

January 4, 2026

EPIPHANY SUNDAY



WORTHINGTON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

In Christ's love, we connect, serve, and transform

Worship Team

Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves
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Ministries

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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 Alice,
Todd & Karen Miskell in
memory of Dave Miskell.*

Serving Us Today

Ushers: Team C - Sue Funk,
and John Smith, captains

Video: Bill Yost

Carillon: Linda Ranck

Contact Us

Mon - Thurs: 8am-4pm;
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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? You're invited to stay after the service. Join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

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.

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. You can also share joys, concerns and sorrows with Pastor Betsy at brice@wpcnow.org.

Worthington Presbyterian Church
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Epiphany Sunday

January 4, 2026

10:00AM

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

**Please stand*

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Tom Rice

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 MUSIC

The "Waits" Carol

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 (*Isaiah 60:1-5*)

When you hear, "Arise, shine, for your light has come,"
please respond, "**The glory of the Lord shines upon you.**"

*** HYMN # 151 "We Three Kings of Orient Are"**
vv 1, 2 & 5

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving God,

We are sorry that we do not always follow you.

Sometimes we are afraid to do what is right

because it might not be popular.

Forgive us. Have mercy on us.

Show us your light so that we may trust in you.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

*** Congregational Response (#121, v. 4, "O Little Town of Bethlehem")**

***O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!***

* Assurance of Pardon

* Gloria (Refrain from #113, "Angels We Have Heard on High")

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

Pastor Matt

Children will go to Wee Worship in the chapel after the message.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 66:1-5

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

sing the glory of his name;

give to him glorious praise.

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

All the earth worships you;

they sing praises to you,

sing praises to your name."

Come and see what God has done:

he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Write Your Blessed Name

K. Lee Scott

The Chancel Choir - Russell Nagy, Director

Write your blessed name, O Lord, upon my heart, there to remain so indelibly engraved that no prosperity, that no adversity shall ever, ever move me from your love.

Be to me a strong tower of defense, a comforter in tribulation, a deliv'rer in distress, and a faithful Guide to the courts of heav'n through many temptations and dangers of this life.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:35-51

Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them,

“Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

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

SERMON

“Known”

Pastor Matt

* HYMN #28

“You Are Before Me, Lord”

vv. 1, 3 & 5

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Rev. Betsy Rice

Offertory

“Bethlehem Star”

Steven Scott

* Doxology

*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

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 be served communion in your row. Gluten-free bread is in the center of the plate. Grape juice is red, and wine is white.

* The Apostles' Creed (see p. 35 of 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

Communion of the People

Music

“Star Carols”

arr. Jay Rouse

Karrie Horton

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 # 150 “As with Gladness Men of Old”**

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Pastor Matt

POSTLUDE

“Jubilate Deo”

George Blake

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 join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall for fellowship and refreshments.

TODAY

Adult Education returned today with "The Bible in One Hand, the Newspaper in the Other" in Room 222 / Zoom. The class meets at 9AM every Sunday and is recorded and posted to our YouTube channel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday Nights Together: The next TNT is January 13, starting with dinner in Fellowship Hall at 6pm. We can't wait to see adults, children and youth there! Please scan the code below to RSVP.

Next Sunday - A New Class for Everyone: The Anxious Generation - NYT bestselling author Jonathan Haidt examines how the shift from play-based to phone-based childhood has affected kids, and what parents, teachers, and churches can do. All are welcome. Books are available in the church office or via Amazon. Childcare provided Please RSVP by scanning the code below or typing bit.ly/anxiousgen2026 in your browser. The class runs January 11 – February 15 at 9AM on Sundays in Room 222.

Youth Group will return from Christmas Break next Sunday, Jan. 11. We meet every other Sunday from 5 - 7PM.



Join Our
**MEMBERSHIP
SEMINAR**
25 JANUARY, 2026
4PM - 6:30 PM
Learn more about WPC and/ or join the church
wpcnow.org

Ordination/Installation of Officers

Next Sunday At the 10am service, Sunday, January 11, we will ordain and install the members we elected to serve as elders and deacons, beginning terms in 2026. Please surround them with your prayers.

WPC staff want to say **thank you** to those who contributed to the **Staff Appreciation Christmas gift**. Your thoughtfulness and generosity made the Christmas season special. May God bless and keep you safe in the New Year as we continue to serve you with our energy and commitment.

Chancel Flower Donations - Honor a loved one or special occasion by donating chancel flowers. The cost is \$100, and arrangements are delivered to members unable to attend worship. To reserve a date, contact flowers@wpcnow.org or scan the QR code below.

Priority Preschool Registration begins Jan. 5 and is given to current families with children in the school, as well as to WPC members. Contact Preschool Director Carrie Houk at **614-885-3765** or wpps@wpcnow.org with have questions.

Winter Weather Reminder - We're aligned with Franklin County's weather emergency levels 1, 2, and 3. We will communicate any changes or cancellations to church services or events promptly to WBNS-10TV and NBC, our website and social media. Please note that our parking lot only gets plowed when snowfall surpasses 2 inches.

Scan this code if you
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a sign up form.



