



Northwest Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

Making Disciples ● Making Friends ● Making a Difference

April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:30AM

PRELUDE

"Prelude in C Major"

J.S.Bach

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Bill Matthews

One: In the beginning, God dwelled in the darkness,
and God's Spirit hovered over the waters
and started to call forth Creation by first calling forth light.

All: God saw how good it was.

One: God called the waters together
to form Seas to expose dry land, the Earth.

All: God saw how good it was.

One: God called forth plant life:
plants yielding seeds and fruit trees bearing fruit with seeds inside it.

All: God saw how good it was.

One: God called forth lights in the sky
to separate the day from the night
and created the sun, the moon, and the stars.

All: God saw how good it was.

One: God called forth animals to dwell in the waters
and birds to dwell in the sky, and God blessed them.

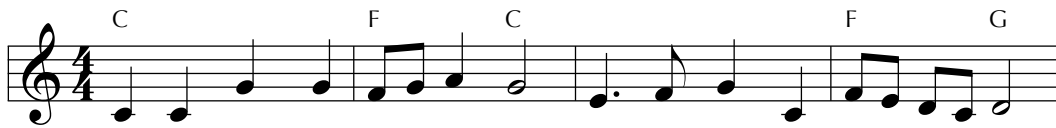
All: God saw how good it was.

One: God created all the animals on the earth
(livestock, crawling things, and wildlife),
including us human beings, and God blessed us all.

All: God saw how good it was.

One: From the beginning,
God has called us to care for all of creation,
to bless it, to help the earth bring forth life,
to keep our water and air clean,
so that all life can continue to thrive.

**All: Let us fulfill God's call to keep creation good.
Let us worship God, our Creator!**

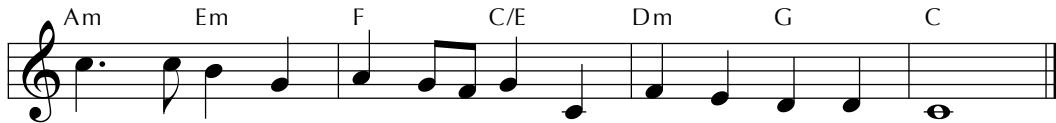


1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
 2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,
 3 God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,
 4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,



God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,
 God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour,
 God of day and dark - est night, God whose love turns wrong to right,
 God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,

Refrain



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

MOMENT OF AWARENESS

*Share with those around you something in creation
 that reminds you of God, and why that is.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 104

Translation by Rev. Dr. William P. Brown

1. Bless the LORD, O my soul!
 O LORD, my God, you are exceedingly great!
 You clothe yourself with grandeur and glory,
2. You enwrap yourself with light like a garment,
 unfurling the heavens like a curtain.
3. You construct your upper chambers upon the waters,
 making the clouds your chariot,
 as you ride about on the wings of the wind.
4. You make the winds your messengers,
 fiery flames are your ministers.

5. [The LORD] established the earth upon its foundations,
so that it will never, ever totter.
6. As for Deep, its covering was like clothing;
its waters stood over the mountains.
7. At your rebuke they took to flight;
at the sound of your thunder they fled with fright.
8. They flowed up the mountains and down into the valleys
to the place that you established for them.
9. The boundary you set they shall not pass,
never again to cover the earth.

10. You send forth gushing springs into the wadis,
between the mountains they flow,
11. providing drink to every wild animal,
quenching the onagers of their thirst.
12. Overhead, the birds in the sky make their home;
they raise their voice among the foliage.
13. You water the mountains from his upper chambers;
from the fruit of your works the earth is fully satisfied.
14. You make the grass grow for herbivores,
and plants for human cultivation
to bring forth food from the earth:
15. wine, which cheers the human heart,
oil to make the face shine,
and bread, which sustains the human heart.

16. The trees of the LORD are fully satisfied,
the cedars of Lebanon, which God planted,
17. where the birds make their nest.
As for the stork, its home is in the junipers.
18. The high mountains belong to the mountain goats;
the crags are refuge for the conveys.

19. You made the moon for its appointed times,
the sun to know its time for setting.
20. You set darkness for there to be night,
in which every animal of the forest moves about.
21. The young lions roar for prey,
seeking their food from God.
22. When the sun rises, they withdraw,
and to their dens they retire.
23. Humans go forth to their work,
to their labor until evening.

