



Northwest Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

Making Disciples • Making Friends • Making a Difference

November 30, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

10:30AM



PRELUDE

"Brethen, We have Met to Worship"

arr. Joel Raney

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

INTRODUCTION TO THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Jennifer & Alex Moses

* HYMN OF PRAISE 82

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

* 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.

* HYMN 110 (vs 3)

"Love Has Come"

Love has come and never will leave us!

Love is life everlasting and free.

Love is Jesus within and among us.

Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.

Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.

Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high.

PRESENTATION & LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

HYMN (vs 1)

“The Candle of Hope”

The candle of hope we light in this hour
Proclaims that the Lord is coming in power.
We wait for a future, now hidden from view,
When Christ in his glory will make all things new.

PRESENTATION AND PLACING OF THE EVERGREENS

HYMN 107 (vs 1 & 2)

“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”

PRESENTATION AND HANGING OF THE CHRISMONS

HYMN 107 (vs 3 & 4)

“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 24:42-44

Pew Bible, pg. 28 NT

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

* **HYMN** (SEE INSERT)

“There is a Mighty Question”

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“Coming Soon”

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

arr. Melius Christiansen

* 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 & 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 744

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Hail to the Lords Anointed”

Henry Balcombe

*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.

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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Northwest Presbyterian Church

November 30, 2025

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.

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:

Laura Blackburn
Sean Amos
Ellen Carrington
Nola Hawkinson
Jeff Upchurch
Rhonan Ackart
Prue Waters
Darlene Kerscher

Lonnie Lamb
David Wang
Jamie Kaplin
Ronald Bushrod, III
Kathy Taulman Vaughan
Philip Mowris
Dee Dee Teel

For those who have died:

Rick Reese

For those in need of strength:

Ashley Carman & family
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 lynnesc@comcast.net or by contacting the church office.

November Birthdays

28th Bill Mulkeen
29th Cindy Upchurch

December Birthdays

4th Lisa Bacorn
6th Kim Gill
Mari Doyal
9th Ellen Carrington
11th Elisabeth Crockett-Dombrow
12th Liam Fondell
Deanie Quillian

17th Joe Dombrow
19th Bopene Newton
25th Jodi Compton
26th Mark Carman
Jack McCabe
27th Cora Bayer
29th Kathy Booth
Berkley Glass
Clinton Smith
30th Jonathan Pohl

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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Blessed to be a blessing.

Genesis 12:2

Many thanks to all of you who turned in your 2026 pledge cards. We're off to a good start. For those of you who haven't yet pledged, please remember to do so by putting a pledge card in the offering plate or by contacting Scott Mize in the church office by email at admin@northwestpresbyterian.org or by phone at (404) 237-5539.

We wholeheartedly thank you for your support of our church and the many ways it is a blessing!

Upcoming Northwest Mission Projects

December:

Women of Northwest **Ditty Bags Project** (toiletries and other items) for Bashor Night Shelter.

Collection for **Thornwell Angel Tree**.

Northwest Youth

Sunday, November 30, No Youth Group. Break for Thanksgiving weekend.

Sunday, December 7, 11:30-1:30 - Regular youth fellowship, with food, fun, fellowship and spiritual formation.

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

November 30: The First Sunday of Advent
& Hanging of the Greens

December 14: Christmas Caroling

December 21: A Service of Lessons & Carols

December 24: Christmas Eve Service

January 4: Three Kings Potluck

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.

Adult Spiritual Formation Groups

Sunday Morning Bible Study



For the four Sundays of Advent, join us at 9am in Thorington Hall as we watch and discuss this Christmas classic.

There will be a light breakfast, coffee, and

juice each week! There will be singing and crafts! And there will be questions like

"What are your favorite ways to celebrate Christmas?"

"What are the things at Christmas that can make us feel Grinchy?"

"Why did the Grinch have a change of heart?"

"What did the Grinch do after he recognized the true meaning of Christmas?"

and "What difference did it make to the Grinch to go from solitary selfishness to a loving community?"

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study meets each week on Wednesday at 9:30am in the office conference room and on Zoom. Our current study is **The Acts** using the LifeChange (Navigators) series on The Acts available at <https://tinyurl.com/4u4rwww9>.

All women are welcome.

Men's Bible Study

The men of Northwest meet each week on Wednesday at 10:00am in the Youth Lodge and on Zoom. We engage in rich discussion that revolves around the Bible, spirituality, and contemporary life.

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.

Poinsettias

Remember your loved ones and honor your friends this Christmas with the dedication of a poinsettia. These lovely flowers will grace the sanctuary for services on December 21, Christmas Eve, and December 28.

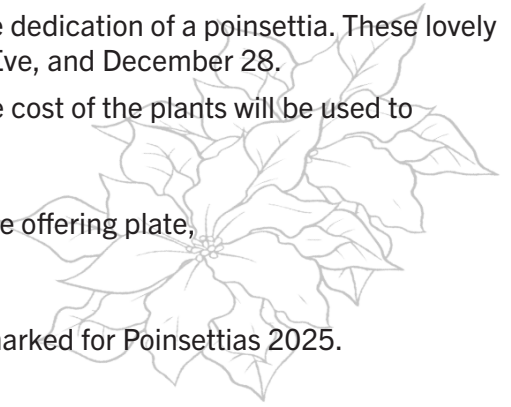
A fixed number of Poinsettias have been ordered. All proceeds beyond the cost of the plants will be used to support special Worship programs.

Poinsettias are \$20 each. Please make your reservation by:

completing a card found in the Narthex and placing it in the offering plate,
emailing admin@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org,
or by calling the church office at 404-237-5539.

Checks should be made payable to Northwest Presbyterian Church and marked for Poinsettias 2025.

The deadline for dedications is **Wednesday, December 17 at noon**.



Thornwell Angel Tree

A big thank you to everyone who is contributing to the Thornwell Angel Tree this year! If anyone has questions about their students' wishes (sizes or anything like that), please contact Cathy Ealick via phone or email: (404) 983-5946 | mce@jmalawfirm.com.

Please return gifts to the church by **December 10th**.
Thank you!

Caroling at Lenbrook

We're caroling on **Sunday, December 14** at Lenbrook Retirement Center on Peachtree. Five hearty folks of varying vocal talent have already committed. Ezra is bringing his guitar, Clinton will dash across the ivories -- but we need more of those who just enjoy singing Christmas carols.

The bus leaves Northwest at 1:30. Singing at 2:00.



Scan to sign up or visit
<https://tinyurl.com/yjdcu79c>

Come join the holiday revelry!

There is a Mighty Question



1. There is a migh - ty quest - ion we ask when na - tions rage:
2. For in the days of No - ah, the peo - ple went a - long
3. So keep a - wake and watch - ful; sal - va - tion is at hand!
4. Be read - y in your liv - ing, for when you feed the poor,



Just when will be Christ's com - ing, the end - ing of the age?
In eat - ing and in drink - ing, in mer - ri - ment and song--
Our hope is in Christ Je - sus, and by God's grace we stand.
Or give to thirst - y child - ren the wa - ter they long for,



Take care, said Je - sus clear - ly, for ma - ny will ap - pear;
Then sud - den - ly the world changed with great, sur - pris - ing power;
The night is al - most o - ver, we wait for God's new day,
And when you wel - come strang - ers and help the ones in need,



They'll claim to be Mes - si - ah, yet peo - ple should not fear.
So too will be Christ's com - ing, and no one knows the hour.
And through the Ho - ly Spi - rit, we fol - low Je - sus' way.
Christ says: "Re - ceive my king - dom, for you are serv - ing me."