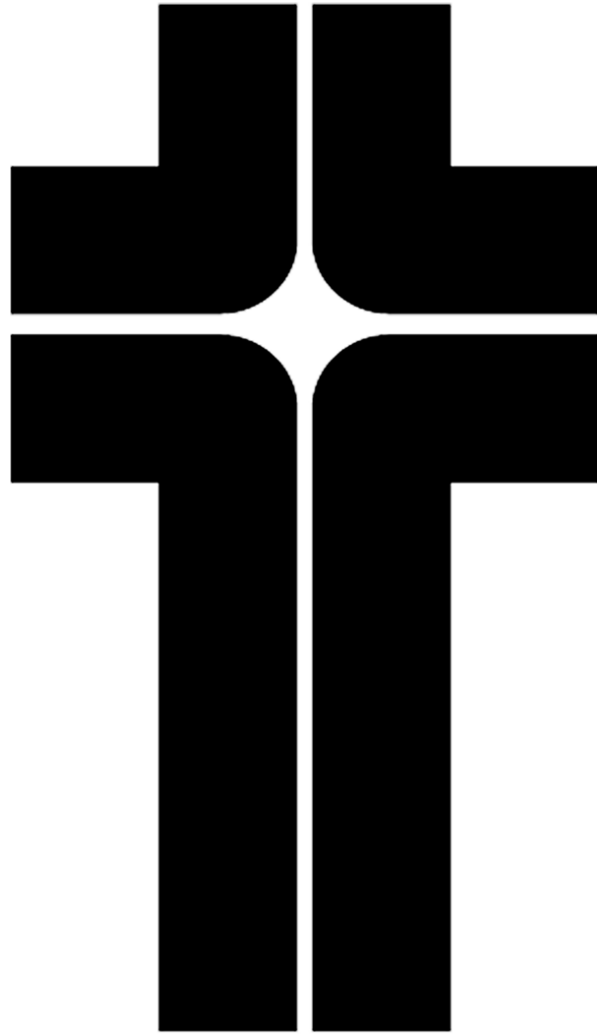




**NORTHRIDGE  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 18, 2026

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# THREE THINGS WE WANT YOU TO KNOW ABOUT NORTHRIDGE:

It takes a  
*village*  
and we are each  
other's.

We welcome all  
people  
*authentically*  
as they are;  
there is no need  
to check your  
mess at the door.

We seek to  
embody the  
*Charge*  
in all that we do  
in pursuit of  
God's Beloved  
Community.



## **The Art of Gathering**

In our life together this program year, we're considering what it means to gather as the Body of Christ in the world today. We'll reflect on the purpose, guest list, rituals, host, connections and commitments of our gatherings. If Gathering is an art, then we'll look at the ways we can be bold in our invitations, hospitality, outreach, and reconciliation. There is a place for you with us!

## **Five Years of Northridge Serves on October 25**

Register today for our 5<sup>th</sup> annual day of worship and service with Northridge Serves! On Sunday, October 25, we'll worship at 10:00 in the sanctuary, gather for lunch at 11:00, and then serve in small groups with our mission partners. Children are welcome to serve alongside their parents/caregivers.



## **Commitment Sunday October 25**

Next Sunday, during 10:00 worship in the sanctuary, we'll offer our pledge cards for 2027 as part of our commitment to the mission and ministry of Northridge. You can also pledge online!

## **You Are Not Anonymous Here!**

God knows you by name and we want to, as well. We encourage you to wear your nametag, found on the kiosk in the narthex, or fill out a temporary nametag at the welcome table behind the sanctuary. If you need a new nametag, please contact us at [office@northridgepc.org](mailto:office@northridgepc.org).

## **Kids Belong in Worship Too**

We believe children are an integral part of our community and that they belong in worship with us. For children through 1<sup>st</sup> grade, the Playground is open at the front of the sanctuary. For children, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and older, worship bags with interactive children's bulletins and materials to stay engaged during worship are behind the sanctuary. The nursery is also open and staffed with caregivers until worship ends for our youngest kids.

## **Worship Livestream**

Our worship service extends beyond the walls of the Sanctuary in the form of video recording and livestreaming. Your presence with us today signifies consent to the possibility that your image may be included as part of our media broadcast. You can revisit the livestream of this service on our YouTube channel by visiting [www.youtube.com/NorthridgePresbyterian](http://www.youtube.com/NorthridgePresbyterian). You can also view or listen to archived sermons via YouTube or Spotify.

# NORTHRIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

✠ *an invitation to rise in body or spirit*

Chiming the Hour

Introit

*Interlude No. 2*

Henry Thomas Smart

Welcome

✠ Call to Worship

*The earth has its kings, but God is ruler of all.*

**Praise God above all, the giver of life!**

*The mountains may tremble, the oceans may roar,*

**but God's presence is more powerful than the earth itself.**

*We are in God's presence, for God is among us now.*

**O God, show us your glory; we seek your ways.**

✠ Gathering Hymn #450

*Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

Prayer of Confession

**God of Steadfast Love,**

**you call us to love you with our whole heart,**

**but we confess our love for the charms of our secular world:**

**our homes, our jobs, our cars, our cell phones.**

**You call us to love you with our whole soul,**

**but we confess our love for bright and shiny things**

**that distract us from you.**

**You call us to love you with our whole mind,**

**but we confess our love for advancement, power, and control.**

**Forgive us when we fail to love you.**

**Forgive us when we forget we belong wholly to you.**

*(silent confession)*

*Merciful God,*

**forgive our weakness.**

**Open us to receive your love**

**that we might love you and our neighbors with all that we are.**

**Strengthen us by your presence**

**and empower us to work for justice and mercy, love and peace.**

Assurance of Pardon

✠ Passing the Peace  
*The peace of Christ be with you.*  
**And also with you.**

