



Northwest Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

Making Disciples ● Making Friends ● Making a Difference

September 13, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30AM

PRELUDE

"I'd rather have Jesus"

arr. Mark Hayes

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

* CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 142)

Jennifer Moses

One: I cry out to the Lord; I plead for the Lord's mercy.
I tell him all my troubles.

All: **When I feel overwhelmed,
you alone know the way I should turn.**

One: Wherever I go, it seems like traps have been set for me.
I look for someone to come and help me,
but no one gives me a passing thought!
No one cares a bit what happens to me.

All: **Then I pray to you, O Lord.
I say, "You are my place of refuge.
You are all I really want in life."**

One: Hear my cry, for I am very low.
Rescue me from those who are out to get me,
for they are too strong for me.

All: **Bring me out of prison so I can thank you.
Then the godly will crowd around me,
and see how you have been good to me."**

One: Let us worship the Lord who watches over us and saves us!

* HYMN OF PRAISE 41

"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above"

* 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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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 37:1-36

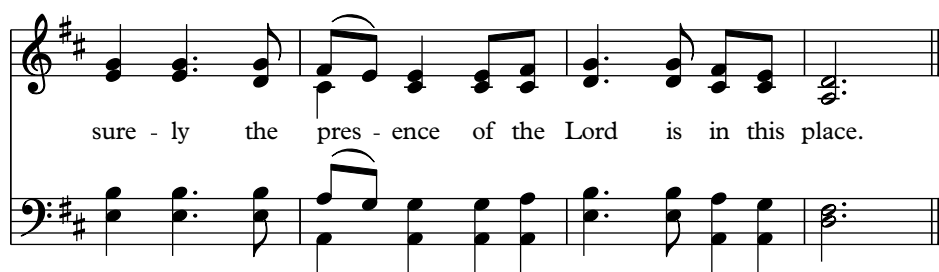
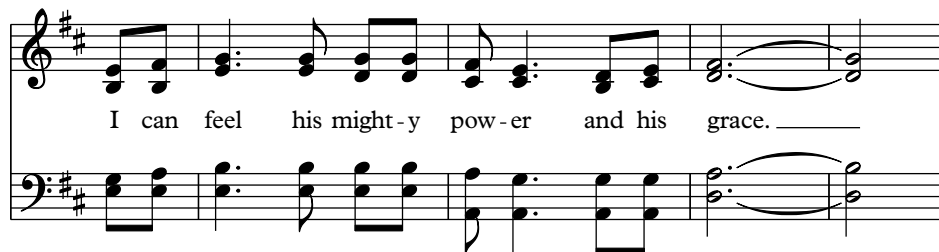
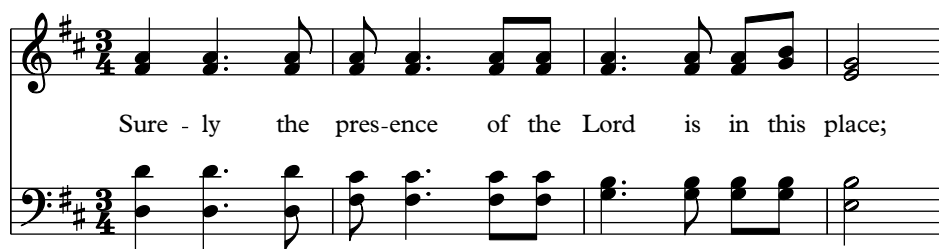
Pew Bible, pg. 34 or

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

* SONG RESPONSE

"Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place"



* **HYMN OF PREPARATION 53**

"O God, Who Gives Us Life"

SERMON

Jacob: Wrestling with God and with Life, Week 7

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

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

One: What is meant when the Lord's Prayer says, "Your kingdom come"?

All: We are asking God to come and rule among us through faith, love and justice.

We pray for both the church and the world,
that God will rule in our hearts through faith,
in our personal relationships through love,
and in our institutional affairs through justice.

We pray that all the world
will more and more submit to God's reign,
until that day when crying and pain are no more,
and we live forever with God in perfect peace

One: What is meant when the Lord's Prayer says,
"Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven"?

