



Northwest Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

Making Disciples • Making Friends • Making a Difference

May 4, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

10:30AM



PRELUDE

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Joel Raney

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 105)

Bill Matthews

One: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.
Sing to the Lord, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.
Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**All: Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually.**

One: When God's people suffered in Egypt,
God sent his servant Moses, and Aaron whom he had chosen.
They performed God's signs among them.
Then he brought Israel out.
The Lord spread a cloud for a covering,
and fire to give light by night.
They asked, and he brought quails,
and gave them food from heaven in abundance.
He opened the rock, and water gushed out;
it flowed through the desert like a river.

**All: For God remembered his holy promise,
and Abraham, his servant.
So he brought his people out with joy,
his chosen ones with singing.
A new future opened before them.**

* **HYMN OF PRAISE** 305

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

* **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 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

Exodus 3:1-4:17

Pew Bible, pg. 50 or

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“New Beginnings: Week 2”

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

* **HYMN 69** (vs. 1 & 2)

“Here I Am, Lord”

INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*The Apostle’s Creed*)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

LAYING ON OF HANDS & PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"We Remember Thee"

Jay Althouse

* **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 & 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.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD & THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* **HYMN OF SERVICE** 69 (vs. 3)

"Here I Am, Lord"

* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

"Go Down, Moses"

arr. Larry Shackley

*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.

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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Northwest Presbyterian Church

May 4, 2025

Weekly Schedule of Events

Saturday—Serving at the Community Assistance Center in Sandy Springs

Sunday School—9:00am

Adult Bible Class—In the Session Room & on Zoom

Children's Morning Fellowship—Children's Building Room 2

Sunday Worship—10:30am

In person & on YouTube.

Women's Bible Study—Wednesday at 9:30am

In the Conference Room & on Zoom.

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

In the Youth Lodge & on Zoom.

Choir Rehearsal—Wednesday at 7:00pm

Prayers

For those in need of healing:

Sean Amos
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

For those who have died:

Betzi Allsop (Kathy Booth's sister)

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

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.

May Birthdays

7th Harriett Kelly
8th Windsor Dombrow
9th Carroll Harris
11th Jennifer Fortune
Laura Moyer
14th Penn McClatchey

16th Steven Sergan
17th Rebecca Holderread
21th Larry Wilkerson
23rd Veronica Glass
Carol Caldwell
30th Steven Soteres

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 Missions

Sunday, May 18 - Joseph Murrey, the Senior Advancement Officer with **Thornwell** will be at Northwest during the Sunday School hour to talk about Thornwell's ministry, and for the minute for mission during worship service. Come learn and show your support for one of our ministry partners.

Save the Date!

The Service of Ordination to Minister of Word and Sacrament for AJ Shortley will take place Sunday, June 8, 2025 at 3pm in the sanctuary at Northwest Presbyterian Church. Everyone is invited to attend.

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!

Northwest Youth Mission Trip 2025

Our Northwest Youth will be heading to Charlotte, NC from June 15–20 to serve with CROSS Missions. This powerful week-long experience allows students to partner with local service agencies, build relationships across communities, and explore what it means to live out Christ's call to love our neighbors.

Northwest family, we are deeply grateful for your support of the Bike Rodeo Cookout and the Chili Cook-Off. Thanks to your kindness and generosity, the youth have raised \$2,034 toward their portion of the Mission Trip cost.

Vacation Bible School - June 9-13

Hey Campers!

Are you ready for the adventure of a lifetime? Join us at **Live It Out Vacation Bible School**, where faith and fun come together for an unforgettable summer experience! Each day will be filled with **exciting games, hands-on crafts, uplifting worship, and powerful Bible stories** that will help us discover what it truly means to **love and follow Jesus**.



Jesus said in **John 13:34**, *"I give you a new command. Love one another. You must love one another, just as I have loved you."* This week, we'll explore how to **love like Jesus**—by showing kindness and forgiveness, praying for and serving others, and learning how to **Live It Out** in our daily lives.

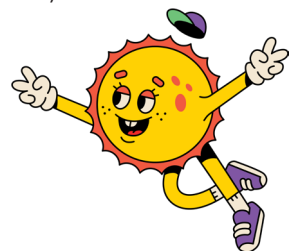
Don't miss out—register today and get ready for a summer to remember!

Want to be part of the adventure behind the scenes?

We're looking for **volunteers** who are excited to help create an amazing experience for our campers!

Whether you love leading activities, lending a helping hand, or simply sharing God's love, there's a place for you on our team. Sign up to volunteer and make a difference this summer!

We can't wait to see you there!



Northwest Youth

Yesterday the youth joined the congregation-wide service project at CAC. No Youth Group today, May 4.

Sunday May 11: Youth group is taking off for Mother's Day

Sunday May 18: The youth are going ziplining at TreeTop Quest Dunwoody. We will have lunch in Thorington Hall immediately after worship, then hop on the bus to Dunwoody. We will return to the church around 3:15 or 3:30. Lunch is provided, tickets for ziplining are \$48. Please let AJ know if your youth would like to join this event (if you haven't already RSVP'd).

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

Contact AJ at aj@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org

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.

Sunday School

The Adult Bible Study Class meets in the Session Room at 9:00am.

The class will be using the *Feasting on the Word* Bible studies by the PC(USA). From Easter through Pentecost (on June 8), we will discuss passages having to do with the disciples after Jesus' resurrection, and stories from the book of Acts. Please join us in the Session room for a cup of coffee and good conversation.

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 an adult helper 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

The Wednesday morning Women's Bible study group will start a new four-week discussion on May 7. The topic is "Loving our Neighbors." To all interested in joining the discussion, please download the PDF study guide: <https://tinyurl.com/msc733b4>

Men's Bible Study

The men's group is continuing through Luke's second volume of his narrative: the Book of Acts. Acts tells the stories of the disciples after Jesus' resurrection and ascension. Reading prior to group is not required. Let AJ know if you'd like to be added to the email list! We have fascinating and encouraging discussion.

“We Remember Thee”

Jay Althouse

Here, holy Lord, we see Thee face to face.
Here, gentle Lord, we feel Thy tender grace.
Here now within this blessed, holy place,
we remember Thee.

Thy humble body broken in our stead;
give unto us this day our daily bread
so that our hunger may be ever fed.
We remember Thee.

Thus we receive Thy blessing;
all praise be unto Thee.
Good and loving may we ever be.

Here now, O Lord, Thy cup we gladly take.
Symbol of Thee this earthly bread we break.
Giver of life, who gave it for our sake,
we remember Thee.

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 email admin@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org, or call 404-237-5539.

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.