



Northwest Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

Making Disciples ● Making Friends ● Making a Difference

August 25, 2024

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30AM



PRELUDE

"Morning Has Broken"

arr. Lani Smith

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Colossians 1)

Anneke Woodward

One: Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation,
for in him all things in heaven and earth were created,
things visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers,
all things have been created through him and for him.

All: **Jesus Christ himself is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.
He is the head of the body, the church.
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him God was pleased
to reconcile to himself all things.**

* **HYMN OF PRAISE 267**

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

* **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 1:1-7

Pew Bible, pg. 56 NT

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

* **HYMN OF PREPARATION** 188

“Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

The Apostles’ Creed: Week 2
“I Believe in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, Our Lord”

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

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

AJ Shortley

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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PRESENTATION AND INVITATION TO THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

HYMN 159 (Verse 1)

“O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”

MISSION PRESENTATION

HYMN 159 (Verse 2)

“O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”

WORSHIP PRESENTATION

HYMN 159 (Verses 3 & 4)

“O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

Jessica Stinson, violin

Paul Sjolund

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine; For thee all the follies of sin I resign;
My gracious Redeemer, my Savoir art thou: If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me, Lord, on Calvary's tree.
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow: If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow: If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
My gracious Redeemer My Savoir art thou: If ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

* 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 582

"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

"Jesus Shall Reign"

arr. Anthony Giamanco

*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.

*The Narthex flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Sean Rood Amos
for his 13th birthday on August 23rd, by Medie Crockett.*

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

August 25, 2024—Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Weekly Schedule of Events

Sunday School—9:15am

Adult Bible Class—In the Youth Lodge & Journey Class—In the Session Room

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

Sunday Worship—10:30am

In person and available on our YouTube Channel.

Kick-Off Luncheon—after Worship

Join us for a Potluck Cookout in Thorington Hall.

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

In person and on Zoom, meeting in the Session 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:

Dick Myrick, Sr.
Nola Hawkinson
Jeff Upchurch
Frank Mitchell
Virginia McClatchey
David Wang
Maria Tereza Herrera
Jon Steele
Jamie Kaplin

Ronald Bushrod, III
Becky Roberson
Kathy Taulman Vaughan
Shahina Awal
Philip Mowris
Sonny Odum
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.*

August Birthdays

23rd Sean Amos
25th Dan Laney
27th Robert McCown
29th Andrew Upchurch
30th Nate Bayer
Charlotte Efurd
31st Parker Carman

September Birthdays

1st Susanne Pinkerton
3rd Sam Miller
4th Hunter Burnett
5th Laura May
6th Vivian Compton
Audrey Compton
9th Mike Greenway

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.

Back to School Prayers!

In worship the last two weeks, we wrote the names of students, parents, teachers, caregivers, etc. on strips of cloth, pinned them on the strings at the front of the sanctuary, and began praying for all of these folks who are now getting back into school routines. Please feel free to add more names before worship this Sunday (there is a table by the display). After worship you are invited to remove the strips of cloth which have been prayed over in our sanctuary and give them to the people they represent.

Upcoming Events

Kick-Off Luncheon, Sunday, August 25th

Come one, come all to a good old-fashioned Potluck Cook Out after worship. Compete in our Bible Trivia game over lunch, with prizes!
There is plenty of food and fun for all!

CAC Workday, Saturday, September 7

Meet at Northwest at 8:40am and take the bus to a Waffle House, or meet us at Waffle House at 9:00am if you'd prefer. We'll get to CAC by 10:00am and serve together for a couple hours. We'll be helping with anything they need.

For more information contact AJ:
aj@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org

Northwest Youth

Northwest Youth will join the Kick-Off Luncheon following service, with food, trivia (with prizes), fellowship, and fun! Next week, we are taking a break over Labor Day weekend. And we will enjoy Waffle House for breakfast before serving together at CAC on Saturday September 7th!

