



Fall Kickoff

August 17, 2025

Christian Education:

Special Event - Trip to the Carlos Museum at Emory University

On September 7, Pastor Alex will do a short presentation in worship on how the ancient cultures of Egypt, Assyria, Greece, and Rome intersect with the Biblical stories. After church that day we will then eat lunch on our way to the Carlos Museum at Emory University which has displays (even mummies!) about each of those ancient cultures.

Adult Spiritual Formation Groups

Sunday Morning Bible Study: Participants meet in the Session Room (and on Zoom) on Sunday mornings at 9:00AM. We will begin with a three week discussion of modern day parables to coincide with the pastor's preaching series on Jesus' parables. In September we will then begin discussing the weekly Bible passage from the PCUSA's Feasting on the Word curriculum. All are welcome. Coffee available.

Women's Bible study: Women members and friends of Northwest meet on Wednesday mornings at 9:30AM to study books of the Bible and discuss related materials about Scripture and the Christian life. We meet in a hybrid format - in person, in the office conference room, and online via Zoom. All are welcome. Begins Wednesday August, 27th.

Men's Bible study: The men at Northwest Pres meet each week on Wednesday at 10:00AM in a hybrid format—in person in the Youth Lodge, and online via Zoom. We engage in rich discussion that revolves around the Bible, spirituality, and contemporary life. Begins Wednesday August, 27th.

Children's Ministry

Children's Morning Fellowship: 9:15AM in Room 2 of the Children's Building. Children ages K through 5th Grade are invited to join Marina Greiner for a time of fun, games, crafts, etc. during the Adult Sunday Morning Bible Study

Children and 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.

Nursery Care: 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 of other needed items. Please do not bring any items containing nuts.

Youth Ministry

Northwest's active and vibrant youth ministry offers 6th through 12th grade youth opportunities for fun, fellowship, service, and Christian formation. Youth meet most Sundays, typically from 11:30am-1:30pm in Northwest's Youth Lodge and are led by Rev. AJ Shortley. The group also uses the church bus to travel to offsite locations for local service events and just-for-fun activities such as laser tag and bowling. The group participates in seasonal retreats, summer mission trips, and local events offered for youth by the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta. Contact AJ Shortley for the Fall 2025 youth calendar or check the Youth Page on Northwest's website for weekly updates. www.northwestpresbyterianchurch.org

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Connections Highlights for this Fall:

- August 17 – Kickoff Cookout and Bible Trivia with Prizes
- Sept 7 – Lunch on the way to the Carlos Museum (Emory University)
- Sept 28 – Playpark Time and Blessing of the Pets
- Oct 19 – Scottish Sunday and Lunch
- Oct 26 – Trunk or Treat
- Nov 9 – Stewardship Appreciation Lunch
- Dec 14 – Christmas Caroling

Mission Highlights for this Fall:

- Sept 14 – Minute for Mission from Clifton Sanctuary Ministries / Shelter
- Sept 20 – Waffle House Breakfast & serve at the Community Assistance Center
- Oct 12 – Minute for Mission from Bashor Night Shelter, prepare meal after church
- November – Collect and distribute Thanksgiving Baskets to families in need
 - Collect gifts for children at CAC
 - Collect gifts for Thornwell Children's Home
- December – Women pack Ditty Bags (toiletries and other items) for Bashor Night Shelter

Worship Highlights for this Fall:

- Oct 19 – Scottish Sunday (outdoors)
- Nov 2 – All Saints Remembrance
- Nov 23 – Thanksgiving Service
- Nov 30 – Hanging of the Greens, First Sunday of Advent
- Dec 18 – Longest Night Service
- Dec 21 – A Service of Lessons & Carols
- Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Service