



Northwest Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

Making Disciples • Making Friends • Making a Difference

February 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

10:30AM

PRELUDE

"We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit"
William Fred Scott, guest organist

Dieterich Buxtehude

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 121)

One: I lift up my eyes to the hills - from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

All: **The Lord will not let your foot be moved;
the Lord who keeps you will not slumber.**

One: The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

All: **The Lord will keep your life.
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

*** HYMN OF PRAISE 645**

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

*** SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

All: **And also with you.**

You are invited to share words and signs of greeting and reconciliation.

*** GLORIA** Hymn 582

"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

World without end, without end. Amen.

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World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6:25-34

Pew Bible, pg. 5 NT

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

* **HYMN 175**

"Seek Ye First"

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

The Sermon on the Mount
When We Worry

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*The Apostle's Creed*)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Faithful"

Mark Hayes

* **SUNG RESPONSE**

OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION & 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.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD & THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* **HYMN 755**

"Alleluia! Laud and Blessing"

* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

"All Praise to God on High"

Georg Böhm

*The benediction concludes our worship service. During the music of the postlude,
please feel free to leave the sanctuary, talk to those around you, or stay and listen to the music, as you choose.*

* Please stand as you are able.

*The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God
and in honor of the Soteris January Birthdays - Jim, Nancy, Steve, Will, and Bryleigh Burnett;
and in memory of Nancy's brother Mike Crawford.*

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 2026

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

C=Connections
W=Worship

Class of 2027

Laura Blackburn, *E*
Cathy Ealick, *M*
Harriett Kelly, *W*
Rob Rankin, *W*

E=Education
Ca=Congregational Care

Class of 2028

Carroll Harris, *S*
Curt Thompson, *C*
Jeff Upchurch, *W*
Anneke Woodward, *S*

S=Stewardship
M=Mission

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

The Staff

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

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Weekly Schedule of Events

Sunday School—9:00am

Adult Bible Study—In the Session Room

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

Sunday Worship—10:30am

In person & on YouTube.

Book Discussion Lunch—after Worship

Join us in Thorington Hall.

Northwest Youth—11:30am

Lunch, Fun, Spiritual Formation. Contact AJ for more details.

Choir Rehearsal after Worship

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

Meeting in the Conference Room and on Zoom.

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

Meeting in the Youth Lodge and on Zoom.

Prayers

For those in need of healing:

Mary Anne Matthews
Laura Blackburn
Sean Amos
Nola Hawkinson
Jeff Upchurch
Anna Purser
Lisa Campbell Taylor

Hugh Campbell
Prue Waters
John Bagwell
Darlene Kerscher
Jamie Kaplin
Mike Farria
Kathy Taulman Vaughan
Dee Dee Teel

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

If you would like to place a name on the prayer list, we invite you to contact the church office at admin@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org or call 404-237-5539.

If you have already shared a prayer request, we kindly ask that you keep us informed with any updates by reaching out to Lynne Schlosberg at lynnes@comcast.net or by contacting the church office.

January Birthdays

20th Peggy Saucier
Steve Soteres
25th Finn McCabe
26th Bruce Logue
28th Nancy Soteres
30th Frank Brown

February Birthdays

1st Paul Sanders
2nd Dan Fondell
16th Connor Amos
18th Tobi Williams
20th Charles Sergan
Miyoko Thompson
22nd Alex Bayer
28th Steve Forbes

Be A Greeter



Be the first to say hello to friends and greet visitors arriving for worship. Greeters play an important part in welcoming newcomers and helping them get to where they need to be. Reserve your spot on SignUp Genius using the QR Code. For more information contact a member

of the Worship Team: Harriett Kelly, Rob Rankin, or Jeff Upchurch.

Sanctuary Flowers

Celebrate a birthday, wedding, anniversary, memorial, or any special occasion with a beautiful gift of flowers. Each week offers an opportunity to give thanks or remember someone dear by adorning our worship space with a floral dedication. To reserve your dedication, please call 404-237-5539 or email admin@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org.

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Northwest Youth

February 1: Regular Youth Fellowship

February 8: Souper Bowl of Caring Lunch

An up-to-date schedule of activities is always available at www.northwestpresbyterianchurch.org/northwest-youth.
Contact AJ at aj@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org

Upcoming Northwest Events

February 1: Book Discussion Lunch after worship.

February 8: Souper Bowl of Caring Lunch after worship.

February 15: After Church Refreshments.
Session meeting.

February 18: Ash Wednesday in the Adams Room.
Dinner at 6:00pm
Service at 6:45pm

February 22: Lenten Breakfast & Sunday School.
Congregational meeting after worship.

March 1: Lenten Breakfast & Sunday School.
Cooking meals for Bashor Shelter after worship.

March 8: Lenten Breakfast & Sunday School.
Atlanta Hunger Walk.

Children's Ministry

Nursery Childcare

Nursery care is provided in Room 1 of the Children's Building, and is available from 9:00-11:45am, or at the conclusion of any after-church event. Children who are newborn through age 4 are welcome. Parents, please bring diapers, a change of clothes, and any medications or other needed items. Please do not bring food containing nuts.

Children's Morning Fellowship

9:00am in Room 2 of the Children's Building. Children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade are invited to join Marina Greiner for a time of fun, games, crafts, etc. during the Adult Sunday School hour.

