



Northwest Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

Making Disciples ● Making Friends ● Making a Difference

May 19, 2024

Pentecost

10:30AM

PRELUDE

"Reflections on the Spirit"

arr. Joel Raney

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Genesis, Exodus, Ezekiel, John, and Acts)

* **HYMN OF PRAISE 289**

"On Pentecost They Gathered"

* **SHARING CHRISTIAN GREETINGS WITH THE GATHERING**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

AJ Shortley

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Mixed Feelings About This Holy Spirit"

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"
Bryn Holdsworth, soprano

arr. Margaret Bond

He's got the whole world in His hand.

He's got the wood and the waters in His hand,
He's got the sun and the moon right in His hand,
He's got the whole world in His hand.

He's got the birds and the bees right in His hand,
He's got the beasts of the field right in His hand,
He's got the whole world in His hand.

He's got you and me right in His hand,
He's got everybody in His hand,
He's got the whole world in His hand.

* **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.

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

I do.

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

I do.

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

I do and I will.

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

I will.

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

I will.

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

I will.

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

I do.

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination and love?

I will.

Will you be a faithful Ruling Elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

I will.

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do we, members of Northwest Presbyterian Church, accept these persons, chosen by God through the voice of the congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they lead us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is the head of the church?

We do.

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

*Ordained Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders of the PC(USA)
are invited to come forward and participate in the Laying on of Hands.*

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

CHARGE

WELCOME

* **HYMN OF SERVICE** 298 (vs. 1-3)

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING THE BREAD & THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* **HYMN OF SERVICE** 298 (vs. 5)

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

Toccata on “Veni Creator Spiritus”

Sandra Gay

*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 Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God
and in memory of John Brown, for his birthday on May 17, given by his family.*

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 2024

Ellen Carrington, *E*
Chad Fleming, *W*
Ed Milton, *W*
Cindy Upchurch, *E*

C=Connections
W=Worship

Class of 2025

Lisa Bacorn, *C*
Anne McClatchey, *C*
Kaye Mulkeen, *C*
Rick Thompson, *W*

E=Education
Ca=Congregational Care

Class of 2026

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

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
Clinton Smith, Director of Music & Organist
Scott Mize, Director of Operations

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Northwest Presbyterian Church

May 19, 2024—Day of Pentecost

Weekly Schedule of Events

Sunday School—9:15am

Adult Bible Class—In the Youth Lodge

Journey Class—In the Session Room

Children’s Morning Fellowship—Children’s Building Room 2 for crafts, games & music

Sunday Worship—10:30am

In person and available on our YouTube Channel

Northwest Youth—No Programming Today

Contact AJ for more details.

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

In person and on Zoom, meeting in the Youth Lodge

Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday at 7:00pm

Prayers

For those in need of healing:

Nola Hawkinson

Jeff Upchurch

Frank Mitchell

Virginia McClatchey

John Christensen

Jamie Kaplin

The Nutter family

Ronald Bushrod, III

Becky Roberson

Becky Banchemo

Kathy Taulman Vaughan

Shahina Awal

Philip Mowris

Sonny Odum

Dee Dee Teel

Charlotte Roland

Betzi Allsop

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.*

May Birthdays

14th Penn McClatchey

16th Steven Sergan

17th Rebecca Holderread

21st Larry Wilkerson

23rd Carol Caldwell

Veronica Glass

29th Dick Myrick, Sr.

30th Steven Soteres

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:

admin@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org,

or call 404-237-5539

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.

Upcoming Events

Northwest Hymn Sing

On June 2 we will be having a hymn sing during worship. Please take a chance to fill out a slip with your requests and leave it in the basket on the table in the narthex. Of course, we may not be able to cover all of the requests in one service, but will certainly sing the songs that get the most requests. Join us then on the 2nd for a fun, joyful, music-filled service.

Hymn slips are available beside the basket on the table in the Narthex on Sunday mornings through May 26.

