

October 26, 2025

REFORMATION SUNDAY



WORTHINGTON
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Worship Team

Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves
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Rev. Dr. Tom Rice
Pastor for Discipleship

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Ministries

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Ministries

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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
memory of Jack's 90th
Birthday.*

Serving Us Today

- Ushers: Team C - Sue Funk and John Smith, captains
- Video: Bill Yost
- Carillon: Linda Ranck

Church Office

Hours: M-Thurs: 8am-4pm; Fri: 8am-2pm

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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 join Sunday School at the 10am service, following a brief children's message. Nursery care begins at 9:45AM in the Nursery located outside Fellowship Hall.

You can pick your child up from Sunday School in the following rooms after the service.

- Pre-K: Room 113 3-5: Room 111
- K-2: Room 112 Youth: Living Room or 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



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.

Youth Band Participants

- Tristan Arthur - acoustic guitar
- Katie Becker - vocals, bass guitar
- Thomas Becker - piano
- Lara Frederick - piano
- Caleb Okeyere - piano
- Will Frederick - cajon
- Ohenewaa Okeyere - vocals

Mentors:

- Robert Boyd, vocals
- LingLing Chen, percussion
- Tom Shaffer, guitar

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

October 26, 2025

10:00 AM

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

**Please stand*

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Tom Rice

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

Moment for Generosity

Doug Haddix

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

Chorale and Fughetta on
"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
Kim Anderson, organist

Sharon Elery Rogers

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

OPENING SENTENCES (*from Psalm 135*)

Leader: Praise the LORD!

Praise the name of the LORD;

Congregation: give praise, O servants of the LORD,

Leader: you who stand in the house of the LORD,

Congregation: in the courts of the house of our God.

Leader: Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good.

* HYMN #22

"God of the Sparrow"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God of mystery, so often we lack the energy or the courage to be still in your presence. It feels easier to do small things. Give us courage to worship, to sit in your presence with others, to accept your love and to feel small, because you are great and powerful, and still you love us. You are holy, and you bless us when we know your presence. You bless us when we hold onto your people. Forgive us, encourage us, and hold us. In Christ we pray. 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.***

ANTHEM

"Here in This Place"

(Hymn #401)

Text & Music
by Marty Haugen

Cornerstone Youth Band – Shine Robison, Director

PROCLAMING GOD'S WORD

MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

Annie Barner

Following the message, children will attend Sunday School and youth will join the Confirmation and Baptism class. (See inside cover for details.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Judy Hazelton

1ST SCRIPTURE READING John 2: 19-21

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

ANTHEM

Be Not Afraid

Craig Courtney

The Chancel Choir – Russell Nagy, Director

Be not afraid: for I have redeemed you;

Be not afraid: I have called you by name.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er you;

When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed;

you are mine, you are mine, you are precious in my sight.

Be not afraid: for I have redeemed you;

Be not afraid: I have called you by name.

My love for you is everlasting,

My love for you shall have no end.

2ND SCRIPTURE READING 1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13

Rev. Betsy Rice

Now King Hiram of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon when he heard that they had anointed him king in place of his father, for Hiram had always been a friend to David.

Solomon sent word to Hiram, saying,

“You know that my father David could not build a house for the name of the Lord his God because of the warfare with which his enemies surrounded him, until he put them under the soles of his feet. But now the Lord my God has given me rest on every side; there is neither adversary nor misfortune. So I intend to build a house for the name of the Lord my God, as the Lord said to my father David, ‘Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, shall build the house for my name....’”

Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion. All the people of Israel assembled to King Solomon at the festival in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month. And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests carried the ark.

So they brought up the ark of the Lord, the tent of meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the tent; the priests and the Levites brought them up. King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, who had assembled before him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing so many sheep and oxen that they could not be counted or numbered.

Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. For the cherubim spread out their wings over the place of the ark, so that the cherubim made a covering above the ark and its poles. The poles were so long that the ends of the poles were seen from the holy place in front of the inner sanctuary, but they could not be seen from outside; they are there to this day. There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets of stone that Moses had placed there at Horeb, where the Lord made a covenant with the Israelites when they came out of the land of Egypt.

And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord.

Then Solomon said,

“The Lord has said that he would dwell in thick darkness.
I have built you an exalted house,
a place for you to dwell forever.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Holy Housewarming”

Pastor Betsy

*** HYMN #275**

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Peter Okyere

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

"The Temple"

Walker Baylor

* 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 #341

"O God, Show Mercy to Us"

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor Betsy

POSTLUDE

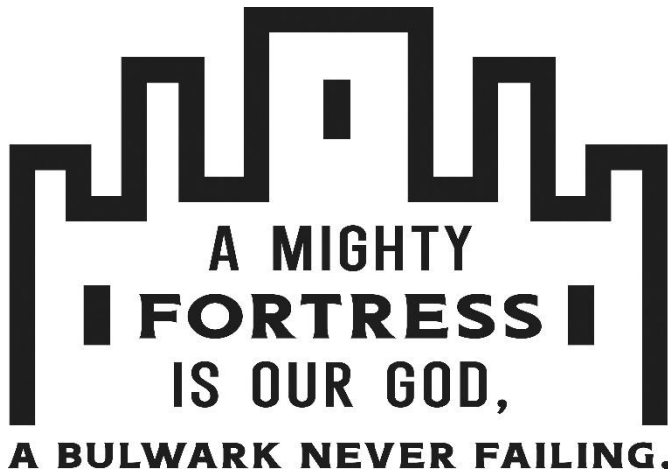
"To God Be the God"

Edward Broughton

*Please remain seated during the postlude as it is the final "Amen" to our worship.
Those who need to leave are free to do so quietly.*

After the postlude, please come downstairs to Fellowship Hall for Coffee Hour.

