



# Northwest Presbyterian Church

## Service of Worship

Making Disciples ● Making Friends ● Making a Difference

May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:30AM

**PRELUDE**

*"Prelude in C Major"*

J.S.Bach

**GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

**MISSION PRESENTATION**

Craig Camp

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 19)

Harriett Kelly

*One:* The heavens tell the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork

*All:* **Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.  
We may not hear the creation's speech,  
their voice is not heard;  
yet their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.**

*One:* In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun,  
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,  
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.  
Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
and its circuit to the end of them;  
and nothing is hid from its heat.

*All:* **The same wisdom that set the creation on its course,  
stands behind God's teachings and ways for us.  
The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;  
the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;  
the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;  
the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;**

*One:* The Lord's teachings are more desirable than gold.  
Moreover by them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.

*All:* **Let the words of our mouths  
and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you,  
O Lord, our creator, our rock, and our redeemer.**

*Unison*

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice  
 2 O broth - er wind with clouds and rain, you nur - ture gifts  
 3 O broth - er fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shad -  
 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain

*Harmony*

and with us sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 of fruit and grain. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ous of the night. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 or sor - row grieve, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Unison*

O broth - er sun with gold - en beam, O sis - ter moon  
 O sis - ter wa - ter, flow - ing clear, make mu - sic for  
 Dear moth - er earth, who day by day un - folds such bless -  
 Christ bears your bur - dens and your fears; so, e - ven in

*Harmony*

with sil - ver gleam, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 your Lord to hear. Sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ings on our way, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 the midst of tears, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Unison*

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**MOMENT OF AWARENESS**

*Share with those around your table something in creation  
that reminds you of God, and why that is.*

**GRADUATE RECOGNITION**

AJ Shortley, Jim Soteres

**TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

AJ Shortley

**SCRIPTURE READING**

1 John 5:1-6

Harriett Kelly

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,  
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;  
 for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:  
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

*Refrain*  
 Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON**

“Life After Easter: Showing What We Believe”

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

“Faithful”

Mark Hayes

You are faithful, O God. Your mercies are new every morning.  
 Your compassions have never failed me. They are constant as each day's dawning.  
 No matter how the winds of change may blow across my life,  
 You're my sure foundation. You're my rock of ages.  
 You're my only salvation, the One on whom I call.  
 You are faithful, O God. You are my all in all.

When I don't understand, I will wait on You.  
 When life brings harsh demands, I will wait on You.  
 When I'm lost and all alone, I will wait on You.  
 When I'm feeling fearful and hope is gone, I will wait on You.  
 When I'm in despair, when my way is not clear,  
 when my needs have weighed me down,  
 when my help is nowhere to be found, I will wait on You.

\* **SUNG RESPONSE**

*"Lord of All Good"*

Fa - ther, whose boun - ty all cre - a - tion shows;  
 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;

Christ, by whose will - ing sac - ri - fice we live;  
 use them your ho - ly pur - pose to ful - fill,

Spir - it, from whom all life in full - ness flows:  
 to - kens of love and pledg - es brought a - new,

to you with grate - ful hearts our - selves we give.  
 that our whole life is of - fered to your will.

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION & 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.

\* HYMN OF SERVICE 20

*"All Things Bright and Beautiful"*

*Refrain*

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all. *Fine*

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,  
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tain, the riv - er run - ning by,  
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,  
4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

*to Refrain*

God made their glow - ing col - ors; God made their ti - ny wings.  
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky:  
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.  
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

\* **BLESSING** (from Psalm 145)

May you know to the core of your being  
 That our God is gracious and merciful,  
 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
 May you remember that the Lord is good to all,  
 and his compassion is over all that he has made.  
 The Lord is faithful in all his words  
 and gracious in all his deeds.  
 May you discover that the Lord upholds all who are falling  
 and raises up all who are bowed down.  
 May you find that God gives us all that we need.  
 God opens his hand,  
 and satisfies the needs of every living thing.  
 May you believe and act out of the belief  
 that the Lord is just in all his ways  
 and kind in all his doings.  
 The Lord is near to all who call on him.  
 The Lord hears their cry and saves them.  
 The Lord watches over all who love him.  
 And may all creation bless his holy name forever and ever.

