

Northwest Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

Making Disciples • Making Friends • Making a Difference

October 19, 2025

19th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30AM



PRELUDE

"Highland Cathedral"
Tom Crawford, bagpipe

Roever & Korb

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eric Mowris

INTRODUCTION TO SCOTTISH SUNDAY

* PROCESSION OF THE BIBLE



Gairloch Free Church, Gairloch, Scotland



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

Minister: Let all the earth acclaim God.
 Sing to the glory of his name.
 Come and see what God has done,
 let the sound of his praise be heard.
 Blessed is God who has not withdrawn from us his love and care.

People: Let us worship God.

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE

THE GRACE PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 19:1-4b

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.
There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;
yet their voice goes out through all the earth
and their words to the end of the world.

Galatians 3:13-14

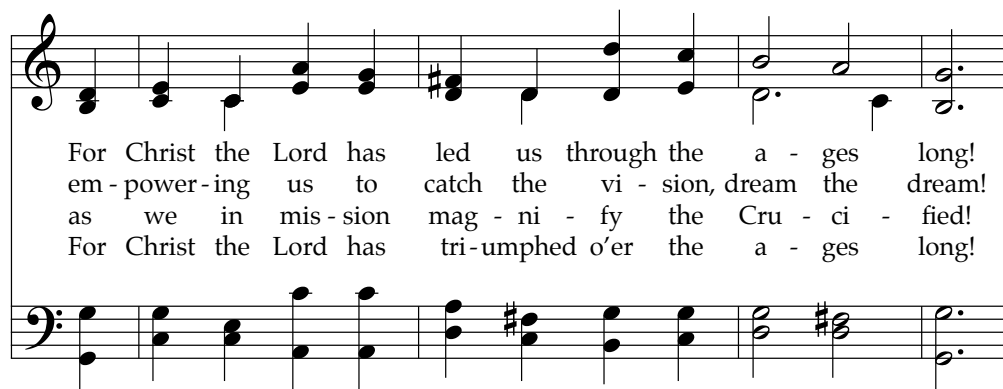
Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written,
“Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”—in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham
might come to the gentiles, so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

* HYMN 305

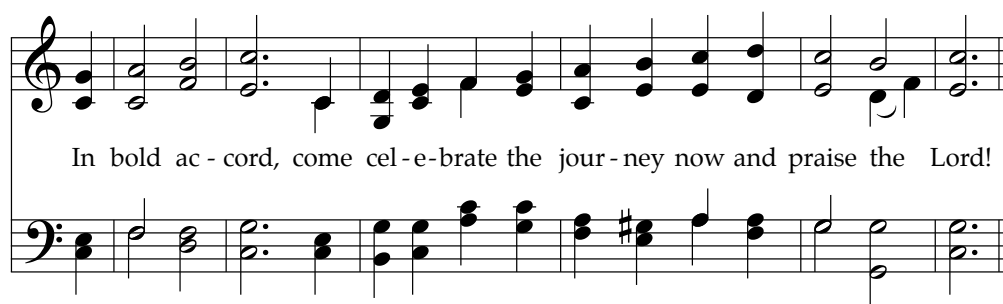
“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”



1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!



For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!



In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

SPECIAL MUSIC

“When the Piper Plays/Simple Gifts”

traditional

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“Beyond Words”

Rev. AJ Shortley

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*A Statement of Faith of the Church of Scotland, 1992*)

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

We believe in one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God is love.

We praise God the Father:

who created the universe and keeps it in being.

He has made us his sons and daughters to share his joy,

living together in justice and peace,

caring for his world and for each other.

We proclaim Jesus Christ, God the Son:

born of Mary, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

he became one of us, sharing our life and our death.

He made known God’s compassion and mercy,

giving hope and declaring forgiveness of sin,

offering healing and wholeness to all.

By his death on the cross and by his resurrection,

he has triumphed over evil.

Jesus is Lord of life and of all creation.

We trust God the Holy Spirit:

who unites us to Christ and gives life to the Church;

who brings us to repentance and assures us of forgiveness.

The Spirit guides us in our understanding of the Bible,

renews us in the sacraments,

and calls us to serve God in the world.

We rejoice in the gift of eternal life:

we have sure and certain hope of resurrection through Christ,

and we look for his coming again to judge the world.