TODAY



Widely celebrated by Protestant denominations, **REFORMATION DAY** commemorates Martin Luther's posting on the door of the Wittenberg Church his "**95 Theses**" on October 31, 1517. This document which outlined practices of the church which Luther thought were contrary to Jesus' teachings, inadvertently brought about the Protestant Reformation.

'THE GOOD LIFE' CONTINUES - Explore lessons from the world's longest study of happiness and how to build meaningful relationships. Books are available in the office. (Sundays, 9AM, Room 222, through Nov. 16)

POPCORN SALE (*after both services*) Help support BSA Scout Troops 268 & 752 by purchasing popcorn! Proceeds help scouts offer camping, merit badge work, and other experiences. Stop by Fellowship Hall after the 10AM service.

Help sort **NNEMAP DONATIONS** in Fellowship Hall after the 10AM service. All ages are welcome to participate in the supply breakdown!

Thanks to your support, last year we were able to deliver 250+ **THANKSGIVING DINNERS** in Christ's name to local schools who get them to families in need. We're accepting donations (any amount) after worship today, Nov. 2, Nov. 9, Nov. 16, and Nov. 23 in Fellowship Hall. You can also support this ministry online. Visit bit.ly/dinners2025 or scan the code.



A LIGHT TO THE NATIONS will take place in the chapel at noon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RSVP FOR TNT ON OCT 28 - Washing another's feet is a powerful act of humility practiced by Jesus, symbolizing radical love and his ministry before his execution. This ritual encourages vulnerability and active faith, inviting individuals to serve others, especially the vulnerable, and reflects the love that defines Christ's followers. followers in the world. Please let us know if you plan to attend. Dinner is stir-fry. RSVP at bit.ly/tntoct28



YOUTH FALL RETREAT - Nov. 14 - 16 (**Corrected date**) Our first big trip of the year is coming soon! We have a fun weekend planned of outdoor activities, wild games, and meaningful worship with around 100 other youth from our Presbytery. **Register by Nov. 1** Learn more at wpcnow.org/youth.

DIGITAL DISCIPLESHIP: What Stories, Strategy, and the Spirit Teach Us - What do the stories we seek out reveal about the church today? How can digital strategy expand the reach of faithful witness? And where might the Spirit be leading the church next? Join **Rose Schrott Taylor**, digital content editor at *Presbyterian Outlook*, for a conversation about the mission of the PC(USA)'s only independent magazine—from covering General Assembly to sharing worship resources, news, and reflections—and what this work means for local congregations. **Monday, Nov. 10 at 7PM in Fellowship Hall**

YOUTH HALLOWEEN LATE NIGHTER: SAT. NOV. 1 - Join us for an awesome Halloween Party on Saturday, November 1, from 7PM-11:30PM. We will have a special night that includes a costume contest, spooky games, S'Mores, service projects, and a reflection on All Saint's Day! Bring a costume (and a friend!) for this great night of fun.

In what ways did Jesus model Resilience while being tested in the wilderness? How did Satan attack Jesus' identity and what is the significance of this? All are welcome to join **CHRISTIAN LIFE'S BIBLE STUDY** on Thursday, Nov. 6, from 1 -2PM in Room 222. Coffee and fellowship begin at 12:30PM. Please join us!

Your giving sustains WPC's staff, facilities, and missions. If you haven't pledged before, please consider starting this year. Our goal is 15 new pledges (stretch goal: 30). Current pledgers are invited to consider an increase: a 3% boost (\$39,000) maintains ministries, while 5% (\$65,000) expands children, youth, and mission outreach. Pledges will be dedicated Sunday, Nov. 9. Return your **PLEDGE CARD** by mail, in worship, or submit online at [**wpcnow.org/give**](http://wpcnow.org/give). Thank you!

Connect with Honduran children, **SERVE AT MONTAÑA DE LUZ** and transform lives (including your own) during a weeklong immersion trip in early 2026. Get full details: [**bit.ly/mdlflyer26**](http://bit.ly/mdlflyer26). Deadline is Oct. 31.

UPCOMING DATES:

- **OCT. 28:** TNT
- **NOV. 1:** Youth Late Nighter
- **NOV. 2:** All Saints' Sunday
- **NOV. 9:** Pledge Dedication Sunday
- **NOV. 16:** Misson Grant Sunday