



Northwest Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

Making Disciples ● Making Friends ● Making a Difference

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

10:30AM

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

PRAYER OF THE DAY

READING OF LUKE 19:28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

HYMN OF PRAISE 196 (see insert)

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

THE LAST SUPPER

READING OF LUKE 22:14-27

Pew Bible, pg. 86 NT
Eric Mowris

* **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

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

Jesus our Lord,
we shout hosannas to praise you.
With eager hands we wave our palms.

We are your biggest fans.
Yet we confess that we are uncomfortable.
Your way is too strange for us.
Your cross demands too much of our lives.
We are not ready to follow you too closely.
Forgive our half-hearted discipleship.
Forgive our divided loyalties.
Mold us to the more radical ways
of your kingdom and your love.

A time of quiet, personal confession.

* **ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (Ephesians 2:4-10)

One: Even though our sins take away the life that God intends for us, in his rich mercy and great love he has given us life with Christ. By grace we have been saved through faith, and this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God.

All: **We are what God has made us,
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God intends to be our way of life.**

* **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.**

* **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.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Marina Greiner

JESUS' ARREST, AND TRIAL BEFORE THE RELIGIOUS AUTHORITIES

READING OF LUKE 22:47-71

Pew Bible, pg. 87 NT

* **HYMN OF PREPARATION 210**

"Lord, Why Have You Forsaken Me"

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Confusion Reigns"

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

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

Eric Mowris

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,**

teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *"I Wonder Why"* arr. Lloyd Pfautsch

* **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.

JESUS BEFORE PILATE AND HEROD

READING OF LUKE 23:1-12 Pew Bible, pg. 88 NT

ANTHEM *"In Pilate's Hall"* John Carter

* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE *"Improvisation on O Sacred Head Now Wounded"* Mark Andersen

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.

*The Narthex flowers are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Virginia by Ezra Jones.*

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 2025

Lisa Bacorn, *C*
Anne McClatchey, *C*
Kaye Mulkeen, *C*
Carol Rowland, *W*

C=Connections
W=Worship

Class of 2026

Jason Amos, *E*
Betty Bates, *Ca*
Craig Camp, *S*
Brian Moye, *S*

E=Education
Ca=Congregational Care

Class of 2027

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

S=Stewardship & Mission
**=Team Leader*

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Alex Moses
Clerk: Ezra Jones
Treasurer: Karen Taylor

The Staff

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses, Pastor
A.J. Shortley, Director of Youth, Young Adult & Community Outreach
Dr. Clinton Smith, Director of Music & Organist
Scott Mize, Director of Operations

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Northwest Presbyterian Church

April 13, 2025

Weekly Schedule of Events

Sunday School—9:00am

Adult Bible Class—In the Session Room

Children’s Morning Fellowship—Children’s Building Room 2

Sunday Worship—10:30am

In person and available on our YouTube Channel

Cost of Poverty Experience—12:30 to 3pm

Women’s Bible Study—Wednesday at 9:30am

In person and on Zoom, meeting in the Conference Room.

Men’s Bible Study—Wednesday at 10:00am

In person and on Zoom, meeting in the Youth Lodge.

Choir Rehearsal—Wednesday at 7:00pm

**The deadline for placing Easter Lily orders is Tuesday, April 15.
You may use the back of the hymn insert to submit your order.**

Congregational Meeting

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, April 27, 2025 immediately following worship for the purpose of receiving the Elder Nominating Committee report.

Prayers

For those in need of healing:

Sean Amos
Warren Wick
Ellen Carrington
Nola Hawkinson
Jeff Upchurch
Virginia McClatchey
Lonnie Lamb
Frank J. André, III
David Wang

John Nixon
Jamie Kaplin
Ronald Bushrod, III
Becky Roberson
Kathy Taulman Vaughan
Philip Mowris
Dee Dee Teel
Charlotte Roland
Betzi Allsop

For those who have died:

Cliff Hale

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
Elmarie & Scott Parker

*To have a name placed on the prayer list, please contact the church office,
admin@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org or 404-237-5539.*

April Birthdays

12th Charlie Fleming
AJ Shortley
17th Laura Blackburn
19th Addison Moses
20th Harper Glass

22nd Ed Milton
23rd Warren Wick
29th Claire Compton
Christopher Wilbanks

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 Missions

Join us today after worship (12:30 - 3:00pm) for an interactive experience to explore the impact of poverty. An optional lunch will be served at noon. The **Cost of Poverty Experience (COPE)** is a 2.5 hour simulation that explores the lived experience of poverty firsthand through the eyes of real families. The experiential nature of this training helps organizations and communities more deeply understand the human and systemic impacts of poverty.

For years, many top down or well-intentioned approaches to poverty have left out the wisdom and leadership of those closest to the challenges. Created with the input of individuals with personal experience in poverty, COPE sheds light on these challenges and catalyzes meaningful dialogue and action. This experience challenges participants to rethink poverty, respond effectively, and partner with those affected for change.

Open to ages middle school and up.

*Get ready to engage, learn, and be inspired.
See you there!*



Vacation Bible School - June 9-13

Hey Campers!

Are you ready for the adventure of a lifetime? Join us at **Live It Out Vacation Bible School**, where faith and fun come together for an unforgettable summer experience! Each day will be filled with **exciting games, hands-on crafts, uplifting worship, and powerful Bible stories** that will help us discover what it truly means to **love and follow Jesus**.

Jesus said in **John 13:34**, *"I give you a new command. Love one another. You must love one another, just as I have loved you."* This week, we'll explore how to **love like Jesus**—by showing kindness and forgiveness, praying for and serving others, and learning how to **Live It Out** in our daily lives.