**POSTLUDE**

*"Sonata in G Major, Mvt. I" KV 283*

W.A. Mozart

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\* Please stand as you are able.



# Northwest Presbyterian Church

May 5, 2024—The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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## Weekly Schedule of Events

Sunday School—9:15am

Adult Bible Class—In the Youth Lodge

Journey Class—In the Session Room

Children’s Morning Fellowship—Children’s Building Room 2 for crafts, games & music

Sunday Worship—10:30am

In person and available on our YouTube Channel

Northwest Spring Fiesta—after Worship

Join us for lunch, catered by Willy’s

Northwest Youth—after Worship

Enjoying the congregational luncheon.

Contact AJ for more details.

Women’s Bible Study—Wednesday at 9:30am

In person and on Zoom, meeting in the Session Room

Men’s Bible Study—Wednesday at 10:00am

In person and on Zoom, meeting in the Youth Lodge

Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday at 7:00pm

## Prayers

### For those in need of healing:

Nola Hawkinson

Jeff Upchurch

Frank Mitchell

Virginia McClatchey

John Christensen

Jamie Kaplin

The Nutter family

Ronald Bushrod, III

Becky Roberson

Becky Banchemo

Kathy Taulman Vaughan

Shahina Awal

Philip Mowris

Sonny Odum

Dee Dee Teel

Charlotte Roland

Betzi Allsop

### For those in need of strength:

The people of Palestine & Israel

The people of Ukraine

Rev. Gamble & This Child Here

The Rev. Farouk Hammo &

Baghdad Presbyterian Church

Elmarie & Scott Parker

*To have a name placed on the prayer list, please contact the church office,  
admin@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org or 404-237-5539.*

## May Birthdays

7th Harriett Kelly

8th Windsor Dombrow

9th Carroll Harris

11th Jennifer Fortune

Laura Moye

14th Penn McClatchey

16th Steven Sergan

17th Rebecca Holderread

21st Larry Wilkerson

23rd Carol Caldwell

Veronica Glass

29th Dick Myrick, Sr.

30th Steven Soteres



## Life After Easter - Sermon Series

Did you know that we are in the “season” of Easter? During this season in worship, from April 14 until Pentecost on May 19, we will be delving into the book of 1 John. This New Testament letter addresses an early church community who was figuring out what it meant to follow the Risen Lord in new ways of living. The book begins with, “We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life.” These are people who have experienced and learned these things firsthand and want to pass them on to fellow disciples like us. The book then quickly moves on to things like “How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help” and “let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.” We learn that Easter and the presence of the Risen Christ among us are not just spiritual matters but affect the very real ways we live our lives. This is a book about belief, about action, about “now”, and about “here.”

### Northwest Youth

This week, Northwest Youth will be joining the church-wide Spring Fiesta after worship. We are catering Willy’s in honor of Cinco de Mayo! Worship will be outdoors this Sunday, so it’s a great day to wear your favorite hat!

An up-to-date schedule of activities is always available at [www.northwestpresbyterianchurch.org/youth-group](http://www.northwestpresbyterianchurch.org/youth-group). Contact AJ at [aj@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org](mailto:aj@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org)

### Graduate Recognition

Congratulations to Graduates in 2024!

