



Northwest Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

Making Disciples ● Making Friends ● Making a Difference

July 7, 2024

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:30AM

PRELUDE

"God Himself Is Present"

Don Freudenburg

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eric Mowris

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 48)

Eric Mowris

One: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God.

All: **God's holy mountain, beautiful in elevation,
is the joy of all the earth.**

One: We ponder your steadfast love, O God,
in the midst of your temple.

All: **Your name, O God, like your praise,
reaches to the ends of the earth.**

One: Tell the next generation that this is God,
our God forever and ever.

All: **God will be our guide forever.**

One: Let us worship God!

* **HYMN OF PRAISE** 401

"Here in This Place"

* **CALL TO CONFESSION** (1 John 4:9-10)

Rev. Leigh Bonner

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Unison*)

**Jesus, we confess that if you showed up here today,
we are not sure we would welcome you.**

**Your prophetic words, your powerful healings,
and your challenging call are too much for us to take in.**

**We want to be simple disciples,
only with an extra tunic and pair of sandals.**

**We want to be courageous disciples,
only we don't want to be challenged or rejected.**

**Continue to send us out, Lord,
forgiving our hesitation and fear,
challenging us to follow you more closely,
especially in these days. Amen.**

* **ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (Psalm 103:10-12)

One: The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
God will not always accuse, nor keep anger forever.
God does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is God's steadfast love towards those who fear God;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far God removes our transgressions from us.

All: **Rejoice! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

* **SUNG RESPONSE**

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

* **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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 6:1-13

Pew Bible, pg. 40 NT

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Leigh Bonner

* **HYMN OF PREPARATION 721**

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Leigh Bonner

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

**Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ,
such as a heavenly city, a father's house,
a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day
culminate in the image of the kingdom.
The kingdom represents the triumph of God
over all that resists God's will and disrupts creation.
Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world,**

stirring hope in us and preparing the world
 to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.
 With an urgency born of this hope,
 the church applies itself to present tasks
 and strives for a better world.
 It does not identify limited progress
 with the kingdom of God on earth,
 nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat.
 In steadfast hope,
 the church looks beyond all partial achievement
 to the final triumph of God.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY	<i>"Quia respexit" from Magnificat</i> Bevin Hill, soprano	J.S. Bach
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* **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 737	<i>"Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"</i>
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* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE	<i>"The God of Abraham Praise"</i>	arr. Gordon Young
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*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 Roland, *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
Clinton Smith, Director of Music & Organist
Scott Mize, Director of Operations

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July 7, 2024—Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Weekly Schedule of Events

Sunday Worship—10:30am

In person and available on our YouTube Channel.

Northwest Youth—High School Youth leave for Montreat after worship

Contact AJ for more details.

Prayers

For those in need of healing:

Nola Hawkinson
Jeff Upchurch
Frank Mitchell
Virginia McClatchey
John Christensen
Jamie Kaplin
The Nutter family
Ronald Bushrod, III

Becky Roberson
Becky Banchemo
Kathy Taulman Vaughan
Shahina Awal
Philip Mowris
Sonny Odum
Dee Dee Teel
Charlotte Roland
Betzi Allsop

For those who have died:

Marjorie Beardsley

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.*

July Birthdays

4th	Suzy Craft	15th	Maryam Sanders
7th	Sharon Teel	20th	Joan Cook
12th	Colin Sanders	25th	Paige Fleming
	Anna Pohl		Charlie Davis
13th	Ezra Jones	26th	Emily Amos
14th	Fielding Dombrow		Bryce Burnett



Rev. Leigh Bonner

With a wealth of experience in local and global mission, Leigh comes to the pulpit with a scriptural lens that sees the church as “sent”. She has served as a Minister of Word and Sacrament for 10 years, ministering in a wide variety of parish and non-parish roles, including refugee ministry, temporary stated supply, interim pastoring, and directing a global mission program of a large congregation with 11 partners in six countries on three continents. Leigh served as a PCUSA Young Adult Volunteer in Ghana from 2006-2007 and has worked in a variety of faith-based and secular nonprofit roles. She recently completed the Graduate Certificate in Missional Leadership from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and is an alumna of Vanderbilt University Divinity School in Nashville, TN, and Rhodes College in her hometown, Memphis, TN. Leigh enjoys crafts, photography, native plant gardening, and music. She and her spouse, Adam Graham, are ruled by Henrietta Ruby and Henry, a brother and sister bonded pair of cats, at their home in Decatur-ish.

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

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.

Upcoming Events

Vacation Bible School July 8 - 12, 2024



Summer Ice Cream Social, Sunday, July 14

To celebrate another exciting VBS week, Northwest will have an Ice Cream Social immediately following the worship service on Sunday, July 14. There will be an Ice Cream Sundae Bar.

Everyone is invited!

Northwest Youth

This Sunday the High School Youth leave for Montreat after worship.

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

Upcoming Staff Schedule

Alex will be on vacation
Saturday, July 6 through Saturday, July 13.

AJ will be with the High School Youth at Montreat
Sunday, July 7 to Saturday, July 13.

Scott will be on vacation
Monday, July 22 through Friday, July 26.

If you have a pastoral emergency while Alex is out of town, please, call the office 404-237-5539 and speak with Scott or leave a message at ext. 101, or you may email admin@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org and your message will be relayed appropriately.

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!

CAC Night of Hope at Jersey Boys

A special benefit performance for the Community Assistance Center will take place one night only, July 16th, at the Byers Theatre, at 7:30pm.
SANDY SPRINGS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
Tickets: \$42-\$98
Password: CACHOPE (all caps)



Join your Northwest friends for dinner before the show at McDaniels Qn2, 200 Johnson Ferry Road. The restaurant is across the street from the theatre, so, should be an easy "commute" to the show. We will meet around 6pm. Casual atmosphere and no reservations required.

Clifton Sanctuary Ministries

Help us continue our over 30 year partnership with Clifton Sanctuary Ministries by volunteering to help provide dinner on a Saturday evening in 2024. Our service dates are:

February 24 - Rob & Susie Rankin

April 27 - Dan Laney and Maryam Sanders

June 22 - Jamie Milton

August 24 -

October 26 -

December 28 -

To Volunteer, and for more information, please contact **Jamie Milton**, 404-310-0191 or jamiemilton@att.net.

Summer Nursery Hours

The Northwest Nursery is located in Room 1 of the Children's Building. The nursery opens each Sunday morning from 10:00 to 11:45am, or at the conclusion of any after-church event, from May 26 to Fall Kick-Off.

Summer in the Sun Children's Program

Children between the ages of 4 years old and 5th grade are invited to participate in the Summer in the Sun program this summer. Immediately following the Time with Young Disciples, children will be escorted by our children's leaders to the Play Park where they will have a brief devotional followed by free play. In the event of inclement weather, children will have their devotional and play time in the Children's Building. Parents, please pick up your child from either the Play Park or the Children's Building following the worship service.