



Northwest Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

Making Disciples ● Making Friends ● Making a Difference

December 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

10:30AM



PRELUDE

Meditation on "Veni Emmanuel"

arr. John Sciveyner

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

* **HYMN OF PRAISE 106**

"Prepare the Way O Zion"

* **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.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Susie & Rob Rankin

PRESENTATION OF THE CRECHE

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:67-80

Harriett Kelly
Pew Bible, pg. 58 NT

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

AJ Shortley

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 3:1-6

Pew Bible, pg. 60 NT

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Advent Preparation

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses

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

AJ Shortley

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

“Advent Peace Canon”

arr. Ruth Schram

Dona nobis pacem.
(Grant us peace.)

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the world thou art.
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,
joy of ev'ry longing heart

Come to us and bring us peace.

Come, thou long-expected Jesus;
come to us and bring us peace.

* **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 140**

"Once in Royal David's City"

* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

On "Duke Street"

Mark Radice

*The benediction concludes our worship service. During the music of the postlude,
please feel free to leave the sanctuary, talk to those around you, or stay and listen to the music, as you choose.*

* Please stand as you are able.

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 2025

Lisa Bacorn, *C*
Anne McClatchey, *C*
Kaye Mulkeen, *C*
Carol Rowland, *W*

C=Connections
W=Worship

Class of 2026

Jason Amos, *E*
Betty Bates, *Ca*
Craig Camp, *S*
Brian Moye, *S*

E=Education
Ca=Congregational Care

Class of 2027

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

S=Stewardship & Mission
**=Team Leader*

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

The Staff

Rev. Dr. Alex Moses, Pastor
A.J. Shortley, Director of Youth, Young Adult & Community Outreach
Dr. Clinton Smith, Director of Music & Organist
Scott Mize, Director of Operations

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Northwest Presbyterian Church

December 8, 2024—The Second Sunday of Advent

Weekly Schedule of Events

Sunday School—9:00am

Combined Sunday School Class in Thorington Hall.

Sunday Worship—10:30am

In person and available on our YouTube Channel.

Northwest Youth—2:00pm

Assisting with the Drop & Shop Event. Contact AJ for more details.

Drop & Shop Community Event—2:00pm

Contact Laura Moye or Kaye Mulkeen for more information. They can help you register or sign up to volunteer!.

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

In person and on Zoom, meeting in the Session Room.

Men's Bible Study—Wednesday at 10:00am

In person and on Zoom, meeting in the Youth Lodge.

Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday at 7:00pm

Prayers

For those in need of healing:

Warren Wick
Ellen Carrington
Dick Myrick, Sr.
Nola Hawkinson
Jeff Upchurch
Frank J. André, III
Virginia McClatchey
David Wang
John Nixon

Jamie Kaplin
Ronald Bushrod, III
Becky Roberson
Kathy Taulman Vaughan
Philip Mowris
Dee Dee Teel
Charlotte Roland
Betzi Allsop

For those who have died:

Sonny Odum

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
Elmarie & Scott Parker

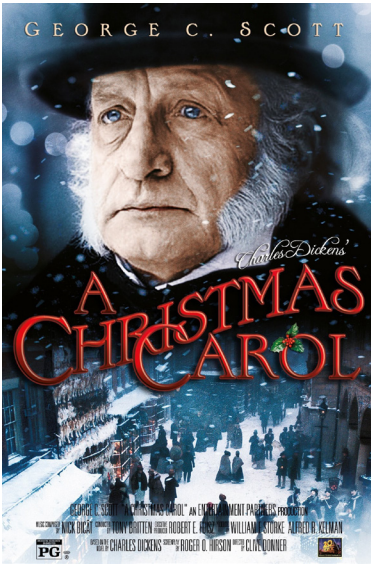
*To have a name placed on the prayer list, please contact the church office,
admin@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org or 404-237-5539.*

December Birthdays

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

Submit Announcements to admin@northwestpresbyterianchurch.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.



The Redemption of Scrooge!

Join us for a combined Sunday School Class.
November 24 – December 22 (5 weeks)
9:00-10:00AM

Light Breakfast, Carol Singing, Discussion, Crafts!
All ages will enjoy this fun but thought provoking class.

The first two Sundays we will watch the movie “A Christmas Carol”. (2 versions offered – the George C. Scott one and the Muppets version)

The other three weeks we will talk about Christmas past, Christmas present, and Christmas future, and how Scrooge went from being a greedy, self-serving curmudgeon to being a kind, open hearted soul focused on the needs of others.



Learn to Follow Jesus!

Reading through Luke! This week (December 8-14) read Luke 12 as our congregation continues to read through this gospel together. Alex’s reflection on Wednesday will be related to this passage, with some included questions to think about. You are also invited to join our men’s or women’s Bible study on Wednesday morning (in person or on Zoom) to discuss Luke.

Nursery Childcare

Nursery care is provided in Room 1 of the Children’s Building, and is available from 9:00-11:45am, or at the conclusion of any after-church event. Children who are newborn through age 3 are welcome. Parents, please bring diapers, a change of clothes, and any medications or other needed items. Please do not bring food containing nuts.