All: Of course, God's will is always done,
and will surely come to pass,
whether we desire it or not.
But the phrase "on earth as in heaven"
means that we ask for the grace to do God's will on earth
in the way that it is done in heaven
- gladly and from the heart.
We yield ourselves, in life and in death, to God's will.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"God Our Strength"

Eugene Butler

* **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** (to tune of *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*)
text by Carolyn Gillette

"On This Day"

On this day of Sunday morning, on this day when hopes are new,
God, we gather as your people, called to put our trust in you.
You have made the world we live in; You have worked through history.
In your plan we find our purpose, in your love, our unity.

Long ago, you sent a Savior to our world in deep despair.
In your Word made flesh you came, our life to know, our sins to bear.
Christ has died and Christ is risen! On this new day we proclaim:
Yesterday, today, forever--Jesus Christ is still the same!

Through two thousand years of changes, through these passing centuries,
You have called your church to witness to Christ's love that claims and frees.
Each new generation hears you, each must find a fresh new way
To make known the life you offer, to the people in their day.

On this day, we pause and wonder what the future years will bring,
Yet we know you clothe each flower and you make each sparrow sing.
How much more will you protect us with your guiding, caring hand!
By your Spirit, lead us boldly in the future you have planned.

* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

* **CHORAL BENEDICTION** (*sung by choir*) *"Go Walk with God"*

Carolyn Gillette

Go walk with God in all you do,
and may God's love bring joy to you.
May gifts of peace fill all your days,
and may God's truth guide you always.

O may the grace of Christ our Lord,
the wondrous love that comes from God,
the Spirit's fellowship now be
God's gifts to you eternally.

POSTLUDE

"Sing to the Lord"

Mark Hayes

* Please stand as you are able.



Northwest Presbyterian Church

September 13, 2026

Weekly Schedule of Events

Sunday Morning Discussions—9:00am

Meeting in the Session Room. Coffee & Donuts Provided.

Sunday Worship—10:30am

In person & on YouTube.

Northwest Youth Lake Retreat

For more information contact kirk@npcatl.org

Pie Tasting & Auction

Join us in Thorington Hall after worship.

Choir Rehearsal after Worship

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

Meeting in the Session Room and on Zoom.

Prayers

For those in need of healing:

Gordon Teel
Mary Anne Matthews
Sean Amos
Nola Hawkinson
Jeff Upchurch
Charlene Beardsley Ewing
Mary Bagwell
Mary Ann Nelson

Hattie Thore
Lt. Col. Wes Likening and family
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@npcatl.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.

September Birthdays

11th	Caroline Moses
12th	Sandy Simonds
19th	Tuck McCabe
20th	Kirk Louis
22nd	Susie Rankin
23rd	Maxine Smith
25th	Brianna Bancherosmith
28th	Mark Carrington
	Jamie Milton
29th	Celia Quillian

October Birthdays

2nd	Thomas Moyer
6th	Ken Torreyson
7th	Polly Ann Thompson
10th	Penny Carrington
13th	Martha Greenway
16th	Craig Camp
	Louise Hull
	Gordon Teel
18th	Lisa Bridges
22nd	Marilyn McCown

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access our eGiving page or visit
<https://tinyurl.com/4dbm2kp3>.



Staff Notes

Scott will be out of the office the week of September 14 to 18.

The office will also be closed on Friday, September 18 as Alex and Kirk are regularly scheduled to be off on Fridays.

Upcoming Northwest Events

September 13: Pie Tasting Fun after Worship

September 27: Truist Park Tour after Worship

October 4: World Communion Sunday

October 11: Scottish Sunday

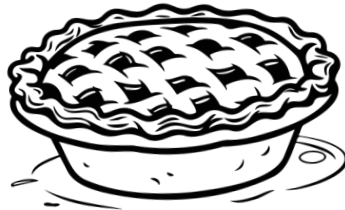
October 25: Trunk or Treat

Any Way You Slice It

Get ready for a slice of fun! Join us on **Sunday, September 13**, immediately following worship, in Thorington Hall for our first ever **Pie Tasting & Auction**. Sample a delicious variety of homemade pies baked with love by members of our church family, then bid on your favorites at our live auction.

