Northwest Presbyterian Church
Service of Worship

Making Disciples • Making Friends • Making a Difference

November 29, 2026 **First Sunday of Advent** **10:30AM**

PRELUDE *"Hope"* arr. Jane Holstein

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

INTRODUCTION TO THE SEASON OF ADVENT Rob Rankin & Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

* **HYMN OF PRAISE** 88 vs. 1 & 2 *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

* **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.

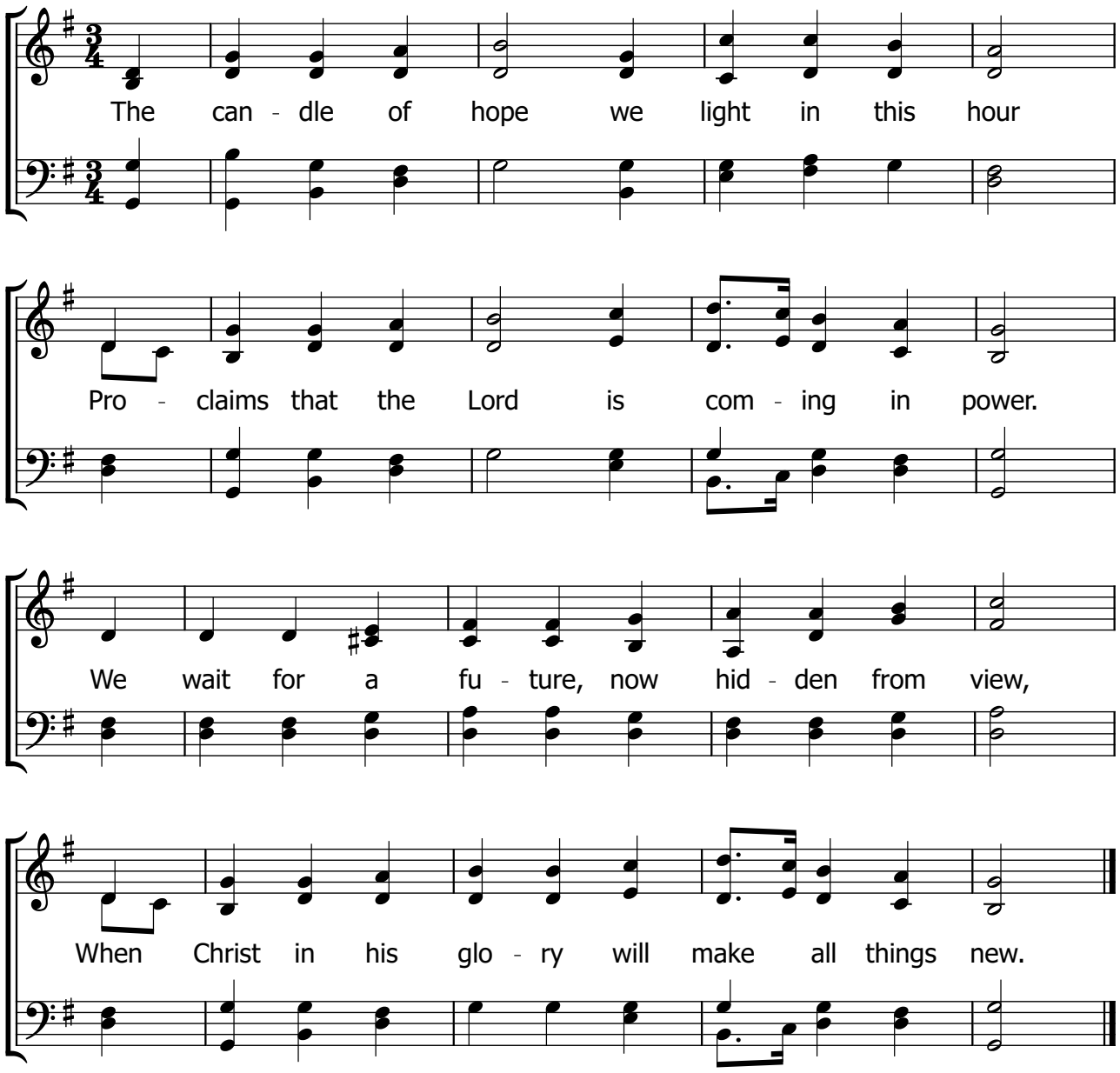
* **HYMN 110** (vs 3) *"Love Has Come"*

Love has come and never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us.
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high.

Presentation & Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Hymn

"The Candle of Hope"



Presentation and Placing of the Evergreens

Hymn 88 vs. 3 & 4 *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

Presentation and Hanging of the Chrismons

Hymn 88 vs. 6 & 7 *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

Scripture Reading Isaiah 61:1-4 Pew Bible, pg. 691 OT

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

* **Hymn 93** *"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"*

Time with Young Disciples Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "What Are We Waiting For?" Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"* arr. Melius Christiansen

* **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** 744 *"Arise, Your Light Is Come!"*

* **Charge and Blessing**

* **Choral Benediction** *"Joy to the World"*

Postlude *"Hail to the Lords Anointed"* Henry Balcombe

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* Please stand as you are able.

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November 29, 2026

Weekly Schedule of Events

Sunday Morning Discussions—9:15am
Meeting in the Session Room. Coffee & Donuts Provided.

Sunday Worship—10:30am
In person & on YouTube.

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:
Eric Mowris
Dan Laney
Harriett Kelly
Gordon Teel
Sean Amos
Nola Hawkinson
Jeff Upchurch
Pastor Farouk Hammo
Delaney Thomas
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@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.

