



Northwest Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

Making Disciples ● Making Friends ● Making a Difference

August 16, 2026

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30AM

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

KICK-OFF SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENT

Laura Blackburn

INTRODUCTION OF KIRK LOUIS, DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 51, and Hymn 421, vs 1-2)

Eric Mowris

One: Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love.

All: **You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

Cantor 1: Have mercy, God, upon my life, and
make me clean within: pour out your ever
faithful love and wash away my sin.

Cantor 2: My guilt is heavy on my mind;
I know what I have done: against your justice
I have sinned, against you, God, alone.

One: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.

All: **Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

* **HYMN OF PRAISE 624**

"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

* **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.
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.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 27:1-45

Pew Bible, pg. 23 or

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"

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Kirk Louis

* **HYMN OF PREPARATION** 649

"Amazing Grace"

SERMON

Jacob: Wrestling with God and with Life, Week 3

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

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

Kirk Louis

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

"I'd Rather Have Jesus"
Lucy Mulkeen, mezzo soprano

Kay Goodyear

* 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 418

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

arr. Mark Hayes

* Please stand as you are able.

I'd Rather Have Jesus
Kay Goodyear

I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold. I'd rather be His than have riches untold.
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or land. I'd rather be true to His nail-pierced hand;
than to be the king of a vast domain, and be held in sin's dread sway.
I'd rather have Jesus than anything, this world affords today.

I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause. I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause.
I'd rather have Jesus than worldwide fame. I'd rather be true to His holy name.

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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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.

Fall Kick-Off Celebration after Worship

Join us in Thorington Hall for a BBQ Lunch and Bible Trivia!

Prayers

For those in need of healing:

Harriett Kelly
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 who have died:

Jim Thompson

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.

August Birthdays

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

Scottish Sunday, October 11

Do you have Scottish heritage? If so, do you know the clan you're connected to—or could you find out? You are invited to order a tartan flag representing your clan to be part of our Scottish Sunday. The flags are 3 x 5 feet, and the cost is \$250, which includes a flagpole. Flags will be stored at the church.

The deadline to order is August 16.

To sign up, please add your name to the sheet in the narthex or contact the church office, admin@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!

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



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.

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

August 23: Choir Rehearsal after Worship

October 4: World Communion Sunday

October 11: Scottish Sunday

Surely the Presence of the Lord

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.

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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 hear 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?

Northwest Youth

August 23: Youth Fellowship

August 30: Pool Party

September 12-13: Lake Retreat

For more information about these activities 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.

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.