



# Northwest Presbyterian Church

## Service of Worship

Making Disciples ● Making Friends ● Making a Difference

May 10, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:30AM

**PRELUDE**

*“Spirit of Faith, Come Down”*

Daniel Burton

**GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Isaiah 40)

Hal Gill

*One:* A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

*All:* **Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.**

*One:* Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together.

*All:* **For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.**

*One:* Get you up to a high mountain, O herald of good news;  
lift up your voice and do not fear;  
say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!”

*All:* **The Lord will feed his flock like a shepherd.  
Our God will gather the lambs in his arms  
and carry them in his bosom.  
The Lord will care for his people like a loving shepherd.**

\* **HYMN OF PRAISE** 182

*“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”*

\* **CALL TO CONFESSION** (from 2 Cor. 4:6-7, The Message)

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

**God of Grace,  
in Jesus Christ you have given us a vision of your kingdom:  
where the hungry are fed;**

where those who are broken in body or spirit are healed;  
where even outcasts and sinners are welcomed at the table;  
where people forgive, are forgiven, and become reconciled;  
where enemies are shown compassion;  
where people and communities are given new life and hope.

This is all gospel.

This is all good news.

Forgive us when our vision of the gospel is too small,  
or when we ignore, resist, or find distasteful  
the life-giving and life-changing ways of Jesus.

*A time for silent prayer of confession.*

\* **ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (from 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.**

\* **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**

John 14:15-21, 25-26

Pew Bible, pg. 109 NT

*One:* The Word of the Lord.

***All:* Thanks be to God.**

**TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Rev. AJ Shortley

\* **HYMN OF PREPARATION 295**

*“Go to the World!”*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON**

“The Holy Spirit and the Gospel”

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from the Confession of 1967, PCUSA*)

Rev. AJ Shortley

*One:* God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in people.

***All:* The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church  
as the community in which we are reconciled to God  
and to one another.**

*One:* The Spirit enables us to receive forgiveness  
as we forgive one another  
and to enjoy the peace of God  
as we make peace among ourselves.

***All:* In spite of our sin, the Spirit gives us power  
to become representatives of Jesus Christ  
and his gospel of reconciliation to all people.**

*One:* Jesus’ cross and resurrection become personal crisis  
and present hope for people  
when the gospel is proclaimed and believed.

***All:* In this experience the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to us,  
moves us to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience,  
and initiates the new life in Christ.**

*One:* The new life finds its direction in the life of Jesus,  
his deeds and words, his struggles against temptation,  
his compassion, his anger at injustice,  
and his willingness to suffer death.

***All:* The teaching of apostles and prophets guides people  
in living this life,  
and the Christian community nurtures and equips us  
for our ministries.**

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

*"I Will Sing With the Spirit"*

John Rutter

I will sing with the spirit, alleluia.  
And I will sing with the understanding also, alleluia.

### \* 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.

### \* HYMN OF SERVICE 749

*"Come, Live in the Light!"*

### \* CHARGE AND BLESSING

### POSTLUDE

*"Sing Hallelujah"*

arr. Mark Hayes

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

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\* Please stand as you are able.

*The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in honor of the birthdays of their daughter Jennifer Fortune and grandson Steven Soteris  
by Nancy & Jim Soteris.*

*The Narthex flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in honor of Windsor Cayden Dombrow for her 14th birthday on May 8th  
and in memory of Cayden Jordan Dombrow by Medie Crockett.*



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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.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Moyer  
Jennifer Fortune

14th Penn McClatchey  
17th Rebecca Holderread  
21st Larry Wilkerson  
23rd Carol Caldwell  
Veronica Glass  
26th Hal Gill

## Upcoming Northwest Events

**May 10:** Sunday School

**May 17:** Sunday School

Reception Honoring AJ Shortley  
Session Meeting

**May 24:** Sunday School

**May 31:** Church Cookout after Worship

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<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.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:admin@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org).

## 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.***

## 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.

## Northwest Youth

**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](http://www.northwestpresbyterianchurch.org/northwest-youth). Contact AJ at [aj@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org](mailto: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!

## 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.



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>



## 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  
Rev. A.J. Shortley, Director of Youth & Mission  
Dr. Clinton Smith, Director of Music & Organist  
Scott Mize, Director of Operations

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