



# Northwest Presbyterian Church

## Service of Worship

Making Disciples ● Making Friends ● Making a Difference

March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Lent

10:30AM

**PRELUDE**

*“Fantasia on Wondrous Love”*

Mark Redice

**GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Psalm 51*)

Hal Gill

*One:* Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

***All:* If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, who could stand?**

**But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.**

*One:* I wait for the Lord; my soul waits, and in his word I hope;  
my soul waits for the Lord

more than those who watch for the morning.

***All:* Let us place our hope in the Lord!**

**For with the Lord there is steadfast love,  
and with him is great power to redeem.**

\* **HYMN OF PRAISE** 366

*“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

\* **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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**SCRIPTURE READING**

Romans 8:6-11, 12:1-21

Pew Bible, pg. 157 NT

*One:* The Word of the Lord.

*All:* Thanks be to God.

**TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

\* **HYMN** 711

*“Lord of All Good”*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON**

Dealing with Temptations: Being Careful Where We Set Our Minds Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

**A MOMENT TO REFLECT**

1. When do you feel most tempted to think or behave in un-Jesus-like ways?
2. Are there voices you listen to (people, TV channels, social media feeds, etc) who tend to influence you to view things from an un-Jesus-like lens? Are there voices that encourage you to be more Jesus-like?
3. What choices could you make this week to better live in the Spirit of Christ?

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from the Confession of 1967 of the PCUSA*)

The one sufficient revelation of God is Jesus Christ,  
the Word of God incarnate,  
to whom the Holy Spirit bears unique and authoritative witness  
through the Holy Scriptures.

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ  
has set the pattern for the church's mission.

His life as a man involves the church in the common life of people.  
His service to people commits the church  
to work for every form of human well-being.

His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of people  
so that it sees the face of Christ  
in the faces of people in every kind of need.

His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment  
on our inhumanity to each other  
and the awful consequences of its own complicity in injustice.

In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming,  
the church sees the promise of God's renewal  
of our life as a society and of God's victory over all wrong.

The church disperses to serve God  
wherever its members are, at work or play,  
in private or in the life of society.

Their prayer and Bible study are part  
of the church's worship and theological reflection.

Their witness is the church's evangelism.  
Their daily action in the world  
is the church in mission to the world.

So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

*"Ubi Caritas"*

Durufle

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.      *Where charity and love are, God is there.*

\* **SUNG RESPONSE** Hymn 717

*"For the Life That You Have Given"*

For the life that you have given,  
for the love in Christ made known,  
with these fruits of time and labor,  
with these gifts that are your own:  
here we offer, Lord, our praises;  
heart and mind and strength we bring;  
give us grace to love and serve you,  
living what we pray and sing.

\* **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** ABBOT'S LEIGH

*"God Whose Love is Always Stronger"* by Carolyn Gillette

God whose love is always stronger  
Than our weakness, pride and fear,  
In your world, we pray and wonder  
How to be more faithful here.  
Hate too often grows inside us;  
Fear rules what the nations do.  
So we pray, when wars divide us:  
Give us love, Lord! Make us new!

Love is patient, kind, and caring,  
Never arrogant or rude,  
Never boastful, all things bearing;  
Love rejoices in the truth.  
When we're caught up in believing  
War will make the terror cease,  
Show us Jesus' way of living;  
May our strength be in your peace.

May our faith in you be nourished;  
May your churches hear your call.  
May our lives be filled with courage  
As we speak your love for all.  
Now emboldened by your Spirit  
Who has given us new birth,  
Give us love, that we may share it  
Till your love renews the earth.

\* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

\* Please stand as you are able.

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*The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in honor of their granddaughter, Nancy Marie Fortune, by Jim & Nancy Soteris.*



# Northwest Presbyterian Church

March 22, 2026

## Weekly Schedule of Events

### Sunday School—9:00am

Join us in Thorington Hall for a light breakfast and discussions about “The Bread of Life”.

### Sunday Worship—10:30am

In person & on YouTube.

### Cooking for Bashor Night Shelter—After Worship

### Youth Fellowship—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  
Lisa Campbell Taylor  
Hugh Campbell  
Lt. Col. Wes Likening and family  
Lt. Col. Ben Smith and family

John Bagwell  
Darlene Kerscher  
Jamie Kaplin  
Mike Farria  
Kathy Taulman Vaughan  
Dee Dee Teel

### For those in need of strength:

Michael, Ross, Katie and Annie Waters  
The people of Palestine & Israel  
The people of Ukraine  
Rev. Gamble & This Child Here  
The Rev. Farouk Hammo &  
Baghdad Presbyterian Church

### For those who have died:

Prue Waters

*If you would like to place a name on the prayer list, we invite you to contact the church office at [admin@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org](mailto: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](mailto:lynnesc@comcast.net) or by contacting the church office.*

## March Birthdays

1st Celia Patrick  
4th Broecks Moses  
6th Ashley Carman  
13th Cele Camp  
17th Pat Davis  
18th Carol Rowland  
20th Barbara Busby  
26th Mary Anne Matthews  
Jennifer Moses

## April Birthdays

1st Susan Brown  
2nd Brian Moye  
3rd Wade Sanders  
4th Gail Logue  
Mike McMackin  
5th Anneke Woodward  
12th Charlie Fleming  
AJ Shortley  
17th Laura Blackburn  
19th Addison Moses  
20th Harper Glass  
22nd Ed Milton  
23rd Warren Wick

Scan this QR code with your cellphone to access our eGiving page or visit <https://tinyurl.com/4dbm2kp3>.



