



Northwest Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

Making Disciples ● Making Friends ● Making a Difference

March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

10:30AM

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

PRAYER OF THE DAY

READING OF MATTHEW 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, “The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately. This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

“Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

to Refrain

JESUS TEACHES IN THE TEMPLE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"You Shall Love the Lord Your God"

Victoria Davison

* 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.

CONFIRMATION

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The Apostle's Creed*)

AJ Shortley

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

* HYMN 726 (vs. 1 & 5)

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

BAPTISM

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

JESUS' ARREST AND TRIAL

READING OF MATTHEW 26:47-56; 57-58, 69-75; 27:1-2, 11-26

Pew Bible, pg. 30 NT

**Our Lord, you stood in Pilate's hall,
His judgment to endure.
Yet all he ruled would one day fall;
You reign forevermore!**

**You are our King and yet you said
It's not by sword or might;
Where truth is lived and love is spread,
Your reign comes into sight.**

**Where people live in deep despair,
Forgotten, hurt, alone,
We hear their urgent, whispered prayer:
"When will your reign be known?"**

**And where your church on earth today
Is mighty, rich, and strong,
Lord, may we not forget your Way,
Nor lose your kingdom's song.**

**"Thy kingdom come, thy will be done"
Not just in heaven above;
O God, may we obey your Son,
Who reigns o'er all in love.**

CLOSING REFLECTION

"How easy it is to go along with the crowd"

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

"Improvisation on O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

Mark Andersen

* Please stand as you are able.

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

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.





Northwest Presbyterian Church

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.

Chili Cook-Off Youth Fundraiser after Worship

Choir Rehearsal after Worship

Men’s Bible Study—Wednesday at 10:00am

Meeting in the Youth Lodge and on Zoom.

Maudy Thursday in the Adams Room

Dinner at 6:00pm

Worship at 6:45pm

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:

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.

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

Upcoming Northwest Events

April 2: Maundy Thursday

Dinner at 6pm, Worship at 6:45pm

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

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!

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



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.

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 Lisa 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.

Adult Spiritual Formation Groups

Sunday School during Easter



In Sunday School for the Sundays from Easter to Pentecost, we will be looking at the short book "Alleluia is Our Song", a collection of reflections by Michael Mayne, the previous

dean of Westminster Abbey. You are welcome to purchase a copy ahead of time, or just come and participate in the discussions. We will talk about what our belief in Easter, the resurrection, and the continued life-renewing presence of the risen Lord mean for how we approach life and the world around us. Here is an excerpt from the first chapter:

The evidence of the resurrection – where do we look for that? In the pages of the New Testament? Yes, but only if we understand that there was no New Testament until after the experience of Easter, so the fact that we have this book – the Gospels and the letters of St Paul – these are in themselves evidence of what happened on the first Easter day. This is the book of the resurrection, for there would have been no story to tell except in the light of Easter. We are the Church of the resurrection, which would not exist were it not for Easter. We call the Friday before Easter 'Good', we see the cross as a victory and we continue to meet for the breaking of bread, only because those first disciples could say, 'We have seen the Lord,' and believed they were living in the first days of a new creation.

In the end the evidence for the resurrection is overpowering, but it's not in the words of the Bible. It's in the lives of countless people who have had faith that this is true. They haven't seen the Lord as Peter and John and Thomas did, but they have seen in the sense that they go out in love and trust beyond where reason and knowledge can take them, and they find the living Christ and their lives are changed. And I can only bear witness on Easter Day that I am a Christian because I believe in the power of the living God. I believe he has called me out of nothingness into life, and that he has the power to call me out of death into new life. And most of all I believe that when we Christians meet together to read the gospel story and to break bread in the Eucharist, it is not to honor a good man dead these two thousand years but to celebrate the presence in our midst of our risen Lord.

As always, donuts and coffee are provided.

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.

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.

Northwest Youth

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.
Contact AJ at aj@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org

Northwest Mission Projects

Thank you for helping cook for Bashor Night Shelter! The guys loved the meal!



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.

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.



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>



You Shall Love the Lord Your God

Victoria Davison

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind and strength:
This is the greatest commandment.
And the second commandment is like it.
You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

On these two commandments the whole law is based, and the prophets as well.
Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone!.

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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