Young Children & Worship

Following the Time with Young Disciples during worship, children in Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to follow Marina Greiner and an adult volunteer* upstairs to the Upper Room above the Narthex. Children will engage in a simplified and age-appropriate order of worship that includes liturgical greetings, songs of praise, and a sensorimotor style of storytelling that follows the Bible passages of the church year calendar. On communion Sundays, children will rejoin their parents for the communion portion of the service. Other Sundays, please pick up your children upstairs after the service.

*Adult volunteers needed. If interested, please contact Laura Blackburn or Maryam Sanders.

Submit Announcements to 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.

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!

Northwest Mission Projects

Souper Bowl of Caring - From January 18 to February 8 we are collecting the following items needed to fight hunger in Metro-Atlanta. We will enjoy our Souper Bowl Day of Caring lunch together after worship on February 8.

- Peanut Butter & Jelly (Plastic jars only)
- Canned Meats (Tuna, chicken, ham, or beef stew)
- Hearty Soups & Chilis (Chunky or protein-rich styles)
- Boxed Dinners (Mac & Cheese, Hamburger Helper, or Pasta Roni)
- Canned Vegetables (Corn, green beans, and peas)
- Canned Beans (Black, kidney, or baked beans)
- Rice & Pasta (1lb bags/boxes)
- Canned Tomato Products (Diced tomatoes or pasta sauce—no glass)
- Crackers (Saltines or Ritz)

Please avoid donating glass items to avoid breakage, and remember to check expiration dates. Thank you!

Adult Spiritual Formation Groups

Sunday Morning Bible Study

We gather at 9:00am in the Session Room of the Family Life Center and via Zoom. The group has thought provoking discussions about the weekly Bible passage from the PC(USA)'s Feasting on the Word curriculum. Coffee and donuts provided. The Zoom link is in the email newsletter.

If you have questions about the class, please contact Pastor Alex.

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 9:30am in the office conference room and on Zoom. On February 4, we will start a new discussion. Reading and discussing "*Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus*" by Ann Spangler and Lisa Tverberg. available at: <https://tinyurl.com/yc4phxp6>

"Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus takes you on an in-depth tour of the Jewish world of Jesus, offering inspirational insights that will transform your faith. Spangler and Tverberg paint powerful scenes from Jesus' ministry, immersing you in the prayers, feasts, history, culture, and customs that shaped Jesus and those who followed him." (Amazon)

The Bible study group welcomes new members to join them - in person or on Zoom.

Come and enjoy fellowship and learning.

Men's Bible Study

The Men of Northwest will meet on Wednesdays at 10am in the Youth Lodge and on Zoom. We engage in rich discussion that revolves around the Bible, spirituality, and contemporary life.

Annual Souper Bowl of Caring Lunch

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, February 8**, and join us in Thorington Hall for a delightful congregational lunch. We invite everyone to bring their favorite game day appetizer or soup recipe to share.

Sign-Up: Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the round table in the Narthex.

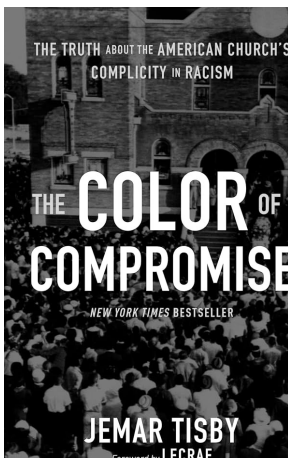
Portion Size: To ensure everyone has plenty to enjoy, please prepare enough for 8-12 people.

Provided: The Mission team will supply drinks and dessert. *Please bring your soup in a warm crock pot before worship. Power strips will be available on the serving tables for your convenience.*

We look forward to sharing a wonderful meal together!

Book Discussion Lunches

In connection to Martin Luther King day this month, Alex will lead a 3 week series of discussions of the book "The Color of Compromise" by Jemar Tisby. We will meet for a simple lunch in Thorington Hall after church on January 18, January 25, and February 1. Participants will need to purchase the book and keep up with readings in order to engage in the discussions. Also, please be prepared to make a \$5-10 contribution each week to cover the lunch. You may purchase the book ahead of time on Amazon, Ebay, Thriftbooks, or wherever you prefer. The first week we will discuss the first 4 chapters.



The Color of Compromise details the church's role in racism in America from colonial slavery, through the Civil War and Jim Crow era, and on through the Civil Rights period and even our modern social/political context. Jemar Tisby, with incredibly thorough research, historical accuracy, and insight, discusses not only what the church has done through the years, but also why. As you can tell by the title of the book, Tisby makes a clear point that in regards to racism (as

well as numerous other issues), the church and Christians compromise the gospel and the way of Jesus due to the influence of the social and political forces of the day. He does not intend it to be a political book, but does discuss in detail the times that the church, or Christians, have aligned themselves with politicians and policies that had/ have clear racial implications. Tisby is also upfront that it will be a challenging read for many, and Alex notes that he will steer the group away from arguments or agendas. However, Tisby does believe that like surgery, truth telling can be uncomfortable and even painful, but also healing and transforming – for us as individuals, for us as a church, and for society.

Please sign up on the table in the narthex, and see Alex if you have questions.

Jazz Sunday - February 8

Invite your friends and neighbors!

"If jazz is spiritual, it does not lift us off the ground, detaching us from the hard realities of life. The music's spiritual power is a holy animation in the thick of real life."

(from *Thriving on a Riff* by William Carter)

Jazz can actually teach us a lot about life and faith – it gives lessons in working together collaboratively, listening to the other musicians, being flexible, expressing our God-given personalities and talents, and so much more.

Come and enjoy a fun service of music before our Souper Bowl of Caring lunch.

"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 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.

