



Northwest Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

Making Disciples ● Making Friends ● Making a Difference

March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Lent

10:30AM

PRELUDE

“Alas! Did My Savior Bleed”

Anthony Giamanco

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Psalm 51*)

Rob Rankin

One: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly, and cleanse me from my sin.

All: **You desire truth in my inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.**

One: Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.

All: **Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

* **HYMN OF PRAISE 279**

“Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

* **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

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Pew Bible, pg. 806 or

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

* **HYMN** 291

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Dealing with Temptations: Pessimism

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

A MOMENT TO REFLECT

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

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Breathe On Me Breath of God"

Austin Lovelace

Breathe on me Breath of God, Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Until my heart is pure.
Until with Thee I will one will, To do and to endure.

Breathe on me Breath of God, Till I am wholly Thine,
Till all this earthly part of me, Glows with Thy fire divine.

* **SUNG RESPONSE** Hymn 717

"For the Life That You Have Given"

(This chorus will be our offertory response through Lent.)

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 & 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 774**

"There is Now a New Creation"

* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

arr. Eleanor Whitsett

* Please stand as you are able.

*The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Ursula Johnson.*



Northwest Presbyterian Church

March 15, 2026

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.

Atlanta Hunger Walk—after Worship

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

Wes & Kina Wilkenng and children
Ben & Ashley Smith and children
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.

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

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

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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)

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.

April 26: Special guest preacher for Earth Day, and a picnic with an easy hike after church @ Paces Mill Park.

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

*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 15: Lunch & Hunger Walk

March 22: Youth Fellowship

March 29: Confirmation Sunday

Come support our confirmands!

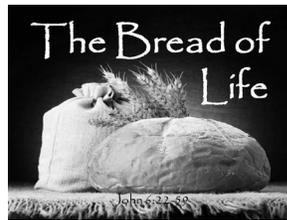
Youth Summer Trip Fundraiser - Chili Cook-Off
Chili that raises the most money wins!

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

Contact AJ at 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.

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!

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.

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 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 & Confirmation Sunday
Come support our confirmands!
Chili Cook-Off Youth Fundraiser after worship
- April 5:** Sunday School
Easter Sunday
Easter Egg Hunt on the Playpark after worship
- April 12:** Sunday School
Choir Appreciation Reception
- April 26:** Sunday School
Outdoor Worship with Guest Speaker Bill Brown
Congregational Picnic & Hike at Paces Mill Park

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.



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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