

January 11, 2026

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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Following Christ, **ruling elders** lead the congregation in all facets of our life together. Following Christ, **deacons** offer one-on-one ministries of compassion to those in need.



Worthington Presbyterian Church
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Baptism of the Lord

January 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 Mission: *Riverview International Center*

Passing of the Peace

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

All: **And also with you.**

Please stand and greet one another in the peace of Christ. Feel free to give friendly waves or a hand over your heart. Handshakes or hugs may pass something more than Christ's peace!

CALL TO WORSHIP "Take My Life, and Let It Be"

Gerald Peterson

IN MUSIC

Kim Anderson, organist

During this time, we invite you to write or draw a gift on the notecard you received when you entered. We will use these during the Opening Sentences and Offertory.

OPENING SENTENCES

One: When you hear,
"In baptism God pours out the gifts of the Spirit,"
please respond,

All: **"We bring our gifts to God.
We are many, yet we are one."**

*** HYMN # 42** "Your Faithfulness O Lord, Is Sure"

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God, in our baptism you claim us and love us forever.

We want to follow you, but we don't always do so.

We want to offer our gifts to you, but we often hide them in fear.

Forgive us and restore us.

Call us again to follow you,

and teach us to share your love with the world.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. *(Silent Confession)*

* Congregational Response “Lord, Have Mercy,” #551

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

* Assurance of Pardon

* Gloria

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.

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION TO ORDERED MINISTRY

Sentences of Scripture (1 Corinthians 12: 4-7, 27)

Pastor Betsy

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God’s purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Statement on Ordination

Pastor Matt

Presentation of the Candidates

Elder Marian Greuling

* Statement of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed (*unison*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he arose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Constitutional Questions

Pastors Tom & Betsy

Questions to the Congregation

Elder Marian Greuling

- 1) Do we, the members of the church, accept these brothers and sisters as ruling elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**
- 2) Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

Pastor Matt

*Ruling Elders and ministers of Word and Sacrament may come forward
for the Prayer of Ordination and Installation.*

MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

Annie Barner

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Judy Hazelton

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 104:1, 14-16, 35b

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O Lord my God, you are very great.

You cause the grass to grow for the cattle

and plants for people to cultivate,

to bring forth food from the earth

and wine to gladden the human heart,

oil to make the face shine

and bread to strengthen the human heart.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Praise the Lord!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

I Have Felt The Hand of God

Craig Courtney

The Chancel Choir - Russell Nagy, Director

*I have felt the hand of God in your hand.
Holding me, you gave me strength to stand.
When I was all alone, you came and met my need.
And when I lost my way, your hand was there to lead.
Through your touch, God's hand reached out to me.
I have felt the hand of God in your hand.*

*I have heard the voice of God in your voice.
Singing praise, you taught me to rejoice.
Your voice of comfort caused my grief to end
. And when my faith was gone, you called me home again.
When you spoke, God's voice called out to me.
I have heard the voice of God in your voice.*

*I have seen the face of God in your face.
Giving all, you shared with me God's grace.
And you were faithful to guide me as I grew.
I saw your love for God and I saw God in you.
When you smiled, God's love surrounded me.*

*I have seen the face of God,
I have heard the voice of God,
I have felt the hand of God through you.*

SCRIPTURE READING

John 2:1-11

Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it. When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

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

SERMON

“Jesus’ Generous Pour”

Pastor Matt

*** HYMN #774**

“There Is Now a New Creation”

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

“Chanson”

Hall M. Macklin

*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

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GOING IN GOD’S NAME

***HYMN # 744**

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

Pastor Matt

POSTLUDE

“Grand Choeur”

Gordon Young

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 in Fellowship Hall to learn more about volunteer opportunities
with Riverview International Center*