

January 25, 2026

3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



WORTHINGTON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

In Christ's love, we...

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
Int. 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
Kathleen Haunty in loving
memory of Jack Haunty.*

Serving Us Today

Ushers: Team A - Gregg Russell & Dan Foley, captains, Jeff Appel, Dan Bevan, Bob Clouse, Diana Clouse, Harry Pukay-Martin, Curtis Payne, Ellen Payne, Mark Seniff, Betsy Seniff

Carillon: Connie Syron

Video: Bill Yost

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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

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

- Pre-K: Room 113
- K-2: Room 112
- 3 - 5: Room 111
- 6 - 7: Living Room
- Confirmation: Youth Room

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

Prayer Requests

Please write prayer requests on the pew prayer cards and place them in the offering plate.

The Cornerstone Youth Band

Tristan Arthur - acoustic guitar

Katie Becker - vocals, bass guitar

Thomas Becker - piano

Juliette Chang - piano

Mary Joyce Evans - guitar

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Caleb Okyere - piano

Will Frederick - cajon

Ohenewaa Okyere - vocals

Mentors:

Robert Boyd - vocals

LingLing Chen - percussion

Tom Shaffer - guitar

**Worthington Presbyterian Church
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
3rd Sunday after Epiphany**

January 25, 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*)

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
IN MUSIC**

"Given for You"
Kim Anderson, organist

Richard Blake

OPENING SENTENCES

One: Children of God, for what do you give praise?
Let us respond aloud all at once with words of praise.
All: *As you feel led, respond aloud all at once with words of praise.*
One: Children of God, what do you hope for?
Let us respond aloud all at once with words of hope.
All: *As you feel led, respond aloud all at once with words of hope.*
One: Rejoice! God meets us in the midst of our hopes.
All: **Let us worship God!**

*** HYMN # 443**

"There is a Redeemer"
Led by the Cornerstone Youth Band
Shine Robison, Director

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Loving God, in Christ you have made us one,
but we confess how often we forget.
We let differences divide us.
We are not always kind.**

**We ignore the needs of others.
Forgive us.
Change our hearts and change our lives.
Help us to love and to follow your ways of peace,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(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 Tom

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Peter Hazelton

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 139:1-4, 13-18

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.**
You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.

For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.
My frame was not hidden from you,

**when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.**

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

**In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.**

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!

**I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.**

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Sing Me to Heaven

Daniel Gawthrop

The Chancel Choir

Russell Nagy, Director

In my heart's sequestered chambers lie truths stripped of poet's gloss. Words alone are vain and vacant and my heart is mute. In response to aching silence, memory summons half-heard voices, and my soul finds primal eloquence and wraps me in song, wraps me in song.

If you would comfort me, sing me a lullaby. If you would win my heart, sing me a love song. If you would mourn me and bring me to God, sing me a requiem, sing me to heaven.

Touch in me all love and passion, pain and pleasure, grief and comfort; love and passion, pain and pleasure. Sing me a lullaby, a love song, a requiem. Love me, comfort me, bring me to God: Sing me a love song. Sing me to heaven.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:1-21

Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus

answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned, but those who do not believe are condemned already because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

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

SERMON

“The Crisis”

Pastor Matt

* **HYMN # 703** “Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

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

Offertory Music
Cameroonian Women's Choir

* 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 #490 "Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters"

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Pastor Matt

POSTLUDE

"Short Fantasy in G"

Walker Baylor

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 hope to see you downstairs in Fellowship Hall for refreshments and fellowship following the worship service.

Today at WPC

- **Sock Collection Day:** Please bring socks to Fellowship Hall. After the service, we are seeking up volunteers to help sort and bundle socks. (11:15AM // Fellowship Hall)
- **NNEMAP Breakdown** will also take place after worship. All ages are welcome to participate. (11:15AM // Fellowship Hall)
- **S.O.S. Group Sixties Party** (11:30AM-2PM // Youth Room)
Step back into the '60s for food, fun, and fellowship. RSVP required.
- **A Light to the Nations Worship Service** (Noon // Chapel)
Join us for this meaningful worship experience every 4th Sunday of the month.
- **Membership Seminar** (4PM - 6:30PM // Fellowship Hall)
Interested in becoming a member of WPC? Come learn more about our church and community.
- **Youth Group** (5PM-7PM // Youth Room)
Dinner, games, and small-group discussions as we continue our "Do Not Fear" theme