



Northwest Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

Making Disciples ● Making Friends ● Making a Difference

March 9, 2025

The First Sunday in Lent

10:30AM

PRELUDE

"Lamb of God"

arr. Lloyd Larson

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 91)

Nate Bayer

One: You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust."

All: **Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
the Most High your dwelling place,
no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.**

One: For the Lord will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

All: **On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**

* **HYMN OF PRAISE** 450

"Be Thou My Vision"

* **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.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Atlanta Community Food Bank

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:1-13

Pew Bible, pg. 61 NT

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

* **HYMN OF PREPARATION** 166

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“Temptations on the Way to Easter: Week 1”

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from The Study Catechism of the PCUSA*)

One: What is meant in the Lord’s Prayer when it says,
“Give us today our daily bread”?

All: We ask God to provide for all our needs,
for we know that God, who cares for us in every area of our life,
has promised us temporal as well as spiritual blessings.
God commands us to pray each day for all that we need
and no more, so that we will learn to rely completely on God.

One: What is meant by, “Forgive us our sins (debts)
as we forgive those who sin against us (debtors)”?

All: We pray that a new and right spirit will be put within us.
We remember that not one day goes by when we do not
need to turn humbly to God for our own forgiveness.
We know that our reception of this forgiveness
can be blocked by our unwillingness to forgive others.
We ask that we will not delight in doing evil,
nor in avenging any wrong,
but that we will survive all cruelty without bitterness,
and overcome evil with good,
so that our hearts will be knit together
with the mercy and forgiveness of God.

One: What is meant by “Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil”?

All: We ask God to protect us from our own worst impulses
and from all external powers of destruction in the world.
We ask that we might not yield to despair

in the face of seemingly hopeless circumstances.
We pray for the grace to remember and believe,
despite our unbelief,
that no matter how bleak the world may sometimes seem,
there is nonetheless a depth of love
which is deeper than our despair, and that this love,
which delivered Israel from slavery in Egypt and raised our Lord Jesus from the dead,
will finally swallow up forever all that would now seem to defeat it.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *“Cantique de Jean Racine”* Gabriel Fauré

* **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 OF SERVICE 837** *“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”*

* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE *“Toccatà in G Minor”* Johann Pachelbel

*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 2025

Lisa Bacorn, *C*
Anne McClatchey, *C*
Kaye Mulkeen, *C*
Carol Rowland, *W*

C=Connections
W=Worship

Class of 2026

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

E=Education
Ca=Congregational Care

Class of 2027

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

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
Dr. Clinton Smith, Director of Music & Organist
Scott Mize, Director of Operations

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Weekly Schedule of Events

Sunday School—9:15am

Adult Bible Class—In the Youth Lodge

Children’s Morning Fellowship—Children’s Building Room 2

Sunday Worship—10:30am

In person and available on our YouTube Channel

Atlanta Hunger Walk/Run—after Worship

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

In person and on Zoom, meeting in the Conference 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:

Warren Wick
Ellen Carrington
Nola Hawkinson
Jeff Upchurch
Virginia McClatchey
Lonnie Lamb
Frank J. André, III
David Wang

John Nixon
Jamie Kaplin
Ronald Bushrod, III
Becky Roberson
Kathy Taulman Vaughan
Philip Mowris
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.*

March Birthdays

1st	Celia Patrick	18th	Carol Rowland
4th	Broecks Moses	20th	Barbara Busby
6th	Ashley Carman	25th	Nancy Marie Fortune
13th	Cele Camp	26th	Mary Anne Matthews
16th	Ursula Johnson		Jennifer Moses
17th	Pat Davis		

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.

Bicycle Safety Rodeo

When: Sunday, March 23rd, Noon - 2:00pm

Where: Northwest Presbyterian Church

Who: Children, and their parents or guardians

What: Bicycle Safety Rodeo, and Lunch!

Join us for a Bicycle Safety Rodeo at Northwest Presbyterian Church! This is an event for youth to learn and practice safely riding bikes, from ages 5 and up. We will also have hamburger and hot dog lunches, with chips and water for \$5 to support our Youth group Summer mission trip to serve communities in need in Charlotte, NC. We hope to see you there!

Please bring your own bikes and helmets!

Northwest Missions

Northwest is excited to participate in the **Atlanta Community Food Bank Hunger Walk/Run** once again! The event takes place today, and we will leave immediately after worship.

We'll pack bag lunches to enjoy on the bus ride to Atlanta. Sandwiches, water, chips, and cookies will be available in the kitchen for packing.

There are plenty of fun activities to enjoy before the walk begins. The event will conclude around 4pm.

Scan the QR code to join **Team Northwest** for the Hunger Walk.



There are TWO Upcoming Fundraisers to Support the Northwest Youth Summer Mission Trip!

Sunday March 23 from noon - 2pm the Youth will be selling hamburgers and hotdogs at the Bike Safety Rodeo!

Sunday March 30 after Worship there will be a **Chili Cook-Off in Thorington Hall!** Place donations in the basket near your favorite chili - whomever's chili raises the most money for the Youth Mission Trip wins!

