

Worthington Presbyterian Church
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
4th Sunday after Epiphany

February 1, 2026

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)*

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

"Given for You"

Richard Blake

IN MUSIC

Kim Anderson, organist

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

OPENING SENTENCES

When you hear, "Children of God, what does the Lord require of us?"
please respond, **"To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God."**

*** HYMN # 443**

"There Is a Redeemer"

Led by Cornerstone Youth Band

Shine Robison, Director

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Rev. Betsy Rice

**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

Nick Robison

Children will go to Wee Worship in the chapel after the message.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liam Ryan

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 42:1-3, 5

As a deer longs for flowing streams,

so my soul longs for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God,

for the living God.

When shall I come and behold

the face of God?

My tears have been my food

day and night,

while people say to me continually,

“Where is your God?”

Why are you cast down, O my soul,

and why are you disquieted within me?

Hope in God, for I shall again praise him,

my help and my God.

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 4:5-42

Rev. Taylor Barner

[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father

seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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

SERMON

"Tell Us Your Story"

Pastor Taylor

*** HYMN #100** "My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves

Offertory

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

David H. Hegarty

* 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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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Pastor Matt, Pastor Betsy

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.

* The Apostles' Creed (see p. 35 of the hymnal)

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

Prayer after Communion

Loving God, from east and west, from north and south, you have gathered us at your table, called us your beloved, and fed by us in your grace. Transform us to be your body in the world, and fortify us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you and our neighbors with great joy. Amen.

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

* HYMN # 312

"Take Us As We Are, O God"

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Pastor Taylor

POSTLUDE 10am

"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.

Please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall for refreshments after the worship service.