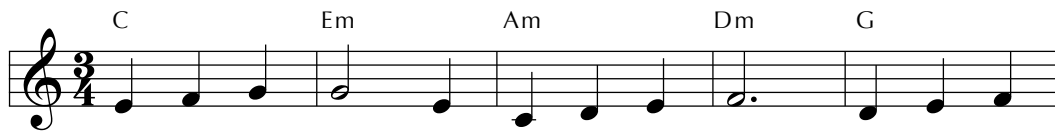
24. How manifold are your works, O LORD!
With wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is stock full of your creatures.
25. Such is the sea, both vast and wide.
Therein are the teeming creatures, beyond count,
living things small and large.
26. There go the ships,
And voila! There's Leviathan, with which you fashioned to play!
27. All of them wait for you,
to provide their food on time.
28. You give to them, and they gather it up;
you open your hand, and they are fully satisfied with good things.
29. But when you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you gather up their breath, they expire,
returning to their dust.
30. But when you send forth your breath, they are created;
you renew the face of the earth.
31. May the glory of the LORD endure forever!
May the LORD rejoice in creation—
32. who looks at the earth, and it trembles,
who touches the mountains, and they erupt in smoke.
33. I shall sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I shall sing praise to my God while I still have life.
34. May meditation be pleasing to God;
Indeed, I shall rejoice in the LORD.
35. Let sinners vanish from the earth,
and the wicked be no more.
Bless the LORD, O my soul!
Hallelujah!

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

AJ Shortley

HYMN 22

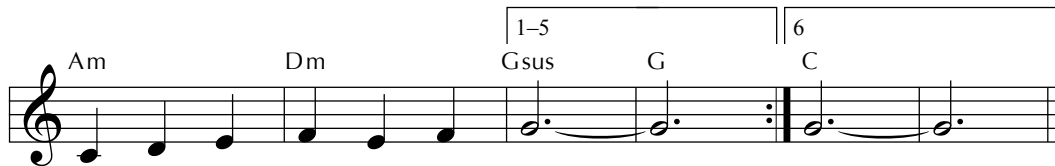
"God of the Sparrow"



1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the
 2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the
 5 God of the neigh - bor God of the foe God of the
 6 God of the a - ges God near at hand God of the



swirl - ing stars How does the crea - ture say Awe
 trum - pet blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe
 emp - ty grave How does the crea - ture say Grace
 prod - i - gal How does the crea - ture say Care
 prun - ing hook How does the crea - ture say Love
 lov - ing heart How do your chil - dren say Joy



How does the crea - ture say Praise
 How does the crea - ture cry Save
 How does the crea - ture say Thanks
 How does the crea - ture say Life
 How does the crea - ture say Peace
 How do your chil - dren say Home

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“Lions and Tigers and Bears...Amen!”

Rev. Dr. William P. Brown

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

John Rutter

* **SUNG RESPONSE**

“Lord of All Good”

**Father, whose bounty all creation shows;
 Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;
 Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:
 To you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.**

**Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
 Use them your holy purpose to fulfill,
 Tokens of love and pledges brought anew,
 That our whole life is offered to your will.**

* 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 625

"O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art)"

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der and hear the
 3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion and take me

all the *worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees, when I look down from
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then *I shall bow in

hear the *roll-ing thun-der, thy power through-out the
 loft-y moun-tain gran-deur and hear the brook and
 bur-den glad-ly bear-ing, he bled and died to
 hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion, and there pro-claim, "My

Refrain

u - ni - verse dis - played:
 feel the gen - tle breeze: Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to
 take a - way my sin: God, how great thou art!"

thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my

Sav - ior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!

* BLESSING

POSTLUDE

"How Majestic is Your Name"

arr. Mark Hayes

* Please stand as you are able.

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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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.

Northwest's Annual Church Picnic—after Worship Followed by Hiking at Paces Mill Park

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

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

2nd Adelaide Martinez

7th Harriett Kelly

8th Windsor Dombrow

9th Carroll Harris

11th Laura Moye

Jennifer Fortune

14th Penn McClatchey

17th Rebecca Holderread

21st Larry Wilkerson

23rd Carol Caldwell

Veronica Glass

26th Hal Gill

Northwest Youth

April 26: Special guest preacher and picnic and hike at Paces Mill Park after church.

May 2 - May 3: Lake House trip to Lake Burton.
Contact AJ for details.

May 10: Break for Mother's Day

May 17: End of school year celebration TBD

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

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!

Upcoming Northwest Events

April 26: Sunday School
Outdoor Worship with Guest Speaker Dr. Bill Brown
Congregational Picnic & Hike at Paces Mill Park

May 3: Sunday School
Elder Ordination & Installation
Elder Appreciation Reception

May 10: Sunday School

May 17: Sunday School
Session Meeting

May 31: Church Cookout after Worship

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 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.

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.



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>



Adult Spiritual Formation Groups Sunday School during Easter



In Sunday School for the Sundays from Easter to Pentecost, we will be looking at the short book "Alleluia is Our Song", a collection of reflections by Michael Mayne, the previous dean of Westminster Abbey. You are welcome to purchase a copy ahead of time, or just come and participate in the discussions. We will talk about what our belief in Easter, the resurrection, and the continued life-renewing presence of the risen Lord mean for how we approach life and the world around us. As always, donuts and coffee are provided.

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.

For the Beauty of the Earth John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,
Sun and moon, and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.