



# Northwest Presbyterian Church

## Service of Worship

Making Disciples ● Making Friends ● Making a Difference

March 1, 2026

2nd Sunday in Lent

10:30AM

**PRELUDE**

*“Récit de Nasard”* from *Suite du 2ème ton*

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

**GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 121)

Harriett Kelly

*One:* I lift up my eyes to the hills - from where will my help come?

*All:* **Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

*One:* The Lord will not let your foot be moved;

God who keeps you will not slumber.

God who keeps you will neither slumber nor sleep.

*All:* **The Lord is our keeper; the Lord is the shade at our right hand.**

*One:* The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

*All:* **The Lord will keep our going out and our coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.**

\* **HYMN OF PRAISE** 41 (vs. 1, 4 & 5)

*“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above”*

\* **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.**

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

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

\* HYMN OF PREPARATION (vs. 1&2)

*“Deep in the Shadows of the Past”*



1. Deep in the shad-ows of the past, far out from set - tled lands,  
 2. While oth - ers bowed to change-less gods, they met a mys - ter - y,



some no - mads trav - eled with their God a - cross the des - sert sands.  
 in - vis - i - ble, with - out a name: "I AM WHAT I WILL BE";



The dawn-ing hope of hu - man-kind by them was sensed and shown;  
 and by their tents, a - round their fires in sto - ry, song and law,



a prom - ise call - ing them a - head, a fu - ture yet un - known.  
 they praised, re - mem - bered, hand - ed on a past that prom - ised more.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Dealing with Temptations: Telling God “No Thanks”

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

A MOMENT TO REFLECT

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(from the Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA)*

We trust in God,  
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.  
In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image  
male and female, of every race and people,  
to live as one community.  
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.  
Ignoring God's commandments,  
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
accept lies as truth,  
exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
We deserve God's condemnation.  
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.  
In everlasting love,  
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
to bless all families of the earth.  
Hearing their cry,  
God delivered the children of Israel  
from the house of bondage.  
Loving us still,  
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.  
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

*“Be Present at our Table, Lord”*

Robert Lau

### \* SUNG RESPONSE Hymn 717

*“For the Life That You Have Given”*

For the life that you have given,  
for the love in Christ made known,  
with these fruits of time and labor,  
with these gifts that are your own:  
here we offer, Lord, our praises;  
heart and mind and strength we bring;  
give us grace to love and serve you,  
living what we pray and sing.

### \* 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 51

*“To Abraham and Sarah”*

### \* CHARGE AND BLESSING

### POSTLUDE

*“Offertoire sur les Grands Jeux” from Mass for the Convents*

François Couperin

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\* Please stand as you are able.



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## 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.

### 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:

Mary Anne Matthews  
Laura Blackburn  
Sean Amos  
Nola Hawkinson  
Jeff Upchurch  
Lisa Campbell Taylor  
Hugh Campbell

Prue Waters  
John Bagwell  
Darlene Kerscher  
Jamie Kaplin  
Mike Farria  
Kathy Taulman Vaughan  
Dee Dee Teel

### For those who have died:

Daniel Royal

### For those in need of strength:

Barbara Royal and family  
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](mailto: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](mailto:lynnesc@comcast.net) or by contacting the church office.*

## February Birthdays

16th Connor Amos  
18th Tobi Williams  
20th Charles Sergan  
Miyoko Thompson  
22nd Alex Bayer  
28th Steve Forbes

## March Birthdays

1st Celia Patrick  
4th Broecks Moses  
6th Ashley Carman  
13th Cele Camp  
17th Pat Davis  
18th Carol Rowland  
20th Barbara Busby  
26th Mary Anne Matthews  
Jennifer Moses

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



## 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!

## Northwest Mission Projects

March 15 - The Atlanta Hunger Walk  
We will have sandwiches in the fellowship hall after worship service before heading to Atlanta! We should return to the church around 4:00pm. Sign up with QR code.



March 22 - Cooking for Bashor Night  
Shelter after worship (lunch for volunteers provided)

## 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 rejoice 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.

## Submit Announcements to [admin@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org](mailto: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 1: Youth Fellowship

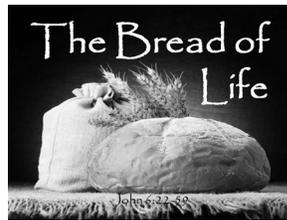
March 8: Youth Fellowship

March 15: Lunch & Hunger Walk

An up-to-date schedule of activities is always available at [www.northwestpresbyterianchurch.org/northwest-youth](http://www.northwestpresbyterianchurch.org/northwest-youth). Contact AJ at [aj@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org](mailto:aj@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org)

## Adult Spiritual Formation Groups

### The Bread of Life: Sunday School during Lent



During the weeks of Lent this year, from February 22 – Palm Sunday on March 29, we will be gathering in Thorington Hall at 9:00am for a light breakfast and discussion. Have you ever noticed how many times scripture refers to grain, yeast, and bread baking? We will look at one of the passages each week and what we can learn about growing in our faith. There will be stories like Elijah and the Widow of Zarephath, God providing the Israelites with manna in the desert, and Jesus feeding the 5000. Along the way, our own Lisa Bacorn will give us some lessons in bread baking in ways that connect to our discussions. This should be interesting for all ages. Come and enjoy a little food and coffee, good fellowship, and stimulating conversation.

## 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 Lois 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.

## 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](mailto:admin@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.

## Upcoming Northwest Events

**March 1:** Lenten Breakfast & Sunday School

**March 8:** Lenten Breakfast & Sunday School  
Session Meeting

**March 15:** Lenten Breakfast & Sunday School  
Atlanta Hunger Walk

**March 22:** Lenten Breakfast & Sunday School  
Cooking meal for Bashor Shelter after worship

**March 29:** Lenten Breakfast & Sunday School  
Palm Sunday

Chili Cook-Off Youth Fundraiser after worship

**April 5:** Sunday School

Easter Sunday

Easter Egg Hunt on the Playpark after worship

## 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](mailto: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.



*Be Present at Our Table, Lord*  
Robert Lau

Be present at our table, Lord;  
be here and ev'rywhere adored;  
thy creatures bless, and grant that we  
may feast in paradise with thee.

O fill us with your fullness, Lord,  
until our very hearts o'erflow  
with kindly thought and glowing word,  
thy love to tell, thy praise to show.

## 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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