



Northwest Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

Making Disciples • Making Friends • Making a Difference

May 28, 2023

Day of Pentecost

10:30AM



PRELUDE

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

arr. Lloyd Larson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GREETING

Rev. Dr. Gray Norsworthy

CALL TO WORSHIP

AJ Shortey

One: Mighty wind of God,

***All:* Blow through this place.**

One: Stir us to praise,

***All:* Lift us from despair.**

One: Holy fire of God,

***All:* Enliven our spirits,**

One: Heat up our compassion,

***All:* Burn away our fear.**

One: Mighty wind and holy fire,

***All:* Revive us again,**

One: Set loose joy

***All:* And a chorus of praise!**

* HYMN OF PRAISE 279

“Come Holy Spirit Heavenly Dove”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Amazing God, there is more to life than we can see or fathom, yet how often we try to shrink the mystery, tame the dream, limit what is possible. Remind us that the Spirit is always blowing new life into our days, surprising us with

wonder and blessing. Forgive us for dull awareness and hesitant witness. Let us be made new again and again no matter what age we are. And let us hear again and again of your love that came to us in Jesus that we might have eternal life.

A time of quiet, personal confession.

In your mercy, Lord, hear our prayer, and forgive us.

Amen.

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*** SUNG RESPONSE**

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, 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.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Unison*)

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.

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 2024

Ellen Carrington, **E**
Chad Fleming, **W**
Ed Milton, **W**
Cindy Upchurch, **E**

C=Connections
W=Worship

Class of 2025

Lisa Bacorn, **C**
Anne McClatchey, **C**
Kaye Mulkeen, **C**
Rick Thompson, **W**

E=Education
Ca=Congregational Care

Class of 2026

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

S=Stewardship & Mission
* = Team Leader

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Gray Norsworthy
Clerk: Ezra Jones
Treasurer: Karen Taylor

The Staff

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

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May 28, 2023—Day of Pentecost

Weekly Schedule of Events

Sunday Worship—10:30am

In person and available on our YouTube Channel

Choir Rehearsal—7:00am

Prayers

For those in need of healing:

Philip Mowris
Shawn Leavell
Robin Bagwell
Dee Dee Teel
Randy Bryan
Virginia McClatchey
Dick Myrick, Jr.
Martha Gay
Charlotte Roland
Betzi Allsop

For those in need of strength:

The people of Ukraine
The Rev. Farouk Hammo &
Baghdad Presbyterian Church
Elmarie & Scott Parker

To have a name placed on the prayer list, please contact the church office, nwpc@nwpcatlanta.org or 404-237-5539. Hospitals no longer notify churches when a member is a patient. Therefore, we depend on family and friends to let us know when a congregant has been admitted.

May Birthdays

29th Dick Myrick, Sr.
31st Virginia McClatchey

June Birthdays

3rd Callee King
4th Roger Watson
6th Jerry Caldwell

7th Peter Theisen-Jones
Lynne Schlosberg
8th Shea Fleming
10th Calder Dombrow
Ben Carrington
Luke Carrington
12th Rob Rankin
Franklin Smith
14th Eric Mowris

Northwest Supper Club

The event on Sunday, June 4 is at capacity.

Keep an eye out for more fellowship events this summer..



Vacation Bible School – July 10-14, 2023

During this action-packed week, kids will participate in engaging activities from games and crafts to music classes and lively large group meetings to learn about who Jesus is, who Jesus loves, and how they can follow Jesus every day of their lives. For ages pre-school through rising 6th grade. Cost: \$75 per child.

Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/mr2wa6r5>

Church volunteers are needed for a variety of VBS tasks including crafts, games, storytelling, drama, snacks, and group leaders to name just a few. If you can volunteer during the VBS week we would love to know. Please contact Ellen Carrington (ellencarrington@yahoo.com) for more information.

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.

Email nwpc@nwpcatlanta.org, or call 404-237-5539 to reserve your dedication.

Submit Announcements with this link <https://tinyurl.com/2p9bb9uh>

***Submissions are due by noon on Thursday the week before publication. Submissions received after the deadline will be included in the following week's publications.**

Northwest Youth—Missions

Northwest Youth will be going on a mission immersion week with **Raleigh Youth Mission June 18-23 for rising 6th graders through graduated seniors**. Please keep our youth and this project in your prayers, and join us in worship June 18 for a brief commissioning before they “hit the road”.

Clifton Sanctuary Ministries

Many thanks to Rob and Susie Rankin for providing and delivering dinner to the homeless men at Clifton Sanctuary Ministries on Saturday, April 22 in Grant Park. We are still in need of volunteers for the remaining dates in 2023 and would love to see your name in one of these slots! This is a great opportunity for community service and to lend a helping hand to those in need. As a reminder, Northwest has partnered with Clifton for over 30 years and they have a long history of providing a variety of resources for men to overcome homelessness.

Clifton 2023 Dates for Northwest:

Feb. 25 - Jamie & Ed Milton, Northwest Youth

April 22 - Rob and Susie Rankin

June 24 -

Aug. 26 -

Oct. 28 -

Dec. 23 -

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

52Club—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! This June the youth group is traveling to Raleigh, NC for mission and educational activities—both experiencing and sharing the love of God in Christ with each other and the world.

