

January 18, 2026

# 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



**WORTHINGTON**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

**Worthington Presbyterian Church**  
**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**2nd Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 18, 2026**

**10:00 AM**

## **GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

*\*Please stand*

### **WELCOME**

Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves

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.**

*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 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"**

arr. Jason Krug

### **IN MUSIC**

The Celebration Ringers - Jennifer Fry, director

### **OPENING SENTENCES**

One: We come to worship as one body, each bringing praise and hope. I invite you now to name words of praise and words of hope out loud...

Children of God, for what do you give God praise?

All: *((say something you praise God for...))*

One: Children of God, what do you hope for?

All: *((say something you are hoping for...))*

One: Rejoice!

All: **God meets us in the midst of our hopes and praise!**

**\* HYMN # 402**

**"How Lovely, Lord"**

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(based on Psalm 40)*

**We wait patiently for you, O God.  
Draw us from the desolate pit,  
and set our feet upon a rock.  
Forgive the foolish things we have said,  
and put a new song of praise in our mouths.  
Help us receive your mercy,  
and share it with the world.**

*(Silent Confession)*

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

***Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
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**

### **MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES**

Pastor Betsy

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

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Sue Rapier

### **SCRIPTURE READING      Psalm 127:1-2**

Unless the Lord builds the house,  
**those who build it labor in vain.**  
Unless the Lord guards the city,  
**the guard keeps watch in vain.**  
It is in vain that you rise up early  
and go late to rest,  
eating the bread of anxious toil,  
**for he gives sleep to his beloved.**

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

### *Stay with Us*

Walter Pelz

The Chancel Choir - Russell Nagy, Director  
Thomas Secrist, Violin

*Stay with us till night has come: our praise to you this day is sung.  
Bless our bread, open our eyes: Jesus, be our great surprise.*

*Walk with us our spirits sigh: hear when our weary spirits cry. Feel  
again our loss, our pain: Jesus, take us to your side.*

*Walk with us, the road will bend: make all our weeping, wailing end.  
Wipe our tears, forgive our fears: Jesus, lift the heavy cross.*

*Talk with us till we behold a joyful life you will unfold: Heal our eyes  
to see the prize: take us to the light.*

*Stay with us, till day is done: no tears nor dark dim the sun: cheer  
the heart your grace impart. Jesus, bring eternal life.*

## SCRIPTURE READING

### **John 2:13-25**

Rev. Dr. Tom Rice

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, with the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to testify about anyone, for he himself knew what was in everyone.

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

## SERMON

### "When Anger Is Divine"

Pastor Tom

## \* HYMN #726

### "Will You Come and Follow Me"

(stanzas 1,2,4,5)

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Betsy 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

"Arioso"

J. S. Bach

Kim Anderson, organ

Thomas Seacrest, violin

\* 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 # 547** "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

\***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

Pastor Tom

**POSTLUDE**

"Make the Sounds of Praise"

Robert J. Hughes

*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.*

Join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall for refreshments and fellowship.

Across faiths and neighborhoods, communities are coming together ahead of July 4 for respectful conversations about the meaning, values, and promise of our nation's founding. In a time of deep division, houses of worship are leading a once-in-a-generation, multi-faith effort to strengthen democracy by bringing neighbors face to face and renewing our shared commitment to unity, dignity, and the common good.

*Pastors Matt and Tom invite you to the first session. Please RSVP.*

## faith250

The Worthington interfaith community is proud to host **Faith250**, a four-session learning series connected to a national, multifaith initiative inviting communities to reflect on shared civic values through historical texts. As the U.S. approaches its 250th anniversary, Faith250 creates space for conversations about belonging, responsibility, and the moral ideals that shape lives.



**THE NEW  
COLOSSUS**  
EMMA LAZARUS  
1883



**Wednesday, January 28 | 7:00 PM**

For our first session, we'll explore Emma Lazarus' poem *The New Colossus*, its message of hope & belonging, and what its words might mean for us today.



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