

Sunday Worship

This Sunday, December 17, 2017, is the Third Sunday of Advent. Rev. Dr. Tim Boggess will present the sermon "When All Seems Lost". The scripture reading is Isaiah 55:1-13. The offertory anthem is "And the Glory" from Messiah by G.F. Handel.

Prayers

For those who are ill or recovering:

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| Sandra Thorington | Elmarie and Scott Parker |
| Mary Jean Robertson | Cindy Conn |
| Crystal Allen | Travis Thorne |
| Campbell Fretz | Tim Criswell |
| Peter Nelson | Suzy Milner |
| Betzi Allsop | Mayada Edzin |
| Ann McClurkin | Lindsay and Brad Klipping |
| Marshall Fisher | Dick Mohler |

To have a name placed on the prayer list, please call 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.

**If you would like additional information on those on the prayer list, please contact the church office.*

Weekly Lectionary

Sunday, December 17

Amos 9:11-15
2 Thess. 2:1-3, 13-17
John 5:30-47

Monday, December 18

Gen. 3:8-15
Rev. 12:1-10
John 3:16-21

Tuesday, December 19

Zeph. 3:14-20
Titus 1:1-16
Luke 1:1-25

Wednesday, December 20

1 Sam. 2:1b-10
Titus 2:1-10
Luke 1:26-36

Thursday, December 21

2 Sam 7:1-17
Titus 2:11-3:8a
Luke 1:39-48a

Friday, December 22

2 Sam. 7:18-29
Gal 3:1-14
Luke 1:57-66

Saturday, December 23

Jer. 31:10-14
Gal. 3:15-22
Luke 1:67-80

Serving This Week

Breakfast Volunteers: Lisa Bacorn, Anne McClatchey

Worship Coordinator: Steven Pohl

Ushers: Dan Laney, Craig Camp, Chad Fleming, Penn McClatchey

Young Children and Worship: Carol Rowland, Maryam Sanders, Wade Sanders

Greeters: Charlie and Louise Hull

Candle Lighters: The Carrington Family

Sound and Light: Michael Akridge

Elder on Call: Dan Laney

Sunday sermons are available on-line at <http://nwpcatlanta.podcastpeople.com>.

Watch Sunday worship service live or anytime at livestream.com/nwpcatlanta.

Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/nwpcatlanta

Christian Education

Christmas Pageant and Festival, December 17

Everyone is invited to join us **December 17, from 9:00—10:30AM**, for a festive breakfast, Christmas caroling, and the telling of the Christmas story. Please, invite your friends and neighbors to this special Christmas program.

There will be no breakfast or Sunday School on December 24 and December 31.
Sunday School Classes and breakfast resume, **Sunday, January 7, 2018.**

Advent Calendars

Advent Calendars are now available on the table in the narthex. You are invited to take one each for your devotional use.

“Let Love Speak: Words and Actions to pave the way of the Lord”, a printed calendar for each day of Advent.

“Up Above Bethlehem”, a pop-up calendar for children (one per household, please)

Parenting the Love and Logic Way Course Now Registering for Winter 2018

Parenting the Love and Logic Way is a 6-session, skills-based parenting class that introduces parents to effective parenting skills and strategies that emphasize the elimination of power struggles with children and help children to grow into healthy respectful, and responsible adults. Parents who want their children to become self-confident, motivated, and ready for the real world and who want to establish healthy control without resorting to anger, threats, nagging, or exhausting power struggles will find the *Parenting the Love and Logic Way* classes immediately useful. **Course Dates/Times:** 6 consecutive Sundays beginning January 28th, 4:00-6:00pm. **Location:** NWPC Campus.

Course Fee: \$150 single, \$225 couple. **Free for Northwest Presbyterian Church Members.**

For information or to register, email: loveandlogicworkshop@yahoo.com



Northwest Youth

Upcoming Dates:

December 17—Youth Christmas Party: In the Youth Lodge at 6pm, bring a \$10 or less wrapped gift for our White Elephant gift exchange.

December 24—No NW Nights: Merry Christmas!

December 31—No NW Nights: Happy New Year!

Announcements

Richard Smith Myrick, IV

Congratulations to Chip and Anna Myrick on the birth of their son, **Richard Smith Myrick IV (Smith)**, born on November 27, 2017. Grandparents are Dick and Julia and Great-grandparents, Richard and Wini.

Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a congregational meeting for immediately after worship **Sunday, December 17**, for the purpose of hearing the report of the Elder Nominating Committee and electing elders to fill the Session's two unexpired terms, and to vote on the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between NWPC and the Rev. Laura Jernigan, effective January 8, 2018.

Reception Honoring Pastor Laura

There will be a reception immediately following worship on **January 7, 2018** to honor Pastor Laura and to thank her for 5 1/2 years of service to Northwest Presbyterian. Please plan to attend to share a heartfelt thank you and love to her as she starts a new chapter in her life. She will be greatly missed and we wish her all the best in the future!.

Christmas Poinsettia Orders

Remember your loved ones and honor your friends this Christmas with the dedication of a poinsettia. These lovely flowers will grace the sanctuary for both services on **Christmas Eve**. We will order a fixed number of Poinsettias, 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 the card in your bulletin and placing it in the offering plate, or by calling the church office at 404-237-5539. Checks should be made payable to Northwest Presbyterian Church and marked for Poinsettias 2017. The deadline for dedications is **Tuesday, December 19**.

