



Northwest Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

Making Disciples • Making Friends • Making a Difference

November 9, 2025

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

10:30AM

PRELUDE

"Notturmo"

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GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

HOLIDAY MISSIONS

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 146)

Alex Bayer

One: Praise the Lord! Let all that I am praise the Lord.
I will praise the Lord as long as I live.
I will sing praises to my God with my dying breath.

All: **Don't put your confidence in powerful people;
there is no help for you there.
When they breathe their last, they return to the earth,
and all their plans die with them.**

One: But joyful are those who have the God of Israel as their helper,
whose hope is in the Lord their God.
He made heaven and earth,
the sea, and everything in them.
He keeps every promise forever.

All: **The Lord gives justice to the oppressed
and food to the hungry.
The Lord frees the prisoners.
The Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are weighed down.
The Lord loves the godly.
The Lord protects the foreigners among us.
He cares for the orphans and widows,
but he frustrates the plans of the wicked.
The Lord will reign forever!**

* **HYMN OF PRAISE** 35

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

* **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.

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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BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING: STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Craig Camp

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:22-31

Pew Bible, pg. 12, 17 or

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. AJ Shortley

* **HYMN** 716

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Abraham and Sarah: The People We Affect

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from the Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA*)

We trust in Jesus Christ,

fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor

and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed

and blessing the children,

healing the sick

and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts,

forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified,

suffering the depths of human pain

and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,

vindicating his sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil,

delivering us from death to life eternal.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Many Gifts, One Spirit"

Allen Pote

Many gifts, one spirit, many songs, one voice.
Many reasons, one promise, many questions, one choice.
O God, we pray for unity, give guidance from above.
In our differences unite us, in the circle of your love.
O God remind us we are not alone.
Though we move on different pathways, we are walking to your throne.
Help us learn to love each other, show us ways to understand.
We are members of one family, growing strong by joining hands.
O God remind us we are not alone.
Though we move on different pathways, we are walking to your throne.
Take our many ways of working, blend the colors of each soul into the beauty of a rainbow,
Give us life, Lord! Make us whole.

* SONG 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 OF SERVICE 308

"O God in Whom All Life Begins"

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

"Toccata"

H. Berlioz

*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 memory of her father, John MacQuiston Nichols, by Lisa Bacorn.*

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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November 9, 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.

Appreciation Luncheon after Worship

Join us in Thorington Hall.

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
Charlotte Roland

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 lynnesc@comcast.net or by contacting the church office.

November Birthdays

3rd Dick Myrick, Jr.
7th Stan Blackburn
8th Charlie Gregory
13th Stephanie Pohl
14th Harry Ballance
16th Henry Quillian
Michele Soteres

17th Travis Harris
21st Barbara Royal
22nd Chad Fleming
24th Perry Taylor
28th Bill Mulkeen
29th Cindy Upchurch

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

For four weeks beginning Sunday, October 26, Northwest will celebrate Stewardship Season. This year, we will be examining the blessings that God has entrusted to us, how we are using those blessings, and how we can better use our blessings when we all act together. On **November 9**, Northwest will host an **Appreciation Lunch** in Thorington Hall to express appreciation for the many things that all of you do to benefit others and to help support God's church. There will be no charge; just come and feel the love. Please sign up in the Narthex if you plan to attend so that we can have an accurate head count. Thanks!

Upcoming Northwest Mission Projects

November: Collect and distribute Thanksgiving Baskets to families in need.

November 16 - Enjoy lunch together, and prepare a meal for Bashor Night Shelter

Collect gifts for Thornwell Children's Home.

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

Northwest Youth

Sunday, November 9, 11:30-1:30ish - Fun at SkyZone (lunch provided!)

Sunday, November 16, 11:30-1:30 - The Youth will join the congregation-wide event of cooking for Bashor Night Shelter. We'll be cooking for 80 people, so all hands on deck for this one! Service hours awarded

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 9: Stewardship Appreciation Lunch

November 16: Enjoy lunch together, and prepare a meal for Bashor Night Shelter

November 23: Thanksgiving Service

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

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

On Purpose: Finding God's Voice in Your Passion. Starting October 26, the adult Sunday School will be discussing this book/dvd for 4 weeks to go along with our church stewardship season. Come and think about your sense of meaning, purpose, and calling during this season of your life, whatever that may be. The authors help us open ourselves to God's voice, and think about what the next steps might be to follow God's call. Join us at 9:00, in person or on Zoom, for this thought provoking discussion and good fellowship. As always, coffee and donuts are provided.

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.