Save the date for a **COPE (Cost of Poverty Experience)** Northwest is hosting on **Sunday, April 13, from Noon - 3pm**. This is a very meaningful event - details to come next week!

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!

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance - Wildfire Relief

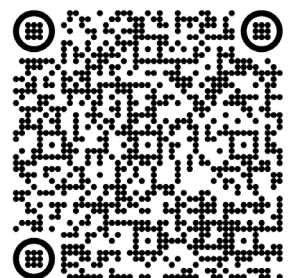
In early 2025, Southern California was ravaged by multiple fires, fueled by relentless winds and dry conditions. Over 35,000 acres burned, more than 16,000 structures were destroyed, and among the losses was Pacific Palisades Presbyterian Church—a heartbreaking blow to our faith community.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is on the ground, actively responding to this crisis. Immediate grants have been disbursed to support the devastated communities within the Pacific, San Gabriel, and San Fernando Presbyteries. PDA has deployed National Response Team members to provide spiritual care, assess needs, and help churches and communities stabilize. But the road to recovery is long, and your help is urgently needed.

Will you stand in the "GAP"—Give, Act, and Pray—today?

Your donation provides immediate relief and long-term support. You can give through Northwest by:

- Placing a check in the offering plate (payable to Northwest with "Wildfire Relief" in the memo).
- Giving online at <https://giving.servantkeeper.com/northwestpresbyterianchurch>.
- Scanning the QR Code to donate electronically.



Northwest Youth

This Sunday, March 9, the Youth are joining the congregational-wide event: The Atlanta Hunger Walk! (See Northwest Missions section for details and a link to join the team)

Next Sunday, March 16, we will have Regular Youth Fellowship, with food and fun and spiritual formation! 11:30am - 1:30pm, on campus.

There are TWO upcoming fundraisers to support the Northwest Youth mission-trip in the Summer (See Northwest Missions section for details.)

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

Contact AJ at aj@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org

Learn to Follow Jesus!

Reading through Luke! This week (March 9-15) read Luke 22:1-30 as our congregation continues to read through this gospel together. AJ's reflection on Wednesday will be related to this passage, with some included questions to think about.

Sunday School

The Adult Bible Study Class meets in the Session Room at 9:00am.

Adult Discussions for Lent (Mar 9 – Apr 13)

during the Sunday School hour (9:00-10:00)

in the Session Room

Donuts, Muffins, and Coffee provided

Over the weeks of Lent we think about growing in our faith in Christ.

We will consider the topic of living thankfully, guided by the book **“Grateful: The Subversive Practice of Giving Thanks”** by Diana Butler Bass. (book not required)

Topics will include:

- Feeling Grateful
- Habits of Gratitude
- Intentional Practice of Gratitude
- Being Grateful Together
- A Society Guided by Gratefulness Instead of Fear or Scarcity
- Circles of Gratitude Expanding Outward

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 3 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 Programs

Children's Morning Fellowship – this is a time of fun, games, crafts, etc. during the Adult Sunday School hour. Meeting in the Children's Building, Room 2.

Children & Worship – following the Time with Young Disciples during worship, children ages 4 years to 5th grade are invited to follow Marina Greiner and Maryam Sanders 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.

Wednesday Bible Studies

Women's Bible Study 9:30am in the conference room.

Men's Bible Study 10am in the Youth Lodge.

Women's Bible Study

On February 5, the Wednesday Women's Bible Study began a set of discussions on the Holy Spirit using the following book (available on Amazon): **Help is Here: Finding Fresh Strength and Purpose in the Power of the Holy Spirit** (March 12, 2024) by Max Lucado. (The study will use the paperback by that title, not the separate video-streaming + study guide.)

Come join the discussion!

Cantique de Jean Racine

Gabriel Fauré

Verbe égal au Très-Haut, notre unique espérance,
Jour éternel de la terre et des cieux,
De la paisible nuit nous rompons le silence :
Divin Sauveur, jette sur nous les yeux !

Répands sur nous le feu de ta grâce puissante ;
Que tout l'enfer fuie au son de ta voix ;
Dissipe le sommeil d'une âme languissante
Qui la conduit à l'oubli de tes lois !

Ô Christ ! sois favorable à ce peuple fidèle
Pour te bénir maintenant rassemblé ;
Reçois les chants qu'il offre à ta gloire immortelle,
Et de tes dons qu'il retourne comblé !

*O Word of God, most high, our hope eternal,
Sole radiance of the heavens and the earth,
We break the hush of night so calm, so vernal:
Divine Redeemer, shine upon our birth!*

*Pour forth on us the fire of thy great blessing,
Let hell's dark shadows at thy voice take flight!
Dispel the slothful soul in doubt regressing,
That it may heed thy law and seek thy light.*

*O Christ, look kindly on thy faithful calling,
Who gather here to praise thee, Lord most high;
Receive the hymns from grateful hearts outpouring,
And grant thy gifts in mercy from the sky.*

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 Carol Rowland.

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 email admin@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org, or call 404-237-5539.