

**Worthington Presbyterian Church**  
**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**All Saints' Sunday**

**November 2, 2025**

**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

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

**Congregation: And also with you.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP  
IN MUSIC**

"Saints Bound for Heaven"  
Kim Anderson, organist

Steven Scott

**OPENING SENTENCES** (*from Psalm 34:1-4, 5*)

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times;  
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

**Congregation: I will glory in the Lord;  
let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

Leader: I sought the Lord, who answered me  
and delivered me from all my terrors.

**Congregation: Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
happy are they who take refuge in God!**

**\* HYMN #326**

"For All the Saints"

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*in unison*)

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. 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.*

## PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

### MESSAGE FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

Pastor Tom

*After the Children's Message, children ages Preschool – 3rd graders will go to the chapel for Wee Worship. Older children and youth are invited to stay in the service to celebrate Communion.*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Peter Hazelton

### 1<sup>ST</sup> SCRIPTURE READING      John 12:27-28

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say: ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.”  
Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”

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

### ANTHEM

“Followers of the Lamb”

Arr: Philip Dietterich

The Chancel Choir

Russell Nagy, Director

O brethren ain’t you happy, ye followers  
of the Lamb.

O, I’m glad I am a Christian, ye followers  
of the Lamb.

*Sing on, dance on, followers of Emmanuel,  
sing on, dance on, ye followers of the Lamb.*

O, I mean to be obedient, ye followers of  
the Lamb.

O sisters ain’t you happy, ye followers of  
the Lamb.

### 2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE READING      Esther 4:1-17

Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves

When Mordecai learned all that had been done, Mordecai tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes and went through the city, wailing with a loud and bitter

cry; he went up to the entrance of the king's gate, for no one might enter the king's gate clothed with sackcloth. In every province, wherever the king's command and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting and weeping and lamenting, and most of them lay in sackcloth and ashes.

When Esther's maids and her eunuchs came and told her, the queen was deeply distressed; she sent garments to clothe Mordecai, so that he might take off his sackcloth, but he would not accept them. Then Esther called for Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs who had been appointed to attend her, and ordered him to go to Mordecai to learn what was happening and why. Hathach went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate, and Mordecai told him all that had happened to him and the exact sum of money that Haman had promised to pay into the king's treasuries for the destruction of the Jews. Mordecai also gave him a copy of the written decree issued in Susa for their destruction, that he might show it to Esther, explain it to her, and charge her to go to the king to make supplication to him and to entreat him for her people.

Hathach went and told Esther what Mordecai had said. Then Esther spoke to Hathach and gave him a message for Mordecai: "All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that, if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law: to be put to death. Only if the king holds out the golden scepter to someone may that person live. I myself have not been called to come in to the king for thirty days." When they told Mordecai what Esther had said, Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this." Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai, "Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish." Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

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

**SERMON**

**"You Are a Gift for this Time"**

Pastor Matt

**\* HYMN #691**

**"Lord, When I Came into This Life"**

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Rev. Betsy Rice

Offertory

"The Saint's Delight"

Dale Wood

### \* 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

*You can give online by scanning the QR code or by visiting:  
[bit.ly/engagewpc](http://bit.ly/engagewpc)*



## 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.*

*As we remember these loved ones from our congregation, please also hold in thankful prayer the saints who are dear to you...*

JoAnn Russell

Jan Langhout

Scot Hindall

Bonnie Smith

Patricia Morrison

Rowene Bessey

Dave Christian

Bob Slicker

Russell Hill

Keith Beachler

Don Beckett

Paul Wilcox

Richard Langhout

Linda Slicker

Jane Minton

Mary Wiles

Charlotte Briggs

Laura Syron

Wilma White

Charles Buford

Jim Finn

*...please feel free to say the name of a loved one aloud or silently at this time.*

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 "When I Think Upon Thy Goodness" Franz Joseph Haydn  
David Scott

Prayer after Communion

**God of glory, in this holy feast you have made us one with Christ and with the great multitude of the faithful. Strengthen us with this food as we seek to serve you. Lead us in lives of purpose and joy as we await the coming again in glory of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **GOING IN GOD'S NAME**

**\* HYMN #746** "Send Me, Jesus"

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Pastor Matt

**POSTLUDE** "Sortie" George Blake

*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.*



Visit the Columbarium today to celebrate the resurrection of those saints who have gone before us to eternal life. Niches are decorated with white bows for All Saint's Day.

# All Saints' Remembrance 2025



## Dave Christian

*July 20, 1946 – November 28, 2024*

**WPC member for 64 years**



## JoAnne Russell

*June 3, 1945 – November 2, 2024*



## Keith Beachler

*October 20, 1929 – January 27, 2025*

**WPC member for 27 years**



## Bonnie Smith

*December 17, 1937 – November 28, 2024*

**WPC member for 63 years**



## Richard Langhout

*August 15, 1937 – February 14, 2025*

**WPC member for 52 years**



## Mary Wiles

*April 1, 1923 – February 25, 2025*

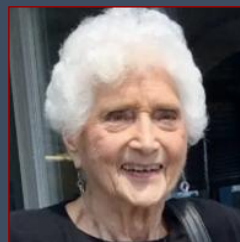
**WPC member for 71 years**



## Patricia Morrison

*March 1, 1949 – April 2, 2025*

**WPC member for 4 years**



## Wilma White

*January 15, 1926 – February 27, 2025*

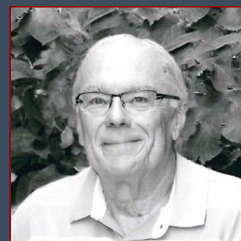
**WPC member for 4 years**



## Bob Slicker

*March 25, 1943 – April 15, 2025*

**WPC member for 45 years**



## Jan Langhout

*December 29, 1936 – March 2, 2025*

**WPC member for 52 years**



## Don Beckett

*November 24, 1931 – April 30, 2025*

**WPC member for 23 years**



## **Linda Slicker**

*April 26, 1943 – May 1, 2025*

**WPC member for 45 years**



## **Scot Hindall**

*February 3, 1967 – July 10, 2025*

**WPC member for 43 years**



## **Charlotte Briggs**

*September 11, 1930 – June 8, 2025*

**WPC member for 43 years**



## **Rowene Bessey**

*September 11, 1945 – August 1, 2025*

**WPC member for 30 yrs**



## **Charles Buford**

*January 1, 1932 – July 1, 2025*

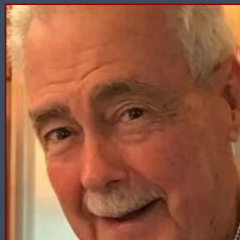
**WPC member for 21 years**



## **Russell Hill**

*May 4, 1930 – August 20, 2025*

**WPC member for 81 years**



## Paul Wilcox

September 28, 1957 – September 4, 2025

WPC member for 17 years



## Jim Finn

November 5, 1947 – October 14, 2025



## Jane Minton

August 23, 1934 – September 20, 2025

WPC member for 39 years



## “For All the Saints”

*For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*



## Laura Syron

January 19, 1995 – September 29, 2025

WPC member for 16 years

