



Northwest Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

Making Disciples • Making Friends • Making a Difference

February 8, 2026

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

10:30AM

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

* CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 95)*

One: Come, let us sing to the Lord!

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: **Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving.**

Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord with songs of praise!

One: For the Lord is great, and in God's hands
are the depths of the earth and the heights of the mountains.
The sea belongs to God, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

All: **Let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
For the Lord is our God.
We are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.**

* SONGS Hymn 375

"Shall We Gather at the River"

Hymn 66

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

* 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.

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.

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As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 7:15-20

Pew Bible, pg. 7 NT

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

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* **SONG** Hymn 835

"Just a Closer Walk"

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

The Sermon on the Mount
The Kind of Fruit We Bear

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

* **SUNG RESPONSE** (facing page)

"For the Life That You Have Given"

* **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.

* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

PARTING MUSIC

* Please stand as you are able.

717 For the Life That You Have Given

For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in

Christ made known, with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these

gifts that are your own: here we of - fer, Lord, our prais - es;

heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to

love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

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

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.

Souper Bowl of Caring Lunch—after Worship

Join us in Thorington Hall.

Book Discussion—after lunch

Join us in Thorington Hall.

Northwest Youth—Snow Tubing & Lock-In

Contact AJ for more details.

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:

Mary Anne Matthews
Laura Blackburn
Sean Amos
Nola Hawkinson
Jeff Upchurch
Anna Purser
Lisa Campbell Taylor

Hugh Campbell

Prue Waters

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.

February Birthdays

1st Paul Sanders
2nd Dan Fondell
16th Connor Amos
18th Tobj Williams
20th Charles Sergan
Miyoko Thompson
22nd Alex Bayer
28th Steve Forbes

March Birthdays

1st Celia Patrick
4th Broecks Moses
6th Ashley Carman
13th Cele Camp
17th Pat Davis
18th Carol Rowland
20th Barbara Busby
26th Mary Anne Matthews
Jennifer Moses

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, February 22, immediately following worship, there will be a congregational meeting combined with the annual meeting of the corporation. The purposes of this meeting are to:

1. receive the 2025 Annual Report and 2026 Annual Budget,
2. elect members for the Elder Nominating Committee,
3. conduct the annual meeting of the Northwest Presbyterian Church Corporation,
4. approve 2026 Terms of Call for Rev. Dr. Moses.

Northwest Youth

February 7: Snow Tubing & lock-in

February 8: Souper Bowl of Caring Lunch

February 15: Youth Fellowship

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!

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.

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.

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.

Adult Spiritual Formation Groups Sunday Morning Bible Study

We gather at 9:00am in the Session Room of the Family Life Center and via Zoom. The group has thought provoking discussions about the weekly Bible passage from the PC(USA)'s Feasting on the Word curriculum. Coffee and donuts provided. The Zoom link is in the email newsletter.

*If you have questions about the class,
please contact Pastor Alex.*

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 will begin a new discussion. Reading and discussing "*Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus*" by Ann Spangler and Lisa 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.

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 Mission Projects

March 15 - The Atlanta Hunger Walk

March 22 - Cooking for Bashor Night Shelter after worship

Upcoming Northwest Events

February 8: Souper Bowl of Caring Lunch after worship.

February 15: After Church Refreshments.
Session meeting.

February 18: Ash Wednesday in the Adams Room.
Dinner at 6:00pm
Service at 6:45pm

February 22: Lenten Breakfast & Sunday School.
Congregational meeting after worship.

March 1: Lenten Breakfast & Sunday School.

March 8: Lenten Breakfast & Sunday School.
Session Meeting

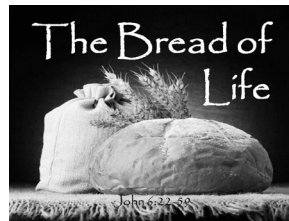
March 15: Lenten Breakfast & Sunday School.
Atlanta Hunger Walk.

March 22: Lenten Breakfast & Sunday School.
Cooking meal for Bashor Shelter after worship.

Book Discussion Lunches

This will be our last week of discussing the book ***The Color of Compromise***. So far we have covered the church's role in racism in America from colonial slavery, through the Civil War and Jim Crow era, and on through the Civil Rights period. This last week we will discuss the development of our modern social/political context and where to go from here. If you were not able to join the group, you are encouraged to still read this book by Jemar Tisby. With incredibly thorough research, historical accuracy, and insight, Tisby discusses not only what the church has done through the years in relation to racial issues, but also why. As you can tell by the title of the book, Tisby makes a clear point that in regards to racism (as well as numerous other issues), the church and Christians often compromise the gospel and the way of Jesus due to the influence of the social and political forces of the day. However, Tisby does believe that like surgery, truth telling can be uncomfortable and even painful, but also healing and transforming.

The Bread of Life: Sunday School during Lent



During the weeks of Lent this year, from February 22 – Palm Sunday on March 29, we will be gathering in Thorington Hall at 9:00am for a light breakfast and discussion. Have you ever noticed how many times scripture refers to grain, yeast, and bread baking? We will look at one of the passages each week and what we can learn about growing in our faith. There will be stories like Elijah and the Widow of Zarephath, God providing the Israelites with manna in the desert, and Jesus feeding the 5000. Along the way, our own Lisa Bacorn will give us some lessons in bread baking in ways that connect to our discussions. This should be interesting for all ages. Come and enjoy a little food and coffee, good fellowship, and stimulating conversation.

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.

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



