



Northwest Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

Making Disciples ● Making Friends ● Making a Difference

October 18, 2026

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

10:30AM

PRELUDE

"The Power of Your Love"

arr. Jane Holstein

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 96, and 96B in Psalms for All Seasons)

Dan Laney

One: Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord and bless his name;
tell of the Lord's salvation from day to day.

All: **Let us declare God's glory
and his marvelous works among all the people.**

Cantor: Give unto God Most High glory and honor;
come with your offerings and humbly draw near.
Worship the Lord in all beauty and splendor;
tremble before him with godly fear.

One: Here in his sanctuary we witness God's majesty and beauty.

All: **Let us worship the Lord in his glory.
Let us bring an offering and come into God's courts.**

* **HYMN OF PRAISE** 394

"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

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

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious and loving God,
as Jesus noted how a coin bore the image of Caesar,
we know that by contrast we are to bear the image of Jesus.
The tensions in living our lives in the real world,
even in its political dimensions,
has never gotten any easier.

But we confess how often we don't acknowledge the tension,
and how often we go along instead
with the ways of the world and its Caesars:

- in divisive rhetoric and attitudes
- in getting our way, even by unethical means
- in the desire for power and influence

We confess that we compromise the way of Jesus
and are too comfortable rationalizing political desires
in Christian language.

A moment of silent reflection.

* **ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (1 Peter 2:24, The Message)

One: This is the kind of life you've been invited into
– the kind of life Christ lived.
He used his servant body to carry our sins to the cross
so we could be rid of sin, free to live his way.
His wounds became our healing.
All: Let us then live in his way and follow in his path. 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.

* **GLORIA** Hymn 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

Matthew 22:15-22

Pew Bible, pg. 24 NT

One: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

* **HYMN OF PREPARATION** 307

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

The Jesus Lens – God and Caesar

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(from the Theological Declaration of Barmen)*

Kirk Louis

Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture,
is the one Word of God which we have to hear
and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death.

As Jesus Christ is God’s assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins,
so in the same way and with the same seriousness
is he also God’s mighty claim upon our whole life.
Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance
from the godless fetters of this world
for a free, grateful service to his creatures.

The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren
in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord
in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit.
As the church of pardoned sinners,
it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world,
with its faith as with its obedience,
with its message as with its order,
that it is solely his property,
and that it lives and wants to live
solely from his comfort and from his direction
in the expectation of his appearance.

The church’s commission,
upon which its freedom is founded,
consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God
to all people in Christ’s stead,
and therefore in the ministry of his own Word and work.

Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"The Lord is My Shepherd"

* 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 767

"Together We Serve"

* 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

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

arr. Mark Hayes

* Please stand as you are able.



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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 Fellowship after Worship

In the Youth Lodge. For more information contact Kirk Louis.

Choir Rehearsal after Worship

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

Meeting in the Session 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:

Gordon Teel
Sean Amos
Nola Hawkinson
Jeff Upchurch
Judi Bayer
Charlene Beardsley Ewing

Mary Bagwell
Mary Ann Nelson
Hattie Thore
John Bagwell
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@npccatl.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.

October Birthdays

16th Craig Camp
Louise Hull
Gordon Teel
18th Lisa Bridges
22nd Marilyn McCown
23rd David Massey
25th John Brown
Kaye Mulkeen
27th Allison Camp
30th Carolyn Amos
Judy Wagner
31st Lucy Mulkeen

November Birthdays

3rd Dick Myrick, Jr.
7th Stan Blackburn
8th Charlie Gregory
13th Stephanie Pohl
14th Harry Ballance
16th Henry Quillian
Michele Soteres
17th Travis Harris
21st Barbara Royal
22nd Chad Fleming
24th Perry Taylor
28th Bill Mulkeen
29th Cindy Upchurch

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<https://tinyurl.com/4dbm2kp3>.



Upcoming Northwest Events

October 25: Trunk or Treat

November 1: Our Daily Bread Breakfast
All Saints' Sunday

November 8: Stewardship Appreciation Lunch

November 15: Bashor Night Shelter Project after Worship

All Saints' Sunday - November 1st

Do you have a relative or friend who has died in the last year whom you would like to have included in our All Saints' Sunday Litany? Please contact the office, admin@npcatl.org, with their name and, as possible, their birth and death dates by noon on Wednesday, October 28. Then plan to join us for worship on Sunday, November 1, as we celebrate the Saints of the Church.

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@npcatl.org.

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.

Trunk or Treat - October 25, 4:30-6pm

A Halloween Event &

Northwest Tradition not to be missed!

We need volunteers! There are signup sheets in the Narthex for volunteer opportunities: trunk treaters, greeters, popcorn poppers, game coordinators & more! This is a great opportunity for outreach to our community, and to showcase our beautiful campus and friendly members. Sign up on the sheets in the Narthex or contact Bill Mulkeen for more information.

Most important, we need you to attend! Come join the fun as we welcome hundreds of families to our campus for a fun and safe community event. Highlights include the Halloween Blowups, Kona Ice, and more. Contact Bill Mulkeen for more information.

Come one, come all;
for a **SPOOKTACULAR** time!

Our Daily Bread Breakfast

November 1 at 9:15am

- Sign up in the narthex or by contacting the office
- Full breakfast with pancakes, eggs, and sausage (\$12 per person collected at the door)
- Brief discussion based on Robert Short's "The Gospel According to Peanuts" looking at the antics of Charlie Brown, Snoopy, and friends to help us think about Christian ideas
- Watch "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving"
- This will be the first of monthly breakfasts, each with a different topic!

Pancake Breakfast!



Northwest Youth

October 18: Youth Fellowship in the Youth Lodge

October 25: Trunk or Treat

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

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 current series is ***Animate: Faith.***

Each week we watch a short video introduction by a faith leader.

The current topic is about the Bible

- how/when did it come to be as we know it today?
- how do the Old and New Testaments relate to each other?
- how do we interpret scripture?

Nursery Childcare

Nursery care is provided in the **Upper Room of the Sanctuary**, 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.

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.

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.

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 10am.

We meet in a hybrid format - in the Youth Lodge and on Zoom, <https://tinyurl.com/ckwdyked>.

All men are welcome.

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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