



Northwest Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

Making Disciples ● Making Friends ● Making a Difference

May 24, 2025

Day of Pentecost

10:30AM

PRELUDE

Meditation on "Veni creator spiritus"

Paul Fey

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-21

Pew Bible, pg. 119 NT

SOLO (Hymn 291)

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jeff Upchurch

One: Holy Spirit, Creator,
in the beginning you moved over the waters.
From your breath all creation drew life.
Without you, life turns to dust.

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

One: Holy Spirit, Counselor,
by your inspiration, the prophets spoke and acted in faith.
You clothed them in power to be bearers of your Word.

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

One: Holy Spirit, Power, you came as fire to Jesus' disciples;
you gave them voice to tell the good news of the Risen Christ.

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

One: Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, you created us as children of God;
and you are remaking us in the image of Christ.
You intercede within us with sighs too deep for words.

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

One: Holy Spirit, Giver of life,
you guide and make holy the church you create;
you give gifts

- the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
- the spirit of counsel and fortitude,
- the spirit of knowledge and piety,
- the spirit of the fear of the Lord,

that the whole creation may be transformed.

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

One: True and only Light, from whom comes every good gift,
send your Spirit into our lives with the power of a mighty wind.
Open the horizons of our minds by the flame of your wisdom.
Loosen our tongues to show your praise,
empower us to transform the world with the love of Jesus.

All: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

* **GATHERING HYMN 289**

“On Pentecost They Gathered”

* **CALL TO CONFESSION**

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty God,
you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples
creating bold tongues, open ears,
and a new community of faith.
We confess that we hold back
the force of your Spirit among us.
We do not listen for your word of grace.
We do not speak or show the good news of your love.
We do not live as a people made one in Christ.
Have mercy on us, O God.
Transform our lives, and our life together,
by the power of your Spirit,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

A time for silent prayer of confession.

* **ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (Titus 3:5)

One: In Jesus Christ God saved us,
not because of any good works that we have done,
but according to God’s mercy,
through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

All: **Let us rejoice!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and have new life.**

* **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

Acts 10:1-47

Pew Bible, pg. 128 NT

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

* **HYMN** 295

“Go to the World!”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

The Holy Spirit in the Church
Is Also the Holy Spirit Outside the Church

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

* **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

"May Thy Holy Spirit"

Paul Tschesnokoff

* 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.

* HYMN 761

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

"Intrada Festiva"

Paul Fey

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

* Please stand as you are able.



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May 24, 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.

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

June Birthdays

4th Roger Watson
7th Lynne Schlosberg
8th Shea Fleming
10th Calder Dombrow
Ben Carrington
Luke Carrington
12th Rob Rankin
Franklin Smith
14th Eric Mowris
15th Gail Wick
16th Jason Amos
17th Peggy Lang
19th Tinka Massey
22nd Janet Forbes

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 cook -- 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 24: Sunday School
- May 31: Congregational Cook-Out after Worship
- June 14-20: Youth Mission Trip
- June 22-26: Vacation Bible School
- June 28: Ice Cream Social after Worship

May Thy Holy Spirit
Paul Tschesnokoff

May Thy Holy Spirit come upon us.
O Lord, Thy Holy Spirit,
Thou art our Love and Joy divine,
Alleluia.

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.

Young Children & Worship

Following the Time with Young Disciples during worship, children in Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to follow Kevin Middlebrooks and an assistant* 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>



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!

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.

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.

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

Dr. Clinton Smith, Director of Music & Organist

Scott Mize, Director of Operations

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