



# Northwest Presbyterian Church

## Service of Worship

Making Disciples ● Making Friends ● Making a Difference

March 16, 2025

Second Sunday in Lent

10:30AM

**PRELUDE**

*"Nothing but the Blood of Jesus"*

arr. Marianne Kim

**GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 27, 27C in Psalms for All Seasons)

Bill Matthews

*One:* The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**All:** **One thing I ask of the Lord; this I seek:**  
**to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,**  
**to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.**

*Cantor:* O Lord, you are my light and my salvation near;  
then who will cause me fright, or fill my heart with fear?  
While God my strength, my life sustains,  
secure from fear my soul remains,  
secure from fear my soul remains.

*One:* "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"  
Your face, Lord, do I seek.

**All:** **I believe that we shall see the goodness of the Lord**  
**in the land of the living.**  
**Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage;**  
**wait for the Lord!**

*Cantor:* When troubles round me swell, when fears and dangers throng,  
securely I will dwell in his pavilion strong.  
Within the shelter of God's tent  
he hides me till the storm is spent,  
he hides me till the storm is spent.

\* **HYMN OF PRAISE 267**

*"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"*

\* **CALL TO CONFESSION** (Romans 7:15)

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

**Living God, you have shown us your ways clearly in Jesus.**  
**We say we believe in him, but help our unbelief.**

**For Jesus' ways are not our ways,  
and Jesus' thoughts are not our thoughts.  
Where Jesus taught to love you and love our neighbor,  
we are mostly focused on ourselves,  
and we would prefer to worship a version of you  
that is much more to our liking.**

*A time for silent prayer of confession.*

**\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (Titus 3:5)

*One:* In Jesus Christ God saved us, not because of any good works that we have done, but according to God's mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

*All:* Let us rejoice! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and have new 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.*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 13:31-35

Pew Bible, pg. 77 NT

*One:* The Word of the Lord.

*All:* Thanks be to God.

**TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

**\* HYMN OF PREPARATION 720**

*"Jesus Calls Us"*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON**

"Temptations on the Way to Easter: Week 2"

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from the Study Catechism of the PCUSA*)

AJ Shortley

*One:* What do you believe when you confess your faith in Jesus Christ as "God's only Son"?

*All:* No one else will ever be God incarnate.  
No one else will ever die for the sins of the world.  
Only Jesus Christ is such a person,  
only he could do such a work, and he in fact has done it.

*One:* What do you affirm when you confess your faith in Jesus Christ as "our Lord"?

*All:* That having been raised from the dead  
Christ reigns with compassion and justice over all things  
in heaven and on earth,  
especially over those who confess him by faith.

By loving and serving him above all else,  
I give glory and honor to God.

*One:* What is the significance of affirming that Jesus is truly God?

*All:* Only God can properly deserve worship.  
Only God can reveal to us who God is.  
And only God can save us from our sins.  
Being truly God, Jesus meets these conditions.  
He is the proper object of our worship,  
the self-revelation of God,  
and the Savior of the world.

*One:* What is the significance of affirming that Jesus is also truly a human being?

*All:* Being truly human, Jesus entered fully  
into our fallen situation and overcame it.  
He lived a life of pure obedience to God,  
even to the point of accepting a violent death.  
When we accept him by faith,  
he removes our disobedience  
and clothes us with his perfect righteousness.

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*"Thou Art the Way"*

Robert Roesch

\* SONG RESPONSE

OLD HUNDRETH

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 774

*"There Is Now a New Creation"*

\* CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

arr. Eleanor Whitsett

*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.*

\* 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 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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## 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

Northwest Youth—11:30am

Lunch, Fun, Spiritual Formation. Contact AJ for more details.

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

## Prayers

### For those in need of healing:

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 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.*

## March Birthdays

13th Cele Camp  
16th Ursula Johnson  
17th Pat Davis  
18th Carol Rowland

20th Barbara Busby  
25th Nancy Marie Fortune  
26th Mary Anne Matthews  
Jennifer Moses

**Submit Announcements to [admin@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org](mailto: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.

## Bicycle Safety Rodeo

When: Sunday, March 23, Noon - 2:00pm

Where: Northwest Presbyterian Church

Who: Children, and their parents or guardians

What: Bicycle Safety Rodeo, and Lunch!

Join us at Northwest Presbyterian Church for a fun-filled Bicycle Safety Rodeo! This event is designed for children to learn and practice safe bike riding skills. We'll also be serving up delicious hamburgers and hot dogs, with chips and water, for just \$5.00! All proceeds will support our Youth Mission Trip this summer to serve communities in need in Charlotte, NC.

Come join us for a day of fun, learning, and tasty treats. We can't wait to see you there!

Please bring your own bikes and helmets!

## Youth Mission Trip Fundraisers

Get ready for some delicious fun and support the youth with these fantastic events!

**Sunday, March 23, Noon to 2pm:** Don't miss out on the **Bike Safety Rodeo!** The Youth will be grilling up mouthwatering hamburgers and hotdogs. Come for the safety tips, stay for the tasty bites!

**Sunday, March 30, after Worship:** Join us in Thorington Hall for a fiery **Chili Cook-Off!** Taste an array of chili creations and cast your vote by donating for your favorite one(s). The chili that raises the most funds wins, and all proceeds go towards the Youth Mission Trip. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex, or email AJ. Let the chili battle begin!

**Can't wait to see you there!**

## 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!

## 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](mailto:admin@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org), or call 404-237-5539.

## Northwest Missions

**Northwest raised \$2,190.00 for the Hunger Walk!**  
**Thank you for your generosity and support!**

**Minute for Mission - March 30:** Heather Franklin from Buckhead Christian Ministries will be with us to share about BCM and an amazing event Northwest is hosting after worship on April 13!

**Sunday, April 13, 12:30a to 3pm:** Join us at for an interactive experience to explore the impact of poverty. 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. To sign up,:  
Scan the QR code below, or  
Visit <https://events.humanitix.com/northwest-presbyterian-church-cope-general-admission>  
Email [HeatherFranklin@bcmgeorgia.org](mailto:HeatherFranklin@bcmgeorgia.org)

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



## 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.

## Northwest Youth

**This Sunday, March 16:** Join us for Regular Youth Fellowship from 11:30am to 1:30pm, right here on campus! There will be food, fun, and a chance to grow spiritually together. Don't miss out on this enriching experience!

**Sunday, March 23:** Bike Safety Rodeo

**Sunday, March 30:** Chili Cook-off

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)

## Learn to Follow Jesus!

**Reading through Luke!** This week (March 16-22) read Luke 22:31-71 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.

## 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

## 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.

## 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

On February 5, the Wednesday Women's Bible Study began a set of discussions on 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!

**Thou Art the Way**

Robert Roesch

Thou art the way:  
to Thee alone from sin and death we flee:  
And he who would the Father seek  
must seek Him, Lord by Thee.

Thou art the way, the truth, the life:  
Grant us that Way to know,  
that Truth to keep,  
that Life to win, whose joys eternal flow.

Thou art the Truth:  
Thy word alone True wisdom can impart;  
Thou only canst inform the mind  
And purify the heart.

Thou art the Life:  
the rending tomb proclaims  
Thy conquering arm, and those who put their trust in Thee  
nor death nor hell shall harm.

Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life:  
Grant us that Way to know,  
that truth to keep,  
that Life to win, whose joys eternal flow!