

Worthington Presbyterian Church
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 12, 2025

10:00 AM

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

**Please stand*

WELCOME

Nicholas Robison

Invitation to Mission & Discipleship *(Please sign & pass the Friendship Pads)*

Moment for Generosity

Bill and Jill Gilbert

Passing of the Peace

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

Congregation: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP IN MUSIC

"Jesus Spreads His
Banner O'er Us"

Robert W. Thygerson

Kim Anderson, organist

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

OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: Why are you here?

Congregation: We are looking for Jesus.

Leader: Why are you here?

Congregation: We have questions to ask.

Leader: Why are you here?

Congregation: We seek hope; we seek healing.

Leader: Why are you here?

Congregation: We have heard God calling our name.

* HYMN #621 "I Will Call Upon the Lord"

We will sing 3 times through. Join in when you are ready.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, we have failed to love others as you have loved us. Forgive us, we pray! We have been distracted by so many other voices, and have not listened for yours. Forgive us, we pray! For all of the ways we have turned from you, forgive us, we pray! Heal us and restore us, Lord, so that we can live holy and joyful lives, as people you love and save. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

* Congregational Response “The Kyrie”

***Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.***

* Assurance of Pardon

* Gloria (*from Hymn #581*)

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.***

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Elder Kate Lane

* The Apostles’ Creed (*p. 17 in the hymnal*)

Rev. Betsy Rice

Rev. Dr. Tom Rice

We welcome new members *Asa Douglass; Johnneen Griffin; Tripp Hinkle; Jessica Holcomb; Amber, Declan, and Liam Ryan; Margery Tibbetts; Zyair White; Myra Williamson; and Mary Woods*. Please greet these new members and share the joy of the whole church.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

for Declan Ryan, Liam Ryan, and Zyair White

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 *Mary, Myra, Zyair, Margery, Liam, Declan, Amber, Jessica, Tripp, Johnneen, and Asa* 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.

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

Nicholas Robison

*Children will attend Sunday School after the message. (See inside cover for locations).
Youth taking part in our Confirmation & Baptism class will head to the Youth Room.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kristan Finn

1ST SCRIPTURE READING John 14:23-27

Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

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

ANTHEM

Jubilate Deo

Dale Wood

The Chancel Choir – Russell Nagy, Director

<i>O sing to the Lord with a jubilant voice;</i>	<i>O enter his gates with thanksgiving and praise;</i>
<i>Glory to God in the highest!</i>	<i>Glory to God in the highest!</i>
<i>O serve him with gladness, before him rejoice;</i>	<i>To honor his Name thankful voices we raise;</i>
<i>Praise to the Lord in the highest!</i>	<i>Praise to the Lord in the highest!</i>
<i>The Lord is our God, our Creator, not we;</i>	<i>For good is the Lord, and his mercy is sure;</i>
<i>Glory to God in the highest!</i>	<i>Glory to God in the highest!</i>
<i>The sheep of his pasture we ever shall be;</i>	<i>To all generations his truth shall endure</i>
<i>Praise to the Lord in the Highest!</i>	<i>Glory to God in the highest!</i>

2nd SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 3:1-21

Pastor Tom

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming

God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord. The Lord continued to appear at Shiloh, for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Are You Listening?"

Pastor Tom

* **HYMN #722** "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Betsy

Sharing of Prayer Requests and Blessings

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)

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

"Cleansing Fountain"

Gilbert M. Martin

* Doxology (*from Hymn #607*)

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

* Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

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GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*** HYMN #69**

"Here I Am, Lord"

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Pastor Tom

POSTLUDE

"Go Forth in Faith"

Franklin Ritter

*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 stop by the Narthex after the postlude to pick up your pledge packet. Packets not picked up today will be available in the church office through Wednesday and mailed on Thursday.

Look for a Congregation Survey!

Session invites all members of the congregation to help in facilitating the annual performance evaluation for Pastor Matt. Your feedback helps celebrate what is going well and identify areas for growth. A survey was emailed Tuesday, Oct. 7 from "**execadmin@wpcnow.org via SurveyMonkey**" Please check your spam/junk folder if you didn't receive it. The deadline for completing the survey is Oct. 20. Paper copies are available in the church office and may be hand-delivered to Doug Fell by Oct. 20. Thank you!

*Come join us in Fellowship Hall for refreshments
after worship to welcome our new members.*