Fellowship Hall. You can pick your child or youth up in the following rooms after the service:

- Pre-K: Room 113
- Confirmation: Youth Room
- K-2: Room 112
- Middle School: Living Room
- 3-5: Room 111
- High School: Room 222

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 them in the offering plate.

Cornerstone Youth Band

Director: Shine Robison

Tristan Arthur - guitar

Katie Becker - vocals, bass guitar

Thomas Becker - piano

Mary Joyce Evans - guitar, vocals

Will Frederick – percussion

Mentors: Robert Boyd, vocals

LingLing Chen, percussion

Tom Shaffer, guitar

Worthington Presbyterian Church
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 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)*

Moment for Generosity

Ann Mehl

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

“Built on a Rock”

Gilbert M. Martin

Kim Anderson, organist

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

OPENING SENTENCES

Tristan Arthur

One: Rejoice, children of God: this is our time for worship.

All: **Rejoice, people of God, because God is good.**

One: God invites us all into the beloved community.

All: **God is faithful. God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Let us worship God!

***HYMN #485**

“We Know that Christ Is Raised”

***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 we 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

ANTHEM/SONG?

"John the Revelator"

Trad. Blues Tune

The Cornerstone Youth Band - Shine Wu Robison, Director

Chorus

Tell me who's that writin'? John the Revelator
Tell me who's that writin'? John the Revelator
Tell me who's that writin'? John the Revelator
Wrote the book of the seven seals.

Verse 1

You know God walked down in the cool of the day
Called Adam by his name.
And he refused to answer,
Cause he was naked and ashamed.

Verse 2

You know Christ had twelve apostles,
And three He led away.
He said "Watch with me while I walk
Til I go yon and pray."

Verse 3

Well, Christ came on Easter morning,
Mary and Martha was down to see.
Go tell my disciples to meet me in Galilee.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS & THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Elder Vera Coniglio, Rev. Rice, Dr. Reeves

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

We welcome Mariama Adompreh-Fia and Anthony LaMacchia, joining by baptism and profession of faith. And we welcome Nancy Beattie, Therese Bih, Ann and Bob Conway, Zainab Kabbia, Alex and Diane Karther, Emily Minkah-Premo, Florence Nyame, Sophie Rice-Williams, and Priscillia Shiri, joining by reaffirmation or letter of transfer.

Please greet these new members and share the joy of the whole church.

Unison Prayer

Holy God, thank you for calling us to be your people and joining us to Christ's body, the church. We praise you for leading these brothers and sisters to this congregation. Empower us by your Spirit, that we might love one another as Christ loved us, honoring him in all that we say and do, giving our lives in service to others, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

Pastor Betsy

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Tristan Arthur

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 6:24-34

“No one can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

“So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.”

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

ANTHEM

Immortal Love For Ever Full

Richard Delong

The Chancel Choir - Russell Nagy, Director

Immortal Love for ever full,
for ever flowing free,
for ever shared, for ever whole,
a never-ebbing sea.

Our outward lips confess the name
all other names above;
love only knoweth whence it came
and comprehendeth love.

We may not climb the heavenly steepes
to bring the Lord Christ down;
in vain we search the lowest deeps,
for him no depths can drown:

But warm, sweet, tender, even yet
a present help is he;
and faith has still its Olivet,
and love its Galilee.

The healing of his seamless dress
is by our beds of pain;
we touch him in life's throng and press,
and we are whole again.

O Lord, and Master of us all,
Whate'er our name or sign,
We own the sway, we hear thy call,
We test our lives by thine. Amen,

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 17:1-7

Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Is the Lord Among Us or Not?"

Pastor Matt

* HYMN #71

"Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me"

A cantor will sing vv. 1-3, the congregation may join in the refrain.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dr. Tom 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

"The Shores of Galilee"

Edward Broughton

* 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



GOING IN GOD'S NAME

* **HYMN #65** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

* **CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

Pastor Matt

POSTLUDE "My Rock, My Fortress"

Dennis Eliot

*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.*

*We invite you to celebrate our new members with cider and donuts
downstairs in Hazelton Fellowship Hall.*

Help us save on postage: Stop by the Narthex to pick up your pledge packet

Help us save on postage! Pledge packets are ready for pick-up in the Narthex today and October 18. They will also be in the church office October 12–16 if you stop by the church during the week.

We will mail the remaining packets on Monday, October 19. If you have moved recently, please make sure we have your correct address. You can verify this by logging into Engage or calling the church office.

We look forward to celebrating your pledge during our Dedication Sunday worship services on November 8.

Log in to Engage and make sure we have your correct address.
Visit bit.ly/engagewpc or scan this QR code.



Choose Your Favorite Hymns!

We're celebrating how God makes us a Chorus of Generosity by taking a survey of WPC's top hymns. Select your five favorite hymns from the list included in your bulletin (or write in your own). You may submit a survey each time you worship October 11-25. We will announce WPC's Top 10 Hymns and sing the Top 3 on Pledge Dedication Sunday, November 8.

First Aid Supplies Around WPC

AEDs, 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 available in the Kitchen, Youth Room, Office Workroom, Nursery, and Sunday School classrooms. Please note the supplies nearest you.

Young Adults: Join an off-site hangout on the first Sundays of the month or an intergenerational TNT small group on second and fourth Tuesdays. Contact Shine Robison at srobison@wpcnow.org.

Trunk or Treat: Friday, October 23

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 5PM. You may leave candy donations outside Annie Barner's upstairs office; guests should park at the Griswold Center. Sign up: wpcnow.org/next or scan the QR code below.

Two Habitat Home Dedications!

- 1) Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 3:30PM
1277 E. 22nd Ave. (Northside partnership)
- 2) Thursday, Oct. 15 at 4PM
1283 E. 22nd Ave. (featuring the walls we built at WPC). All are welcome!

Mission Trip Info Session

We're going to Montana de Luz from January 27 – February 3, 2027. Come to an informational meeting to learn more about our trip to Honduras after worship on Sunday, October 25 in the Youth Room.

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



Got some extra warmth to share? WPC Coat Drive: October 4 - 18

During last year's drive, WPC provided over 250 coats — and a lot of comfort — to people who really needed it. Your generosity was amazing! But, during an Ohio winter, "cold" isn't a condition that goes away. It's constant, and for some people, it's 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, repeatedly, year after year, warmth isn't just something you reserve 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, Oct. 18, 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.