## Northwest Youth

**March 22:** Joining the Bashor Night Shelter Project

**March 29:** Confirmation Sunday

Come support our confirmands!  
Youth Summer Trip Fundraiser - Chili Cook-Off  
Chili that raises the most money wins!

**April 5:** Easter Egg Hunt

(Youth will hide the eggs before Worship begins!)

**April 12:** Visit High Museum of Art FOR FREE!

Stopping for lunch on the way.

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

## 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.

## 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 rejoice 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.

## 52 Club - Support Northwest Youth Mission

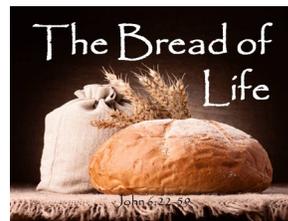
Please support the mission outreach of the Northwest Youth by donating \$1 per week, or \$52 annually, designated for the "52 Club." Even with this small individual amount, if everyone contributes our youth can do amazing things in our community!

## 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](mailto:admin@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org).

## Adult Spiritual Formation Groups

### The Bread of Life: Sunday School during Lent



During the weeks of Lent this year, from February 22 – Palm Sunday on March 29, we will be gathering in Thorington Hall at 9:00am for a light breakfast and discussion. Have you ever noticed how many times scripture

refers to grain, yeast, and bread baking? We will look at one of the passages each week and what we can learn about growing in our faith. There will be stories like Elijah and the Widow of Zarephath, God providing the Israelites with manna in the desert, and Jesus feeding the 5000. Along the way, our own Lisa Bacorn will give us some lessons in bread baking in ways that connect to our discussions. This should be interesting for all ages. Come and enjoy a little food and coffee, good fellowship, and stimulating conversation.

### 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 began a new discussion. Reading and discussing "*Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus*" by Ann Spangler and Lois 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 meets 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.

## 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.

## Northwest Mission Projects

Thank you to everyone who participated, donated, and supported the Atlanta Hunger Walk!  
Northwest raised \$2,180 for the Atlanta Food Bank!



**March 22:** Cooking for Bashor Night Shelter after worship (lunch for volunteers provided)

**March 29:** Support the **Youth Mission Trip** by coming to the **Chili Cook-Off** after worship.

Be ready to eat amazing chili and vote for your favorite with donations in the basket in front of the chili you like best! Sign up to bring chili in the Narthex or email AJ, [aj@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org](mailto:aj@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org).

### Upcoming Northwest Events

**March 29:** Lenten Breakfast & Sunday School  
Palm Sunday & Confirmation Sunday  
Come support our confirmands!  
Chili Cook-Off Youth Fundraiser after worship

**April 5:** Sunday School  
Easter Sunday  
Easter Egg Hunt on the Playpark after worship

**April 12:** Sunday School  
Choir Appreciation Reception

**April 19:** Sunday School  
Session Meeting

**April 26:** Sunday School  
Outdoor Worship with Guest Speaker Bill Brown  
Congregational Picnic & Hike at Paces Mill Park

### Easter Lilies

Remember your family and friends with the dedication of an Easter Lily on **Easter Sunday, April 5**.

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

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

- filling out a card (on the table in the Narthex) and placing it in the offering plate
- calling the church office at 404-237-5539
- emailing [admin@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org](mailto:admin@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org)

**The deadline for placing orders is Tuesday, March 31.**

Checks should be made payable to **Northwest Presbyterian Church** with **Easter Lilies 2026** on the memo line,

or you may pay via the QR code,  
select **"Flowers, Lilies & Poinsettias"** from the drop down menu.



Get ready for an unforgettable adventure at Northwest's Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS 2026  
June 22–26  
9am–12noon!

Kids will step into a fun-filled winter sports world where they'll take on exciting challenges, enjoy games and surprises, and grow in faith alongside new friends. Through engaging Bible stories and hands-on activities, children will discover that **"I can do all things through him who strengthens me"** (Philippians 4:13). As they learn and play, they will come to realize that with the strength God provides, they can share their gifts, be brave, give their all, pray, and hope.

**Join us for a week of laughter, learning, and faith.**

**Sign up today!**

Participants & Volunteers Register with the QR code or at <https://myvbs.org/npc-vbs26>



## 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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