Christmas Childcare

Northwest is hosting complimentary Christmas Childcare for up to 40 children ages 3-12 on Sunday, December 8 from 2-5pm. You may drop off or pick up your child(ren) anytime between 2-5pm for Christmas Crafts, Games, Movies and more. Refreshments and light snacks provided. Use the QR code to sign-up. Please put your child’s name, age and any allergies in the comment section. For questions or concerns please call or text Laura Moyer 404-316-8694.



Northwest needs your help! Please volunteer to help make this a great event for our community. Contact Laura Moyer at 404-316-8694, or Kaye Mulkeen at 404-680-6630 for more information and to sign up.

Children’s Programs

Children’s Morning Fellowship – this is a time of fun, games, crafts, etc. during the Adult Sunday School hour.

Children’s Sunday School – following the Time with Young Disciples during worship, children ages 4 years to 5th grade are invited to Sunday School which uses the Growing in Grace and Gratitude curriculum of the PCUSA. Parents should pick up their children from the Children’s Building in Room 2 following worship.

Northwest Youth

Northwest Youth this week are invited to help with our “Drop and Shop” we are putting on for the neighborhood! Come from 2-5pm in the Youth Lodge to do crafts with children, watch a movie or two in the main room, and have a great time with us!

Next week, December 15th, the Youth Group is going out to eat at Hard Rock Cafe right after worship. Then we will join the congregation for caroling at Calvin Court! (Rehearsal, hot cocoa, and cookies in Thorington Hall from 2-3pm, caroling from 3:15-4pm).

An up-to-date schedule of activities is always available at www.northwestpresbyterianchurch.org/northwest-youth.

Contact AJ at aj@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org

Christmas 2024 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 15, 22, and Christmas Eve.**

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, emailing admin@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org, or by calling the church office at 404-237-5539. Checks should be made payable to Northwest Presbyterian Church and marked for Poinsettias 2024.

The deadline for dedications is **Wednesday, December 11 at noon.**

Christmas Caroling, December 15

Join us as we go caroling at Calvin Court Senior Living Facility in Buckhead!

We will gather in Thorington Hall from 2 - 3pm for hot cocoa, cookies, and rehearsal. We'll take the bus to Calvin Court at 3pm, and sing carols with residents there from about 3:15 - 3:45, and return to Northwest around 4pm.

Ditty Bag Project

*If you missed our first Ditty Bag appeal...
there is still time!!!*

We are still accepting donations towards this year's Ditty Bag project. Checks may be made out to Presbyterian Women and put in the collection plate or mailed to the office.

P.S. We will also accept cash.

Thank you from the Women of the Church!

& SAVE THE DATE

We will be meeting to complete the Ditty Bags on Tuesday, December 17 at 1pm.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance - Hurricane Relief

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), through the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, is on the ground responding to the many urgent needs following the destruction Hurricanes Helene and Milton left in their paths.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), has been in constant communication with leadership in the impacted areas. Emergency grants have been distributed to address the most urgent needs, and National Response Teams have been deployed to provide assistance to churches and to help coordinate the Church's response.

It will take years to recover. After initial needs are addressed, PDA will remain - providing emotional and spiritual care and long-term recovery to address unmet and ongoing needs.

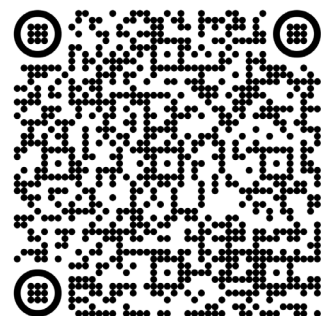
The needs for the response will be great.

God's people are called on to stand in the "GAP" - Give. Act. Pray.

Northwest has donated \$7,500 to PDA. If you would like to add to the congregational donation you may: place a check, written to Northwest, in the offering plate with "Hurricane Relief" on the memo line, visit <https://giving.servantkeeper.com/northwestpresbyterianchurch>, or use the QR Code to give electronically.

Northwest Missions

Please join Northwest Presbyterian and Buckhead Prep in collecting toys for MUST Ministry's toy drives. You can bring toys to the table in the Narthex. AJ will deliver them to MUST on December 16th. The toys donated to MUST are given to families with children in need. The QR code is a link to MUST's Amazon-Wish-List for ideas.



Clifton Sanctuary Ministries

Help us continue our over 30 year partnership with Clifton Sanctuary Ministries by volunteering to help provide dinner on a Saturday evening in 2024. Our service dates are:

February 24 - Rob & Susie Rankin
April 27 -Dan Laney and Maryam Sanders
June 22 -Jamie Milton
August 24 -Lisa & Louis Bridges
October 26 -Sandy Simonds and Lisa & Louis Bridges
December 28 -

To Volunteer, and for more information, please contact **Jamie Milton**, 404-310-0191 or jamiemilton@att.net.

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!

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 Carol Rowland.

Sanctuary Flowers

A gift of flowers is a wonderful way to commemorate a birthday, wedding, anniversary, memorial, or any other occasion. Each week there is an opportunity to honor or give thanks for a loved one with flowers. We invite you to make a donation to decorate our worship space.

To reserve your dedication email admin@northwestpresbyterianchurch.org, or call 404-237-5539.