November Birthdays

24th	Perry Taylor
26th	Tyler Bancroft
28th	Bill Mulkeen
29th	Cindy Upchurch

December Birthdays

4th	Lisa Bacorn
6th	Mari Doyal
	Kim Gill
9th	Ellen Carrington
11th	Elisabeth Dombrow
12th	Liam Fondell
	Deanie Quillian
17th	Joe Dombrow
19th	Bopene Newton
25th	Jodi Compton
26th	Mark Carman
26th	Jack McCabe
27th	Cora Bayer
29th	Kathy Booth
	Berkley Glass
	Clinton Smith
30th	Jonathan Pohl

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Upcoming Northwest Events

November 29: Hanging of the Greens

December 6: Our Daily Bread Breakfast
Youth Parents' Lunch

December 13: Caroling

December 20: A Service of Lessons & Carols
Cocoa & Carols after Worship

December 24: Candlelight Christmas Eve, 5pm

Remember we are called to...

Glorify God, Love Everyone,
Serve Others, and Support Northwest.

If you haven't yet submitted your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible—or contact Scott in the office to share your pledge information, admin@npcatl.org or 404-237-5539. Follow-up calls will begin soon, so we encourage you to make your pledge today.

Thank you for supporting Northwest.

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.

Mission Projects in November

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Thank you to everyone who supported our Annual Thanksgiving Basket project again this year. Your generous donations of food, funds, and time helped make Thanksgiving more joyful for eight families this year! Discretionary Mission funds were used to purchase perishables, turkey breast, butter, milk & eggs, to complete the baskets, and everything has been sorted and delivered.

ANGEL TREE for ***Thornwell Children's Home***

Thank you to everyone who has committed to providing Christmas gifts for the children at Thornwell! Your unwrapped gifts should be returned to the church by **December 6**.

Please contact Catherine Ealick (mce@jmalawfirm.com or 404-983-5946) with any questions, or any other member of our Missions team.

Ditty Bag Project

Save the date.

We will be meeting on **Thursday, December 3 at 12:30pm** to finish assembling the Ditty Bags!

Holiday Extravaganza Volunteers Needed

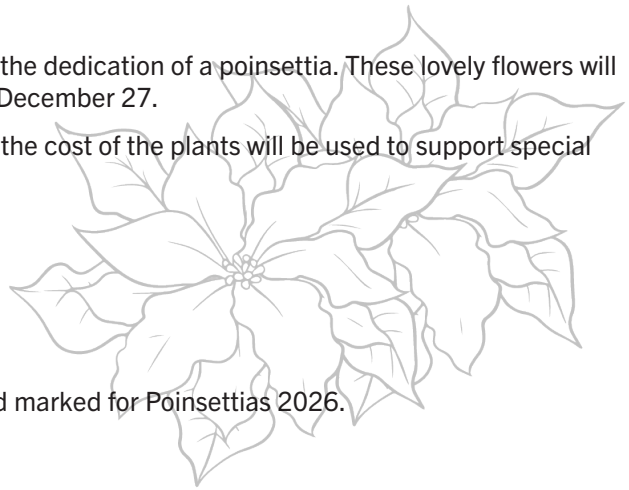
The 6th Annual Buckhead Prep Holiday Extravaganza will be on **Thursday, December 17, from 4:30-6:30pm**. Lucy Mulkeen will be leading the elementary students in their holiday music program at 4:30pm, then students and their families will be in the Family Life Center for fun, games, and stories with Santa. We need volunteers to showcase Northwest Presbyterian to the Buckhead Prep families. We will be serving hot chocolate and cookies to an anticipated attendance of over 400.

Please contact Kaye Mulkeen if you are able to volunteer, 404-680-6630 or mulkeenk@bellsouth.net.

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.

Poinsettias



Remember your loved ones and honor your friends this Christmas with the dedication of a poinsettia. These lovely flowers will grace the sanctuary for services on December 20, Christmas Eve, and December 27.

A fixed number of Poinsettias have been ordered. All proceeds beyond the cost of the plants will be used to support special Worship programs.

Poinsettias are $20 each. Please make your reservation by:
completing a card found in the Narthex
and placing it in the offering plate,
emailing admin@npcatl.org,
or by calling the church office at 404-237-5539.

Checks should be made payable to Northwest Presbyterian Church and marked for Poinsettias 2026.
The deadline for dedications is Wednesday, December 16 at noon.

Northwest Youth

November 29: No Youth Group.

December 6: White Elephant Christmas Party.

For more information about these activities and the Youth program contact jenniferpmccabe@gmail.com

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!

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.

Our Daily Bread Breakfast

Our next Sunday morning breakfast will be **December 6** with an Advent theme. Mark your calendars!

Sunday Morning Discussions

All are invited to meet in the Session Room on Sunday mornings (on non-breakfast weeks) at 9:15 for a thoughtful discussion on faith and life.

Each week we will consider:
- A general question about faith and life
- Considering this week's news events from the perspective of followers of Jesus
- What we think about this week's scripture reading for worship

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	Class of 2028	Class of 2029
Laura Blackburn, *E*	Carroll Harris, *S*	Jennifer McCabe, *E*
Cathy Ealick, *M*	Curt Thompson, *M*	Bill Mulkeen, *C*
Harriett Kelly, *W*	Jeff Upchurch, *W*	Paul Sanders, *C*
Rob Rankin, *W*	Anneke Woodward, *S*	Kerry Parker, *C*

C=Connections
M=Mission
E=Education
W=Worship
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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