Appreciation Gift

Many of you have met our security guard, Bryan Ricker. If you have not met Bryan, please take the opportunity to introduce yourself. Bryan and his wife are having their first child later this month. We would like to get a gift for their newborn (a son) as a way to thank Bryan for his service. If you would like to contribute to a gift, please make your contribution to Northwest with a notation "Bryan." We plan to make the gift to Bryan on Sunday June 9.

Clifton Sanctuary Ministries

Help us continue our over 30 year partnership with Clifton Sanctuary Ministries by volunteering to help provide dinner on a Saturday evening in 2024. Our service dates are:

February 24 - Rob & Susie Rankin
April 27 - Dan Laney and Maryam Sanders
June 22 -
August 24 -
October 26 -
December 28 -

To Volunteer, and for more information, please contact **Jamie Milton**, 404-310-0191 or jamiemilton@att.net.

Nursery Care

The Northwest Nursery is located in Room 1 of the Children's Building. The nursery opens each Sunday morning from 10:15 to 11:45am, or at the conclusion of any after-church event. Children through age 3 are welcome to attend the nursery where our professional nursery workers provide tender loving care. Parents, please bring diapers and a change of clothes and any medications needed (Epipen). Please do not bring foods containing nuts.

Vacation Bible School July 8 - 12, 2024

Get ready for a summer blast of fun with us at Northwest Presbyterian Church! Calling all kiddos aged 5 to 11, join us for an epic Vacation Bible School week filled with laughter, learning,

and lively adventures. This year, our theme is "Start the Party!" as we dive into the joyous celebration of the Good News of Jesus. Get set to explore the awesome themes of Friendship, Belonging, Forgiveness, Abundant Life, and Purpose through exciting games, crafts, and stories. Grab your registration and volunteer forms from the Narthex and let's kick off this party with a bang! **Student Registration and Volunteer forms are available in the Narthex.**



Northwest Youth

Youth Group will not meet today, as we participated in the Screen on the Green festivities.

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

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible study is on summer break and will resume in September.

Men's Bible Study

Northwest Men will meet on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am, in-person in the Youth Lodge, or on Zoom, to finish the study on Galatians. Come join the conversation!

Contact AJ Shortley for Zoom access or more information, aj@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org

289 On Pentecost They Gathered

1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,
 2 The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed
 3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve,
 4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,

a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples, to wor - ship, sing, and pray.
 to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as Christ the Lord they praised.
 on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.
 re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.

A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,
 What u - ni - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?
 That Spir - it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.
 O give us ears to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,

and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.
 That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.
 The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.
 so folk of ev - ery na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise.

This narrative and interpretive text was written to fill what the author perceived as an unfortunate gap in available hymns concerning the Holy Spirit in general and Pentecost in particular. The setting of a 17th-century German tune is from Mendelssohn's oratorio *Elijah*.

298 Lord, You Give the Great Commission



1 Lord, you give the great com-mis-sion: "Heal the sick and
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser-vice: "In my name bap-
 3 Lord, you make the com-mon ho-ly: "This, my bod-y;
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea-sure: "Fa-ther, what they
 5 Lord, you bless with words as-sur-ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne-glect its mis-sion, and the
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom-ise, life a-
 this, my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo-ry, dai-ly
 do, for-give." Yet we hoard as pri-verse trea-sure all that
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re-stor-ing, may we



gos-pel go un-heard, help us wit-ness to your
 bun-dant meant for each, give us all new fer-vor,
 lift life heav-en-ward, ask-ing that the world a-
 you so free-ly give. May your care and mer-cy
 serve as you in-tend, and, a-mid the cares that

United by the refrain after each stanza, this text relies on passages from Matthew and Luke to highlight various dimensions of the church's mission and ministry in the world. It was written for use with this tune, composed in the village near Bristol, England, for which it is named.

pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
 draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
 round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty: with the Spir - it's
 lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
 claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

The first system of the musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. The lower staff is in bass clef. The music is a simple harmonic accompaniment for the lyrics, using chords and moving lines in both hands.

gifts em-power us for the work of min - is - try.

The second system of the musical score continues the accompaniment from the first system. It also consists of two staves (treble and bass clef) in the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are placed between the two staves. The system concludes with a double bar line.