



Northwest Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

Making Disciples ● Making Friends ● Making a Difference

May 17, 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter

10:30AM

PRELUDE

"Spirit Come Dispel Our Sadness"

arr. Vicki Collinsworth

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jennifer Moses

(from Acts 1 and 2, *"You Call Us, Lord, to Worship"* by Carolyn Gillette, LANCASHIRE)

One: Acts tells us that when the disciples came together with the Risen Lord, he said to them, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

All: The Lord has called us together, and the Spirit is among us.

Cantor: We are forgiven people; we know your love's embrace.

The peace of Christ is with us; forgiveness fills this place.

We hear your word in scripture, in sermon and in song.

Again, again, you tell us: we're loved and we belong.

One: In the same way, Acts then tells us that soon after Pentecost, the followers of Jesus, old and new, devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone because of the many wonders and signs being done among them.

All: The Lord has called us together, and the Spirit is among us.

Cantor: We share our joys and sorrows and then we offer prayer

For people who are hurting, for nations everywhere.

We bring our tithes and offerings, returning what is yours,

For what we keep may vanish, but what we give endures.

One: All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would give to any who had need. And day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people.

All: The Lord has called us together, and the Spirit is among us.

Cantor: We celebrate your love, Lord, with water, wine and bread.

For at your font we're welcomed and at your feast we're fed.

We pray the prayer you taught us; we sing your praise and then

Through daily, faithful living, we worship you again.

* **HYMN OF PRAISE** 401

"Here in This Place"

* **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.

* **GLORIA** Hymn 582

"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 12:4-27

Pew Bible, pg. 174 NT

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

* **HYMN OF PREPARATION** 280

"Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"The Holy Spirit Present in the Church"

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

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

One: What do you believe when in the Apostles' Creed
you say you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All: **Apart from the Holy Spirit,
our Lord can neither be loved, nor known, nor served.
The Holy Spirit is the personal bond
by which Jesus Christ unites us to himself,
the teacher who opens our hearts to Christ,
and the comforter who leads us to repentance,
empowering us to live in Christ's service.
As the work of the one Holy Spirit,
our love, knowledge and service of Christ
are all inseparably related.**

One: How do you live in the communion of the Holy Spirit?
All: **By the Holy Spirit, I am made one with the Lord Jesus Christ.
I am baptized into Christ's body, the church,
along with all others who confess him by faith.
As a member of this community,
I trust in God's Word,
share in the Lord's Supper,
and turn to God constantly in prayer.
As I grow in grace and knowledge,
I am led to do the good works that God intends for my life.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Many Gifts, One Spirit"

Allen Pote

* **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 306 (vs. 1-4)**

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

"Cantabile"

Paul Fey

*The benediction concludes our worship service. During the music of the postlude,
please feel free to leave the sanctuary, speak with those around you, or stay and listen to the music, as you choose.*

* Please stand as you are able.

*The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God
and in memory of John Brown, for his birthday on May 17th, given by his family.*

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 2027

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

C=Connections
M=Mission

Class of 2028

Carroll Harris, *S*
Curt Thompson, *M*
Jeff Upchurch, *W*
Anneke Woodward, *S*

E=Education
W=Worship

Class of 2029

Jennifer McCabe, *E*
Bill Mulkeen, *C*
Paul Sanders, *C*
Kerry Parker, *C*

S=Stewardship

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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Northwest Presbyterian Church

May 17, 2026

Weekly Schedule of Events

Sunday School—9:00am

Join us in the Session Room for coffee & donuts and lively discussions.

Sunday Worship—10:30am

In person & on YouTube.

Reception Honoring AJ Shortley after worship

Northwest Youth—End of year celebration

Prayers

For those in need of healing:

Mary Anne Matthews
Laura Blackburn
Sean Amos
Nola Hawkinson
Jeff Upchurch
Jim Thompson
Lt. Col. Wes Likening and family
Lt. Col. Ben Smith and family

Jack Camp
Debby Fondell
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.

May Birthdays

17th Rebecca Holderread
21st Larry Wilkerson
23rd Carol Caldwell
Veronica Glass
26th Hal Gill

Congregational Cook-Out, May 31

We're ending the year with our annual Cook-Out in the courtyard right after Worship. With burgers, hot dogs, a few brats and delicious sides. We need a good count -- so please sign up, either in the Narthex or using this QR code.

And a Request: if anyone has -- or knows someone with -- a flattop griddle (e.g. Blackstone or similar) that uses propane, we could borrow it that morning, please let us know. It'll make the grilling much easier.



Upcoming Northwest Events

May 17: Sunday School
Reception Honoring AJ Shortley
Session Meeting

May 24: Sunday School

May 31: Congregational Cook-Out after Worship

Many Gifts, One Spirit

Allen Pote

Many gifts, one spirit, many songs, one voice.
Many reasons, one promise, many questions,
one choice.

O God, we pray for unity, give guidance from above.
In our differences unite us, in the circle of your love.
O God remind us we are not alone. Though we move
on different pathways, we are walking to your throne.

Help us learn to love each other,
show us ways to understand.
We are members of one family,
growing strong by joining hands.

O God remind us we are not alone. Though we move
on different pathways, we are walking to your throne.
Take our many ways of working, blend the colors of
each soul into the beauty of a rainbow,
Give us life, Lord! Make us whole.

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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.

Young Children & Worship

Following the Time with Young Disciples during worship, children in Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to follow Maryam Sanders 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.



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>



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.

Adult Spiritual Formation Groups Sunday School

We will be finishing up *Alleluia is Our Song* about what the resurrection means to us today.

On May 17 we will discuss highlights from chapters 16-18 which include "A Way of Seeing", "Forgiven, Reconciled, and Set Free", and "Changed and Renewed."

On May 24 (Pentecost) we will discuss highlights from chapters 24-27 which are also about Pentecost and include "A God of Surprises", "Hints and Hopes and Promises", "A Kind of Hunger", and "A Vision of a World Transformed."

Please join us for interesting conversation, fellowship, and coffee and donuts.

The Sunday School class will take a break for summer following Memorial Day, and will resume the first Sunday of August.

Northwest Youth

May 17: Reception after worship for AJ's last day.

Lunch (provided) and the end of the school year celebration at Sweetwater Creek State Park.

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

Youth Mission Trip, June 14-20



14 of our youth (and friends) and 3 of our adults will be headed to Memphis to participate in a week of mission work with the Memphis Youth Mission. The group will be staying at Idlewild Presbyterian Church with another Presbyterian youth group. During the days they will be doing such things as

delivering meals for Meals on Wheels, helping with a summer camp sponsored by the Room at the Inn shelter, helping at a food bank, and helping at a center for children who's families have been affected by AIDS. The group will also visit the National Civil Rights Museum. There will be worship, prayer, and discussions led by MYM staff. Please keep our youth and adults in prayer.

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!

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.