#### High School

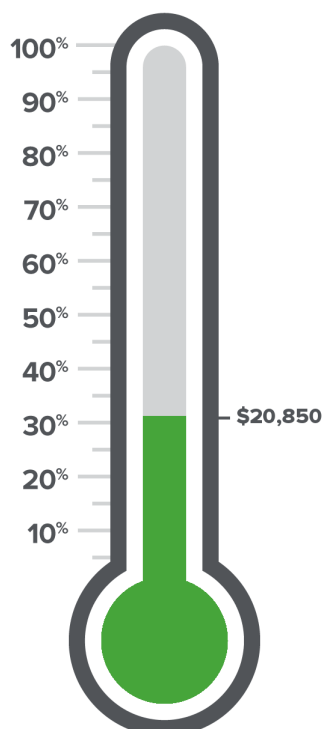
Will Soteres - Mt. Vernon Christian Academy

#### College

Parker Carmen - Oklahoma State University  
Nancy Marie Fortune - Auburn University

## 2024 Stewardship Campaign Update

**Goal: \$68,000**



Thank you to everyone who has submitted or increased their 2024 pledges.

In April, we have received new or updated pledges totaling \$20,850. We are making progress toward the additional \$68,000 needed to meet our projected 2024 expenses, but have still not met our goal.

Please consider pledging if you have not yet done so. If you have already made your 2024 pledge, please consider whether you are able to increase that pledge.

Please contact Scott Mize in the church office for assistance, or with any questions. Thank you for your continued support of Northwest

## Upcoming Events

### Northwest Spring Fiesta!

Join us for lunch after worship, as we celebrate all the great things happening at Northwest. Stay for a picnic catered by Willy's (in honor of Cinco de Mayo). Here is another reason to wear your favorite hats. Let's get festive!

### Screen on the Green

Saturday, May 18, 2024

Movie: UP

Refreshments, Music, Games and Treats

Start time: 7:30pm (movie at 8pm)

Bring lawn chairs and blankets

Rain or Shine: Rain back up will be indoors

Everyone welcome

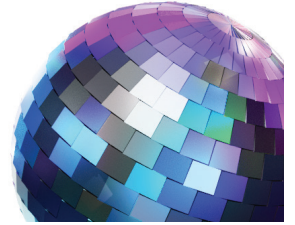


### Vacation Bible School July 8 - 12, 2024



Get ready for a summer blast of fun with us at Northwest Presbyterian Church! Calling all kiddos aged 5 to 11, join us for an epic Vacation Bible School week filled with laughter, learning, and

lively adventures. This year, our theme is "Start the Party!" as we dive into the joyous celebration of the Good News of Jesus. Get set to explore the awesome themes of Friendship, Belonging, Forgiveness, Abundant Life, and Purpose through exciting games, crafts, and stories. Grab your registration and volunteer forms from the Narthex and let's kick off this party with a bang! **Student Registration and Volunteer forms are available in the Narthex.**



### Clifton Sanctuary Ministries

Help us continue our over 30 year partnership with Clifton Sanctuary Ministries by volunteering to help provide dinner on a Saturday evening in 2024. Our service dates are:

**February 24 - Rob & Susie Rankin**

**April 27 - Dan Laney and Maryam Sanders**

**June 22 -**

**August 24 -**

**October 26 -**

**December 28 -**

To Volunteer, and for more information, please contact **Jamie Milton**, 404-310-0191 or [jamiemilton@att.net](mailto:jamiemilton@att.net).

### Sanctuary Flowers

A gift of flowers is a wonderful way to commemorate a birthday, wedding, anniversary, memorial, or any other occasion. Each week there is an opportunity to honor or give thanks for a loved one with flowers. We invite you to make a donation to decorate our worship space.

To reserve your dedication:

[admin@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org](mailto:admin@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org),

or call 404-237-5539

### 52 Club - Support Northwest Youth Mission

Please support the mission outreach of the Northwest Youth by donating \$1 per week, or \$52 annually, designated for the "52 Club." Even with this small individual amount, if everyone contributes our youth can do amazing things in our community!

**Submit Announcements to [admin@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org](mailto:admin@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org)**

\*Submissions are due by noon on Thursday the week before publication of the newsletters. Submissions received after the deadline will be included in the following week's publications.