Summer Nursery Hours

The nursery will be open from 10:15-11:45 am each Sunday throughout the summer months. If an on-campus after-church event is scheduled, the nursery will remain open during the event. Parents are invited to drop off children ages newborn through 3 years old in the nursery where our nursery workers will provide wonderful care. Be sure to bring diapers, a change of clothes, any snacks (no peanut products please), and an Epipen (if needed) to the nursery with your child.

Christian Education

Sunday School Classes are Taking a Summer Break

Our regular Sunday school classes for children and adults will take a break during the summer months beginning on Sunday, May 28. These classes will resume on Kick-Off Sunday, September 10.

Summer in the Sun Children's Program

Beginning June 4: All children between the ages of 4 years old and rising 6th grade are invited to participate in the Summer in the Sun program this summer. Immediately following the Time With Young Disciples during the worship service, our children's Sunday school teacher, Marina Greiner, will lead the children in a short Bible lesson, then escort them to the Play Park for outdoor play. If there is inclement weather, the children will have free play in the Children's Building. Parents can pick up their children from either of these two locations at the conclusion of the worship service.

Youth Fellowship: *Northwest Youth (ages 6th-12th grade)* normally meets each Sunday evening. Contact AJ at aj@nwpcatlanta.org for more information or to request a copy of the youth schedule.— This Sunday, May 28, no Youth Group so you can spend time with your families during the holiday weekend.

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will resume meetings and discussions in September. We will continue to meet on Wednesdays at 9:30am in a hybrid format. The current plan is to start by studying and discussing a specific book of the Bible. If you want to participate and have suggestions as to the first study, please contact Anneke Woodward or Lynne Schlosberg.

Men's Bible Study

Is on summer hiatus and will resume in the fall.

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove 279

1 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, heaven - ly Dove,
 2 In vain we tune our for - mal songs;
 3 Dear Lord, and shall we ev - er live
 4 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, heaven - ly Dove,

with all thy quick - ening powers; kin - dle a flame of
 in vain we strive to rise; ho - san - nas lan - guish
 at this poor dy - ing rate? Our love so faint, so
 with all thy quick - ening powers; come, shed a - broad a

sa - cred love in these cold hearts of ours.
 on our tongues, and our de - vo - tion dies.
 cold to thee, and thine to us so great!
 Sav - ior's love, and that shall kin - dle ours.

In contrast with many hymns to the Holy Spirit, this one is notable for being in the plural, a valuable reminder that the Holy Spirit has been bestowed on the whole Church, not just on a few individuals. The tune was composed for "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" (no. 629).

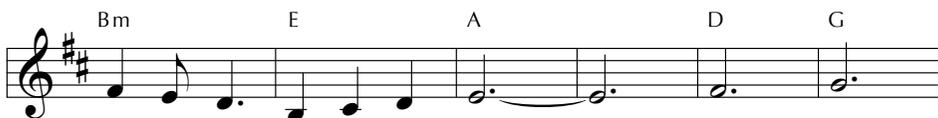
291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Spirit

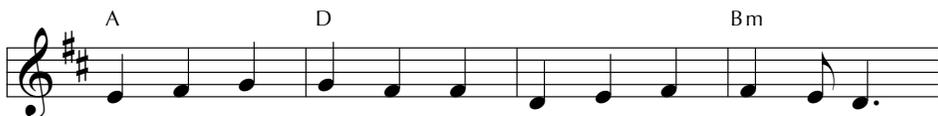
Refrain



Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the



wil - der-ness, call - ing and free. Spir - it,



spir - it of rest - less - ness, stir me from plac - id-ness,



wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters; you called to the
- 2 You swept through the des - ert; you stung with the
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble; you cried from a
- 4 You call from to - mor - row; you break an - cient



deep; then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the
 sand; and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a
 hill; then you whis - pered in si - lence when the
 schemes; from the bond - age of sor - row the

As the author/composer reminds us in the refrain, the Spirit is both gentle and restless. The stanzas reinforce a sense of the Spirit's activity through a wide range of verbs, initially in the past tense; but they become more urgent in the present tense of the fourth stanza.

GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

E A D G

val - leys of sleep; and o - ver the e -
 law and a land. When they were con - found -
 whole world was still. And down in the cit -
 cap - tives dream dreams. Our wom - en see vi -

A G D

ons you called to each thing, "A -
 ed with i - dols and lies, then you
 y; you called once a - gain when you
 sions; our men clear their eyes. With

Bm G

wake from your slum - bers and
 spoke through your proph - ets to
 blew through your peo - ple on the
 bold new de - ci - sions your

A D G/A D A *to Refrain*

rise on your wings."
 o - pen their eyes.
 rush of the wind.
 peo - ple a - rise.

8 Eternal Father, Strong to Save



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who did brood up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, all trav - elers guard in



rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
 wild and rude, and bade its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
 calm a - mid its rage did sleep: O hear us when we
 gave, for fierce con - fu - sion, peace: O hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.



The year after this text was written for a student sailing to America, it was included in the most influential British hymnal of the 19th century. The tune especially composed for it preserves the ancient Roman name of the island where Paul was shipwrecked, now called Malta.