Then all things will be made new; and creation will rejoice

in worshipping the Father, through the Son,

in the power of the Spirit,

one God, blessed forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

*** 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 THANKSGIVING & 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 320**

"The Church of Christ in Every Age"

1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

* **BENEDICTION**

RECESSIONAL

"Scotland the Brave"

traditional

* Please stand as you are able.



Northwest Presbyterian Church

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Weekly Schedule of Events

Sunday School—9:00am

Adult Bible Study—In the Session Room

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

Sunday Worship—10:30am

In person & on YouTube.

Scottish Luncheon after Worship

Join us in Thorington Hall.

Choir Rehearsal after Worship

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:

Sean Amos
Ellen Carrington
Nola Hawkinson
Jeff Upchurch
Rhonan Ackart
Prue Waters
Darlene Kerscher
Lonnie Lamb

David Wang
Jamie Kaplin
Ronald Bushrod, III
Kathy Taulman Vaughan
Philip Mowris
Dee Dee Teel
Charlotte Roland

For those who have died:

John Gay
Ann Sanders

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.

October Birthdays

13th Martha Greenway
16th Craig Camp
Louise Hull
Gordon Teel
18th Lisa Bridges
22nd Marilyn McCown
23rd David Massey

25th Barry Holderread
Kaye Mulkeen
27th Allison Camp
30th Carolyn Amos
Judy Wagner
31st Lucy Mulkeen

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.

Scan this QR code with your cellphone to access our eGiving page or visit <https://tinyurl.com/4dbm2kp3>.

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.



October 26: Trunk or Treat, 4:30-6:30pm

A Halloween event & Northwest tradition not to be missed!

We need volunteers! There are signup sheets in the Narthex for volunteer opportunities: trunk treaters, greeters, photo booth supervision, popcorn poppers, & more! This is a great opportunity for outreach to our community, and to showcase our beautiful campus and friendly members.

Please put on your creative hats and think of a fun game for your display.

Last year there were over 500 people in attendance, and we'd love to have a nice representation of Northwest members participating. Contact Kaye Mulkeen mulkeen@bellsouth.net (404-680-6630) for more information.

Come one, come all; for a SPOOKTACULAR time!

All Saints' Sunday, November 2nd

Do you have a relative or friend who has died in the last year whom you would like to have included in our All Saints' Sunday Litany? Please contact the office, admin@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org, with their name and, as possible, their birth and death dates by noon on Wednesday, October 29. Then plan to join us for worship on Sunday, November 2, as we celebrate the Saints of the Church.

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.

Children's Morning Fellowship

9:00am in Room 2 of the Children's Building. Children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade are invited to join Marina Greiner for a time of fun, games, crafts, etc. during the Adult Sunday School hour.

Adult Spiritual Formation Groups

Sunday Morning Bible Study

On Purpose: Finding God's Voice in Your Passion. Starting October 26, the adult Sunday School will be discussing this book/dvd for 4 weeks to go along with our church stewardship season. Come and think about your sense of meaning, purpose, and calling during this season of your life, whatever that may be. The authors help us open ourselves to God's voice, and think about what the next steps might be to follow God's call. Join us at 9:00, in person or on Zoom, for this thought provoking discussion and good fellowship. As always, coffee and donuts are provided.

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 Youth

Sunday, October 19, 11:30-1:30 - The youth are joining the congregation-wide Scottish Sunday Lunch after worship.

Sunday, October 26, 4:15-6:45pm - The Youth will join the church for Trunk or Treat, and help set up games like corn hole and spikeball, etc! Service hours awarded to Youth who are present for such help!

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

Upcoming Northwest Events

October 26: Trunk or Treat

November 2: All Saints Remembrance

November 9: Stewardship Appreciation Lunch

November 16: Enjoy lunch together, and prepare a meal for Bashor Night Shelter

November 23: Thanksgiving Service

November 30: The First Sunday of Advent
& Hanging of the Greens

December 14: Christmas Caroling

Children's Ministry

Young Children & Worship

Following the Time with Young Disciples during worship, children in Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to follow Marina Greiner 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.

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study meets each week on Wednesday at 9:30am in the office conference room and on Zoom. Our current study is **The Acts** using the LifeChange (Navigators) series on The Acts available at <https://tinyurl.com/4u4rwww9>.

All women are welcome.

Men's Bible Study

The men of Northwest meet each week on Wednesday at 10:00am in the Youth Lodge and on Zoom. We engage in rich discussion that revolves around the Bible, spirituality, and contemporary life.

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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