## Spiritual Formation

**Children's Morning Fellowship**, 9:15-10:15am: Led by Sunday school teacher Marina Greiner, children will gather for games, crafts, and music. Location: Children's Building, Room 2

**Children's Sunday School**, 10:45-11:30am: Immediately following the *Time With Young Disciples* in the morning worship service, children between the ages of 4 years old and 5th grade will be led to the Children's Building by Sunday school teacher Marina Greiner. Their weekly lessons come from *Growing in Grace and Gratitude*, important Bible stories that will encourage our children to grow into God's love and live as expressions of God's grace. Location: Children's Building, Room 2.

**Nursery Care**: The Northwest Nursery is located in Room 1 of the Children's Building. The nursery opens each Sunday morning from 9:00 to 11:45am, or at the conclusion of any after-church event. Children who are newborn through age 3 are welcome to attend the nursery where our professional nursery workers provide tender loving care. Parents, please bring diapers and a change of clothes and any medications needed (Epipen). Please do not bring foods containing nuts.

The Adult Sunday School classes will meet from 9:15-10:15am.

**Adult Bible Class** in the Youth Lodge: This class led by Pastor Alex utilizes the PC(USA) Bible study curriculum "*The Present Word*". There is plenty of discussion of the weekly passage and how it relates to our lives and world.

**Journey Class**, 9:15-10:15am in the Session Room: This class explores a wide variety of topics and issues throughout the year in a series format. May 12 & 19, **Faith Journeys**: To conclude our Winter/Spring study semester, Journey class members will have the opportunity to share highlights from their own journeys of faith and to hear and reflect upon the faith journeys of fellow congregation members. Facilitator: Ellen Carrington

## Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will start a new study on February 7 using Philip Yancey's book "What's So Amazing About Grace?". The paperback (2023 edition) and study guide are both available on Amazon.

The Women's Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 9:30am in the Session Room, or on Zoom. Contact Anneke Woodward or Lynne Schlosberg for additional information. New participants welcome!

## Men's Bible Study

Join Northwest Men on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am, in-person in the Youth Lodge, or on Zoom, for fellowship and faith discussion. The men's group just started a study on Galatians, which is one of Paul's most impassioned letters to a group of congregations in a region called Galatia. These churches were really wrestling with the meaning of the gospel and what it meant for their lives together given their different cultural, ethnic, and religious backgrounds. Paul's responses are profoundly pastoral, spiritual, and theological. Come join the conversation! Contact AJ Shortley for Zoom access or more information, [aj@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org](mailto:aj@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org)

## Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ, **we welcome you to Northwest**, with the hope that this service of worship will be for you an experience of real communion with God and God's children. If you have not found a church home in Atlanta, we hope you will consider joining with us in worship, study, fellowship, and service. There is a place for you here in which you can both give and receive. ***Come join us!***

### The Ministers

All of the Members of the Northwest Presbyterian Congregation

### The Session

#### Class of 2024

Ellen Carrington, *E*  
Chad Fleming, *W*  
Ed Milton, *W*  
Cindy Upchurch, *E*

*C=Connections*  
*W=Worship*

#### Class of 2025

Lisa Bacorn, *C*  
Anne McClatchey, *C*  
Kaye Mulkeen, *C*  
Rick Thompson, *W*

*E=Education*  
*Ca=Congregational Care*

#### Class of 2026

Jason Amos, *E*  
Betty Bates, *Ca*  
Craig Camp, *S*  
Brian Moye, *S*

*S=Stewardship & Mission*  
*\*=Team Leader*

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Alex Moses  
Clerk: Ezra Jones  
Treasurer: Karen Taylor

### The Staff

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses, Pastor  
A.J. Shortley, Director of Youth, Young Adult & Community Outreach  
Clinton Smith, Director of Music & Organist  
Scott Mize, Director of Operations

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