Volunteers Needed

All are welcome to volunteer your service for the assembly of the ditty bags. Volunteers are asked to meet on **Monday, December 18** at 10:00AM in the Adams Room. .

Calling all interested bell ringers!

During the 4 Sundays of Advent (Dec 3, 10, 17, 24), we will feature handbells in worship. Each week, Dr. James will prepare a simple arrangement (following the prelude, in place of the chimes) that will have flexibility for as few or as many ringers as we have each week. Anyone who is interested simply arrive in the sanctuary no later than **10:40am** for brief warm-up and bell assignment. Hope you will consider joining us (and feel free to invite any other friends, members) to try out bell ringing.

Church Calendar

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| Sunday, December 17 | 9:00AM | Breakfast |
| | 9:30AM | Christmas Pageant and Festival |
| | 11:00AM | Worship |
| | 6:00PM | Youth–Christmas Party |
| Tuesday, December 19 | 10:30AM | Men’s Bible Study |
| | 7:00PM | Session Meeting |
| Wed., December 20 | 7:00PM | Choir Rehearsal |
| Sat. December 23 | | Serve Dinner at Clifton |
| Sunday, December 24 | 11:00AM | Worship |
| | 5:00PM | Christmas Eve Service |
| Sunday, December 31 | 11:00AM | Worship |
| Tuesday, January 2 | 10:30AM | Men’s Bible Study |
| Wednesday, January 3 | 7:00PM | Choir Rehearsal |
| Sunday, January 7 | 9:00AM | Breakfast |
| | 9:30AM | Sunday School |
| | 11:00AM | Worship |
| | 12:00PM | Reception |
| | 6:00PM | Youth–Northwest Nights |

December Birthdays

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| 19th | Forester McClatchey Bopene Newton Barbara Thompson | |
| 21st | Cheryl Mowris | |
| 22nd | Liz Hendricks | |
| 23rd | Carol Meier | |
| 25th | Jodi Compton | |
| 26th | Mark Carman Bruce Hogg Anna Jones Holly Jones Jack McCabe | |
| | 27th | Cora Bayer |
| | 29th | Kathy Booth |
| | 30th | Jonathan Pohl |

NWPC Facebook Page

If you haven't “Liked” our Facebook page you are missing out on fun pictures and updates! Be sure to “like” our Facebook page for all the latest news! <https://www.facebook.com/nwpcatlanta>

Preferred Way To Submit Announcements

Do you have a NWPC-related event or news that needs to be communicated to your fellow church members? Visit <https://nwpcatlanta.wufoo.com/forms/s14ou9o403ia41r/> for an easy form to convey the needed information to the office.

Presbyterian Women

“Circle of Hope”: Monthly fellowship and Bible study meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00pm. The next meeting, however, will be on the second Thursday, January 11, 2018, at the home of Carol Rowland. A new series of study will be from the book “Jesus is the Question”. The study is led by Martha Greenway.

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 the worship space. Please contact Wendy, wendy@nwpcatlanta.org, or call the office to reserve your dedication.



Northwest Presbyterian Church

Service of Worship

Making Disciples • Making Friends • Making a Difference

December 17, 2017

Third Sunday of Advent

11:00AM

Let the people on entering God's house, be reverent in silence, fervent in prayer, hearty in praise and expectant of the Spirit.



Please silence cell phones and electronic devices at this time.

PRELUDE

“Christ is the Only Son of God”

J.S. Bach

Margaret McMurray, Valerie Hamm, Daniel Weisman, Jordan Hunter

HANDBELL PEALING

CHILDREN'S INTROIT

“Sing Noel”

African Spiritual

GREETING

Rev. Dr. Tim Boggess

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Mark, Ellen, Ben and Luke Carrington

* HYMN OF PRAISE 744

“Arise, Your Light is Come”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

Rev. Laura Jernigan

Redeeming God, we confess that we often think that our ways are your ways, and our thoughts are your thoughts. We live most of our days as if you are here to serve us, instead of our being here to serve you. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to trust in you. Show us how and where to serve you. Make us ready to be surprised by your grace once again.

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

Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

*** 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

✠ Children, K4-1st grade, are invited to depart for *Young Children and Worship*.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS 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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

Members of Northwest Presbyterian Congregation

The Session

Class of 2018

Heather McCloskey, **E***
Kaye Mulkeen, **F***
Henry Quillian, **O***
Sandy Simonds, **C***
Jeff Upchurch, **W***
Ann Vining, **C**

Class of 2019

Lisa Bacorn, **F**
Dan Laney, **S***
George Hauptfuhrer, **M***
Anne McClatchey, **F**
Steven Pohl, **W**
Dick Wilbanks, **S**

Class of 2020

Louis Bridges, **E**
Peggy Lang, **O**
Bill Matthews, **M**
Craig Woodward, **W**

C= Congregational Care
E= Education
F= Fellowship

M= Mission
O= Outreach
S= Stewardship

W= Worship
*****= Team Leader

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Timothy T. Boggess
Clerk: Harriett Kelly
Treasurer: Karen Taylor

The Staff

Rev. Dr. Timothy T. Boggess, Pastor
Rev. Laura Jernigan, Associate Pastor
Amanda Kemery, Director of Youth Ministries
Dr. James J. Kohler, Director of Music Ministries
Mauro Ronca, Organist
Scott Mize, Administrative Manager
Wendy Perry, Administrative Assistant
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