



Northwest Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

Making Disciples • Making Friends • Making a Difference

August 2, 2026

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30AM

PRELUDE

"In the Garden"

arr. Ann Slowins

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 27)

Hal Gill

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

All: **One thing we ask of the Lord; this we seek:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of our lives,
to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.**

One: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!
"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"
Teach me your way, O Lord,
and lead me on a level path.

All: **I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.
Be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!**

* **HYMN OF PRAISE 2**

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

* **CALL TO CONFESSION** (from 2 Corinthians 4:6-7)

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving and life-giving God,
you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy,
and you give us a future of promise.
Forgive us though when we become discouraged.
Forgive us when we feel pessimistic and grow short sighted.
Forgive us when we quit looking for new possibilities.
Forgive us when we assume things will, or should,
just remain the same.
Remind us again of your presence and your power in our lives.

A time for silent prayer of confession.

* **ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (from Lam. 3:21-24)

One: But this we call to mind, and therefore have hope:
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.
God's mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning.
Great is his faithfulness.

All: **The Lord is our portion, and therefore we will hope in him.
It is good to look for the salvation of the Lord.**

* **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.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; 25:20-26

Pew Bible, pg. 20 OT

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

* **SUNG RESPONSE** (see insert)

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

SERMON

Jacob: Wrestling with God and with Life, Week 1

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

* **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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring"

J.S. Bach

* **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 691**

"Lord, When I Came into This Life"

* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

"Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee"

arr. Becki Mayo

* Please stand as you are able.

*The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God
and in honor of the birthdays of their daughter Becky Burnett and grandson Hunter Burnett, by Nancy & Jim Soteris.*

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

Dr. Clinton Smith, Director of Music & Organist

Scott Mize, Director of Operations

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August 2, 2026

Weekly Schedule of Events

Sunday Worship—10:30am

In person & on YouTube.

Prayers

For those in need of healing:

Harriett Kelly
Gordon Teel
Mary Anne Matthews
Sean Amos
Nola Hawkinson
Jeff Upchurch
Jim Thompson
Charlene Beardsley Ewing

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@npsatl.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.

August Birthdays

3rd Becky Burnett
5th Jim Anderson
6th Jerry Craft
Cathy Ealick
Curt Thompson
7th Wini Myrick
11th Steve Pohl
Steve Williams
14th Alex Moses

18th Art Schlosberg
19th Betty Bates
21st Anne Brown
23rd Sean Amos
25th Dan Laney
27th Robert McCown
29th Andrew Upchurch
30th Nate Bayer
Charlotte Efurd

It's Christmas in July!

(Hallmark-style cheer included)

Even though it doesn't feel like it now; sometime this Fall, the weather will turn cold. When it does, those in our community without shelter will need our support. So why wait? Help us prepare now by contributing to this year's Ditty Bag project.

Your gift now enables us to shop for the best prices on necessary items and plan for the Fall. Every gift makes a difference, especially as costs have increased again. Please give as you feel led.

Thank you!
The Women of the Church

Upcoming Northwest Events

August 16: Fall Kick-Off Celebration
Sunday School at 9am
BBQ Lunch after Worship with Bible Trivia

Northwest Youth

July 27: Whitewater

August 23: Youth Fellowship

August 30: Pool Party

For more information about these activities contact admin@npsatl.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!

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



Surely the Presence of the Lord

The musical score is written for a two-part setting in 3/4 time, featuring a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his might - y pow - er and his grace. I can hear the brush of an - gels' wings, I see glo - ry on each face; sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence at the end of the fourth line.

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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.

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.

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.

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.