



Worthington

United Methodist Church

Come as You are. Grow in Grace. Serve in Love.
10:00am Worship for October 25, 2026
22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Toccata Prima
Narmina Aliyeva

G. Muffat

Passing of the Peace*

Call to Worship*

Rev. Jennifer Casto

**Rise in body or in spirit*

Come just as you are into the house of the Lord.

Bring your hopes, your burdens, your joys, and your doubts.

**We come as we are, gathered by the love of Christ and welcomed
into His presence.**

Let us devote ourselves to scripture, to fellowship, to the breaking
of bread, and to prayer—just as the first believers did.

**We open our hearts to learn, to share, and to grow
in grace together.**

Let gladness and generosity fill this place as we praise God
with one voice.

**The Lord is doing great things among us! Let us worship God
in unity and truth.**

**Praising God and enjoying His presence, let us worship
the Lord together!**

Opening Hymn*

Gather Us In

(see insert)

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21

Rev. Christian Taylor

Children's Moments

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*After the conclusion of Children's Moments, children 4 years old-3rd grade are invited to
attend Children's Church in South Fellowship Hall until the end of the worship service.
Nursery care for ages 0-3 years is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please see
an usher for assistance.*

Special Music

First Greetings
Jubilee Ringers

Isaac Wan

Pew Pocket Prayer cards will be collected by the pastors during this piece.

Season of Prayer
Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Jennifer Casto

Offerings in Ministries and Gifts

Rev. Christian Taylor

Offertory Music

A Time for Peace
Jubilee Ringers

Karen Buckwalter

Doxology*

Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow

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Offertory Prayer

Gracious and generous God, all that are and all that we have are gifts of your grace. Thank you for the saints who led the way, whose faithful lives and generous witness have helped prepare the harvest from which we now receive. Gratefully, we offer ourselves and our gifts to you. Bless what we give, that it may bear Kingdom fruit, bringing hope to the hurting, welcome to the stranger, strength to the weary, and love to our neighbors. Teach us to steward all you have entrusted to us, that we may generously prepare the way for generations yet to come. May our gratitude become generosity, our generosity become ministry, and our lives bear witness to your abundant grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel Reading*

Acts 2:42-47

Rev. Jennifer Casto

Sermon

“Grow In Grace”

Rev. Jennifer Casto

Closing Hymn*

Jesus Calls Us

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Benediction*

Rev. Jennifer Casto

**May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever he may send you.
May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.
May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.**

Postlude

Postlude of World Missions
Narmina Aliyeva

Dan Wyrzten

Announcements

Altar Flowers: The altar flowers are given by Kara Pittman in honor of her father, Kenneth Pittman’s birthday. He would have been 101 on October 18th.

Livestreamed Service: The 10:00am service is being livestreamed on our YouTube channel.

Next Week's Lectionary: Joshua 3: 7-17; Psalm 107: 1-7, 33-37; 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12

Events today: Early service (Potter Chapel) 9:00am • Worship service (Sanctuary) 10:00am • Jubilee (Fellowship Hall) 11:30am • Trunk or Treat (Parking Lot) 4:00pm • Columbus Rings (Fellowship Hall) 6:00pm.

Trunk or Treat Today! Join us for our annual Trunk or Treat today! Arrive at 3:45pm to set up vehicles, Trunk or Treating begins at 4:00pm. Come "trick or treat" in our parking lot with decorated trunks! We will also have a cookout with hot dogs, chips and snacks, and live music! Want to decorate a trunk to help support our fun? We'd love to have many for our kids! Contact Ashley Gerard at ashley@worthingtonumc.com with questions. Please use the QR code to RSVP.



Bags of Blessings—Worthington Resource Pantry: The Worthington Resource Pantry is a non-profit community-based organization offering a CHOICE food pantry. Each eligible household can receive three days of food & personal items twice each month. In 2025 WRP provided over 1,569,710 meals and served 135,563 neighbors! Thank you for your generous donations.

Grief Support Group: Our Grief Support Group meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month. Our next meeting is on October 28th at 1:00pm in Dixon. This is a time of sharing and support with others who are grieving the loss of a spouse, partner, or child. Whether the death of your loved one occurred recently or some time ago, we rely on each other in sharing memories, feelings, and needs wherever we are in the grief journey. Our intent is to provide a safe and compassionate space to both mourn and move toward healing and hope. For more information, contact Pastor Jennifer at jennifer@worthingtonumc.com.

All Saints Memory Table: On November 1, 2026, Worthington UMC will celebrate All Saints Sunday, when we will remember all those who have revealed the love of God to us and who now rest in God's eternal embrace. You are invited to bring a photograph or object that represents a person who has passed away to place on the memorial table that will be in Dixon Lounge. In doing so, we will represent and celebrate the "great cloud of witnesses" that continues to surround us. Please remember to take the object home with you before you leave.

They're baaaaaack! The Elizabeth Circle will begin taking cheeseball orders and payment on Nov. 8 before and after worship services, as well as on Nov. 15. You may also order by phone starting Nov. 8 by contacting Meg Tyler or Beth Strasser. The cheeseballs will be distributed on Nov. 22, just in time for Thanksgiving! They are a delicious appetizer and make perfect hostess gifts!



Cookies Needed! Sunday Coffee Hour needs cookies! Store bought or homemade cookies and baked items are welcome. Please drop off cookies in the kitchenette on Sunday morning or during the week. Thank you!

BSA Fruit and Greenery Sale: BSA Scout Troop 365 is having their annual Fruit and Greenery Sale again! There are many old favorites and new options, including more variety boxes. There is a new pick up date - November 22, 2026, before Thanksgiving, in time for all your holiday gifting and decorating needs! Forms are available in the church office. **Today is the last day to order.** For more information, contact Fundraiser coordinator Nichole Tankovich at 614-264-5430 or nicholetankovich@gmail.com.

Upper Room Disciplines 2027: It's time to order 2027 devotional books used by the WUMC Monday Prayer and study group. If you would like to purchase one, sign up sheets are in the office for regular or enlarged print. Cost will be \$20. We welcome members to join us at 10:15 on Monday for prayer and study together. You can also sign up to be on the email prayer list sent out each Monday.

Keep us in the loop! Please contact Pastor Jennifer or Pastor Christian with pastoral concerns, including hospitalizations, births and deaths at Jennifer@worthingtonumc.com or Christian@worthingtonumc.com.

Acolytes: Morgan Grisez

Greeters: Pete & Kelly Wegley, Linda Karr, Eleanor Meekins, Tanna Stewart,
Lesly Wade, John Wolters, Lois Yoakam

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Andrew Wegley, Don Wheat

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