



Northwest Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

Making Disciples • Making Friends • Making a Difference

October 5, 2025

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30AM

PRELUDE

"Spirit, Come Dispel Our Sadness"

arr. Vicki Collinsworth

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 103)

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.

All: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—
It is the Lord who forgives all our iniquity,
who heals our diseases and gives us life,
who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies us with good as long as we live.**

One: The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The Lord does not stay angry,
and does not deal with us according to our sins
nor repay us based on the wrongs we have done.

All: **For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.
As a parent has compassion for their children,
so the Lord has compassion for us.**

* **HYMN OF PRAISE** 624 (vs. 1-3)

"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

* **CALL TO CONFESSION** (from Romans 7:15)

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

Forgiving God,
we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbor,
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend who we are,
and guide what we shall become,
so that we may find life and joy
in walking in the ways of Christ.

A time for silent prayer of confession.

* **ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (2 Cor 5:15-17)

One: Christ died for all, that those who live
should no longer live for themselves
but for him who dies for them and was raised again.

All: **Therefore, anyone who is in Christ is a new creation;
the old life has gone, a new life has begun.**

* **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.

* **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.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 18:21-35

Pew Bible, pg. 20 NT

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

* **HYMN OF PREPARATION** 624 (vs. 4&5)

"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Debts and Debtors

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

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

One: What is meant when it says in the Lord's Prayer,
"Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors"?

All: **We pray that a new and right spirit will be put within us.
We ask for the grace to treat others
with the same mercy we have received from God.
We ask that we will not resent or strike back
at those who harm us,
but overcome evil with good,
so that our hearts will be knit together
with the merciful heart of God.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Forgive Us"

Pepper Choplin

Forgive us, Lord. Help us forgive ourselves.
We come to confess, then You forgive and bless
and leave our spirits clean and white as snow.
Though mistakes are in the past, we hold them in our grasp,
And guilty memories remain, guilty voices stirring all the pain,
they're stirring all the pain. The memories remain.

You forgive our sin, restoring us again,
we harbor pain that we cannot release.
But Your grace is not complete until we found our peace,
releasing anger that we hold, forgiving till we let our anger go.

Help us to forgive.

* **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 & 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.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD & THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* **HYMN OF SERVICE 444**

"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

"And Can It Be"

arr. Joshua Evanovich

* 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 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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Weekly Schedule of Events

Sunday School—9:00am

Adult Bible Study—In the Session Room

Children's Morning Fellowship—Children's Building Room 2 for crafts, games & music.

Sunday Worship—10:30am

In person & on YouTube.

Northwest Youth—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:

Sean Amos
Ellen Carrington
Nola Hawkinson
Jeff Upchurch
Rhonan Ackart
Prue Waters
Darlene Kerscher
Lonnie Lamb

David Wang
Jamie Kaplin
Ronald Bushrod, III
Kathy Taulman Vaughan
Philip Mowris
Dee Dee Teel
Charlotte Roland

For those who have died:

John Gay

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.

October Birthdays

2nd Thomas Moye
6th Ken Torreyson
7th Polly Ann Thompson
10th Penny Carrington
13th Martha Greenway
16th Craig Camp
Louise Hull
Gordon Teel
18th Lisa Bridges

22nd Marilyn McCown
23rd David Massey
25th Barry Holderread
Kaye Mulkeen
27th Allison Camp
30th Carolyn Amos
Judy Wagner
31st Lucy Mulkeen

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.

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

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.



October 19: Heritage Sunday Lunch after Worship

Following worship, stay for a traditional (no – not haggis), and yummy Scottish dinner. There will also be some Scottish “surprises” for you.

Signup in the Narthex.

And... as a highlander would say, “*chì mi thu an sin.*”

October 26: Trunk or Treat, 4:30-6:30pm

A Halloween event & Northwest tradition not to be missed!

We need volunteers! There are signup sheets in the Narthex for volunteer opportunities: trunk treaters, greeters, photo booth supervision, popcorn poppers, & more! This is a great opportunity for outreach to our community, and to showcase our beautiful campus and friendly members.

Please put on your creative hats and think of a fun game for your display.

Last year there were over 500 people in attendance, and we’d love to have a nice representation of Northwest members participating. Contact Kaye Mulkeen mulkeen@bellsouth.net (404-680-6630) for more information.

Come one, come all; for a ~~SP00K~~TACULAR time!

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.

Adult Spiritual Formation Groups

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Sunday Morning Bible Study gathers at 9:00am in the Session Room of the Family Life Center and via Zoom. The group has thought provoking discussions about the weekly Bible passage from the PC(USA)’s Feasting on the Word curriculum. Coffee and donuts provided. The Zoom link is in the email newsletter. If you have questions about the class, please contact Pastor Alex.

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

Sunday, October 5, 11:30-1:30 - Regular Youth Fellowship on Campus with Pastor Alex!

Sunday, October 12, 11:30-1:30 - Lunch together Off-Campus.

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

Upcoming Northwest Events

October 12: Minute for Mission - Sue Briss, Volunteer Coordinator at Bashor Night Shelter.

October 19: Heritage Sunday Worship Outdoors & Scottish Luncheon

October 26: Trunk or Treat

November 2: All Saints Remembrance

November 9: Stewardship Appreciation Lunch

November 16: Enjoy lunch together, and prepare a meal for Bashor Night Shelter

November 23: Thanksgiving Service

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 each week on Wednesday at 9:30am in the office conference room and on Zoom. Our current study is **The Acts** using the LifeChange (Navigators) series on The Acts available at <https://tinyurl.com/4u4rwww9>.

All women are welcome.

Men’s Bible Study

The men of Northwest meet each week on Wednesday at 10:00am in the Youth Lodge and on Zoom. We engage in rich discussion that revolves around the Bible, spirituality, and contemporary life.