Don't miss out—register today and get ready for a summer to remember!



Maundy Thursday Dinner & Worship

We invite you to a meaningful evening of fellowship and worship this Thursday, April 17th, as we gather for a light dinner followed by our annual Maundy Thursday service in the Adams Room.

Dinner begins at 6:00pm

Worship begins at 6:45pm

If you plan to join us for dinner, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex (round table) so we can prepare accordingly. If you're attending the service only, feel free to arrive between 6:30-6:45pm.

Easter Egg Hunt

Children are invited to bring their Easter baskets to church and join us for Northwest's Annual Easter Egg Hunt, immediately following the Easter Sunday worship service on April 20th!

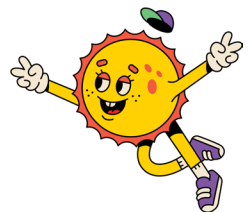
Our beautifully decorated wooden Easter eggs will be hidden throughout the Playpark, ready to be discovered. Kids can trade in their eggs for candy—there's plenty to go around, so be sure to invite friends and neighbors to share in the fun!



Northwest Easter Egg Project

Remember to return your decorated wooden eggs as soon as possible so they can be ready in time for this year's hunt. If you have any questions contact Laura Blackburn, lwb444@aol.com.

Want to be part of the adventure behind the scenes? We're looking for volunteers who are excited to help create an amazing experience for our campers! Whether you love leading activities, lending a helping hand, or simply sharing God's love, there's a place for you on our team. Sign up to volunteer and make a difference this summer!



We can't wait to see you there!

Northwest Youth

Sunday, April 13: Cost of Poverty Experience (COPE) - Church-wide Event

Sunday, April 20: Youth, please come to church early (by 9:50am or so) to help hide the eggs on the Playpark for the Easter Egg Hunt! There will be another Egg Hunt with special prizes for the Youth!

No Youth Group though.

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

Contact AJ at aj@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org

Northwest Youth Mission Trip 2025

Our Northwest Youth will be heading to Charlotte, NC from June 15–20 to serve with CROSS Missions. This powerful week-long experience allows students to partner with local service agencies, build relationships across communities, and explore what it means to live out Christ's call to love our neighbors.

Northwest family, we are deeply grateful for your support of the Bike Rodeo Cookout and the Chili Cook-Off. Thanks to your kindness and generosity, the youth have raised \$2,034 toward their portion of the Mission Trip cost.

Sunday School

The Adult Bible Study Class meets in the Session Room at 9:00am.

Adult Discussions for Lent (Mar 9 – Apr 13)

during the Sunday School hour (9:00-10:00)

in the Session Room

Donuts, Muffins, and Coffee provided

Over the weeks of Lent we think about growing in our faith in Christ.

We will consider the topic of living thankfully, guided by the book ***“Grateful: The Subversive Practice of Giving Thanks”*** by Diana Butler Bass. (book not required)

Topics will include:

- Feeling Grateful
- Habits of Gratitude
- Intentional Practice of Gratitude
- Being Grateful Together
- A Society Guided by Gratefulness Instead of Fear or Scarcity
- Circles of Gratitude Expanding Outward

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!

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 3 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 Programs

Children's Morning Fellowship – this is a time of fun, games, crafts, etc. during the Adult Sunday School hour. Meeting in the Children's Building, Room 2.

Children & Worship – following the Time with Young Disciples during worship, children ages 4 years to 5th grade are invited to follow Marina Greiner and Maryam Sanders 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.

Learn to Follow Jesus!

Reading through Luke! This week (April 13-18) read Acts 1:1-2:13 as our congregation continues to read through this gospel together. Alex's reflection on Wednesday will be related to this passage, with some included questions to think about.

Wednesday Bible Studies

Women's Bible Study 9:30am in the conference room.

Men's Bible Study 10am in the Youth Lodge.

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study is discussing the Holy Spirit using the following book (available on Amazon): ***Help is Here: Finding Fresh Strength and Purpose in the Power of the Holy Spirit*** (March 12, 2024) by Max Lucado. (The study will use the paperback by that title, not the separate video-streaming + study guide.)

Come join the discussion!

“I Wonder Why”

arr. Lloyd Pfautsch

I wonder why if his disciples were like us here
why they all left him and ran in fear as the world did crucify him?
Oh I wonder why if they were people like you and me
why they refused to set him free for the crowd yelled: “Crucify him!”
Oh I wonder why if they were leaders like those we trust
why they were cruel and so unjust when they judged to crucify him?
Oh I wonder why men did not know him and love him then?
Would we now put him to death again? Would the world still crucify him?

“In Pilate’s Hall”

John Carter

In Pilate’s hall he stands alone; He will not raise his eyes.
The silence settles like a stone, and Pilate wearily sighs.
“Are you the Christ? Are you a King? I hear that’s what they say.
But Jesus answered not a thing. He only turned away.

In Pilate’s hall he stands betrayed by those he called his own.
In tattered robe and crown arrayed, a king without a throne.
“Are you the Christ? That’s what I’ve heard. Are you the Promised One?”
But Jesus answered not a word. The deed was nearly done.

In Pilate’s hall he stands aware of all that lies ahead.
The chill of death is in the air, and all his friends have fled.
“What have you done? Will you not say The die is cast, my friend!”
Then soldiers led our Lord away to Calvary’s bitter end.

Sanctuary Flowers

A gift of flowers is a wonderful way to commemorate a birthday, wedding, anniversary, memorial, or any other occasion. Each week there is an opportunity to honor or give thanks for a loved one with flowers. We invite you to make a donation to decorate our worship space. To reserve your dedication email admin@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org, or call 404-237-5539.

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 Carol Rowland.