All proceeds will support replenishing kitchen equipment and utensils!

**Bakers, sign up in the Narthex.
Prizes will be awarded!**



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 Truist Park Tour

Join your Northwest family for an exciting afternoon of fellowship and fun as we tour the home of the Atlanta Braves!



- **When:** Sunday, September 27
- **Time:** Immediately following the worship service (Tour begins at 1:00pm)
- **Cost:** \$39 per person (Includes \$27 tour ticket and a \$12.00 Publix box lunch)

What's Included:

- **Lunch Before We Go:** Skip the rush! Right after the service, we will gather in Thorington Hall for a delicious Publix meal (sandwich, chips, cookie, and a drink) before we head out.
- **The Tour:** A guided, 90-minute walking tour of Truist Park.

Transportation:

We will be taking the church van for those who would like a ride, or you are more than welcome to drive yourself and meet us there (more details to follow).

How to Sign Up:

Ready to join the fun? Head over to the Narthex after worship and add your name to the signup sheet. Please make checks payable to Northwest for \$39 per person.

Space may be limited, so be sure to secure your spot soon. More details will be shared as we get closer to the date.

Tour Highlights & Stops

- **The Dugout:** Step onto the field-level area and view the field from the player perspective.
- **Monument Garden:** Walk through the artifact displays celebrating Braves history.
- **Braves Press Box:** See the media working areas and panoramic views of the ballpark.
- **Hank Aaron Terrace:** Learn about Hank Aaron's legacy and civil rights impact.

Go Braves!

Submit Announcements to admin@npcatl.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

September 12-13: Lake Retreat

September 20: Youth Fellowship in the Youth Lodge

For more information about these activities and the Youth program contact kirk@npcatl.org

Nursery Childcare

Nursery care is provided in Room 1 of the Children's Building, and is available from 10:15-11:45am, 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.

Young Children & Worship

Following the Time with Young Disciples during worship, children in Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to follow Kevin Middlebrooks, Assistant Cora Bayer 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.

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@npcatl.org.

Sunday Morning Discussions

All are invited to meet in the **Session Room on Sunday mornings at 9am** for a thoughtful discussion on faith and life.

Coffee and donuts are provided.

Our new series will be **Animate: Faith**.

Each week we will watch a short video introduction by a faith leader. The topics are designed to be open and thought provoking to encourage discussion, rather than just sharing information. Come and consider questions like:

- When we say God, what do we mean? What is God about?
- What is religion? Can't I just be spiritual without being religious?
- What is Jesus about? Does it make any difference?
- Is Salvation about life after we die, or about life now?
- What does the cross reveal about who God is, and what our lives should be like?
- What is the Bible? What does it mean to us? How do we interpret it?
- Why should we go to church? What should church be like?

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 9:30am. Our initial study will be The Minor Prophets (Part 1). Using the LifeChange series available at

<https://tinyurl.com/5n6usf5u>.

We meet in a hybrid format - in the Session Room and on Zoom, <https://tinyurl.com/36kn2h22>.

All women are welcome.

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.

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 2027

Laura Blackburn, *E*
Cathy Ealick, *M*
Harriett Kelly, *W*
Rob Rankin, *W*

C=Connections
M=Mission

Class of 2028

Carroll Harris, *S*
Curt Thompson, *M*
Jeff Upchurch, *W*
Anneke Woodward, *S*

E=Education
W=Worship

Class of 2029

Jennifer McCabe, *E*
Bill Mulkeen, *C*
Paul Sanders, *C*
Kerry Parker, *C*

S=Stewardship

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Alex Moses
Clerk: Ezra Jones
Treasurer: Karen Taylor

The Staff

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses, Pastor
Kirk Louis, Interim Director of Youth & Congregational Ministries
Dr. Clinton Smith, Director of Music & Organist
Scott Mize, Director of Operations

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