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

Contact AJ at aj@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org

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,
or call 404-237-5539

Volunteer Opportunities

Clifton Sanctuary Ministries

Help us continue our over 30 year partnership with Clifton Sanctuary Ministries by volunteering to help provide dinner on a Saturday evening in 2024. Our service dates are:

February 24 - Rob & Susie Rankin

April 27 - Dan Laney and Maryam Sanders

June 22 - Jamie Milton

August 24 - Lisa & Louis Bridges

October 26 -

December 28 -

To Volunteer, and for more information, please contact **Jamie Milton**, 404-310-0191 or jamiemilton@att.net.

Believe it or not

...at some point Winter is going to come! Please help the Women of the Church again supply the homeless with warm hats, gloves, scarves, socks and toiletries to help them survive outdoors. The cost of the bags has increased dramatically. Please give as you are lead. Make checks out to "PW" with Ditty Bags on the memo line and either place them in the offering plate or mail them to the office. Thank You

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.

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 Mission

This Fall, Northwest has lots of exciting ways to get involved together in helping meet physical and spiritual needs in our surrounding communities. On Saturday, September 7th, the congregation is invited to serve at Community Assistance Center (CAC) in Sandy Springs. We will meet at Northwest at 8:40am and take the bus to a Waffle House directly across the street from CAC for breakfast. Meet us at Waffle House at 9:00am if you'd prefer. We'll get to CAC by 10:00am and serve together for a couple hours. We'll be helping with anything they need. Usually that is sorting food donations and restocking their food pantry as clients pick up groceries for their families. It may also include helping with the clothing operation of their thrift store. The address of CAC is 1130 Hightower Trail, Sandy Springs, GA 30350. Feel free to skip Waffle House and meet us on site at 10:00am if you'd like.

Additionally, on Sunday, September 8th, we are conducting a clothing drive for CAC. They are looking for gently used business / business casual items that would be good for people to go to job interviews with. Great time to clean out your closet of the clothes you no longer wear! Bring them with you to church, and drop them in the container that will be set up in the narthex.

The CEO of Community Assistance Center (CAC) - Francis Horton III - will be with us on September 8th to share a bit with the congregation about their wonderful ministry and impact. We hope you will be able to join us!

Learn to Follow Jesus!

Gospel of Luke! We invite the whole congregation to begin reading through the Gospel of Luke over the next few months. Each week we will publish a portion to read. The weekly reflections by Alex and AJ will be related to the portion for that week, and will also include some questions for you to think about. Our men's and women's Bible studies will be studying Luke. We hope you find that this focus for our congregation is stimulating and helps you to grow in your faith and in your understanding of Jesus. The focus on Luke will conclude with the stories of Jesus' resurrection shortly before Easter.

This week: Join the Women's or Men's Bible Study or watch the weekly Reflections video for an introduction to Luke.

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.

Children's Sunday School – following the Time with Young Disciples during worship, children ages 4 years to 5th grade are invited to Sunday School which uses the Growing in Grace and Gratitude curriculum of the PCUSA. Parents should pick up their children from the Children's Building in Room 2 following worship.

Journey Class

God in America: How has religious belief shaped American history? What role have religious ideas and spiritual experience played in shaping the social, political and cultural life of what has become the world's most religiously diverse nation? In this course class members will view and discuss the fascinating PBS Frontline series entitled *God in America*. Each episode explores the historical role of religion in the public life of the United States.

Facilitator: Ellen Carrington

Meeting in the Session Room and on Zoom.

Bible Study Class

This class will be using *The Present Word Bible Study* curriculum of the PCUSA. The texts this fall include some passages about worship in the Old Testament, followed by a study of the Psalms.

Facilitator: Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

Meeting in the Youth Lodge and on Zoom.

Notes on the Apostles' Creed: Week 2

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, occupying most of the page below the title. It is intended for the user to write their notes on the Apostles' Creed for the second week.