✠ Gloria Patri

GREATOREX

**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.**

### HEARING GOD'S WORD

Time with Tiny Theologians

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10  
Matthew 22:15–22

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*This is the Word of the Lord.*  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*All Things, Everywhere,  
and Through All Times*

Dr. Diana Butler Bass

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✠ Affirmation of Faith adapted from *Theological Declaration of Barmen* (1934)

**Jesus Christ, as revealed to us in Holy Scripture,  
is the one Word of God whom we are called  
to hear, trust, and obey in life and in death.  
We reject the false teaching  
that the church should recognize any events, powers, figures, or truths—  
apart from this one Word of God—  
as sources of God's revelation and of the church's proclamation.  
Just as Jesus Christ assures us of the forgiveness of all our sins,  
he also lays God's powerful claim upon every part of our lives.  
We believe there are no areas of our lives which do not belong to Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

✠ Affirmation Response

*Now Is the Time to Speak*  
**Now is the time to speak;  
echoing Jesus' bold critique;  
challenging those who scorn the meek.  
Now is the perfect time.  
Now is the moment.**

BROTHERHOOD

Prayers of the People & 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.**

The Time Is Now: Call to Commitment

To make an offering via text, send NPC6920 to 73256 and follow the link to the giving page.

Please enter the desired fund where your gift will be recorded.

To make a gift toward your pledge or the general operating budget, choose "Stewardship 2026."

Offertory

*The Heavens Are Telling*

Franz Joseph Haydn

*The heavens are telling the glory of God, the wonder of his work displays the firmament.*

*Today that is coming speaks of the day, the night that is gone to following night.*

*The heavens are telling the glory of God, the wonder of his work displays the firmament.*

*In all the lands resounds the word, never unperceived, ever understood.*

*The heavens are telling the glory of God, the wonder of his work displays the firmament.*

✠ Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
One holy God, whom we adore. Amen.**

SENDING

✠ Sending Hymn #543

*God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

GREEN TYLER

✠ Charge and Benediction

**Go out into God's world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good;  
return to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted;  
support the weak; help the suffering; honor all persons;  
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

✠ Choral Benediction

*A Gaelic Blessing*

John Rutter

*Deep peace of the running wave to you, deep peace of the flowing air to you,  
deep peace of the quiet earth to you, deep peace of the shining stars to you,  
deep peace of the gentle night to you, moon and stars pour their healing light on you,  
deep peace of Christ, of Christ the light of the world to you, deep peace of Christ to you.*

Closing Voluntary

*Toccata alla celtica*

Hans-André Smart

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## **Leading Worship Today**

Rev. Rebecca Chancellor Sicks, Pastor

Dr. Diana Butler Bass, Guest Preacher

CRE Bert Colter, Pastoral Associate for Care

Leah Lucas Egure, Director of Faith Formation

Lee Jones, Lay Reader

Jennifer Bridges, Call to Commitment

Dr. Bryan Scott Page, Director of Music

Maria Markevitch, Organist

Eleanor Bissell, Elijah Gallman, and Stephen Swart, Vocal Trio

Lake Highlands United Methodist Church Choir: Tanya Allen, Director of Traditional Music Ministry

Northridge Chancel Choir

Laird Johnson, Livestream Operator

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## Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E<sup>b</sup> (G) A<sup>b</sup> (D/F#) E<sup>b</sup>/G (A7) B<sup>b</sup>7 (D) E<sup>b</sup>

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;  
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup> (G) A<sup>b</sup> (A) B<sup>b</sup>

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup> (F#m7) Gm7 (G) A<sup>b</sup> (A) B<sup>b</sup>

thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E<sup>b</sup>/G (G) A<sup>b</sup> (D) E<sup>b</sup>

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.  
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

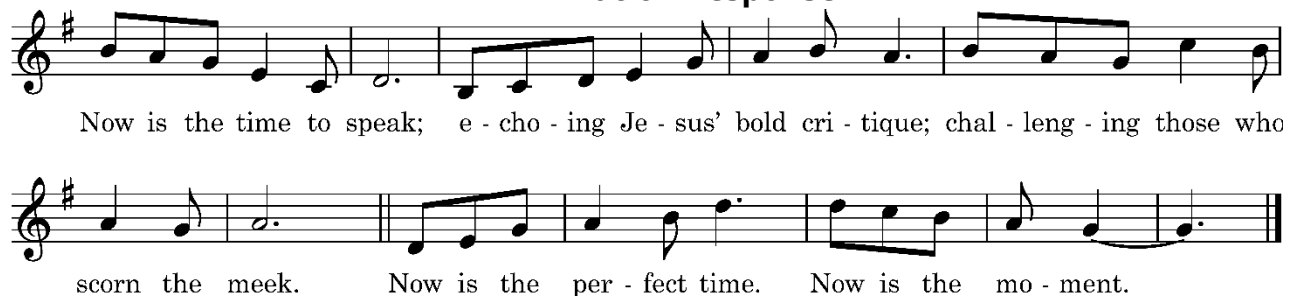
## SERVICE MUSIC

### ✦ Gloria Patri



Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly  
Ghost; as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,  
world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

### ✦ Affirmation Response



Now is the time to speak; e - cho - ing Je - sus' bold cri - tique; chal - leng - ing those who  
scorn the meek. Now is the per - fect time. Now is the mo - ment.

### ✦ Doxology



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all crea - tures  
here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more; one  
ho - ly God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

# God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to  
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness-  
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,  
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to  
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:  
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:  
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:  
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:  
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.

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### **New Here?**



**We believe the church is a gift everyone deserves to enjoy:** a community of people committed to doing life together—enduring heartaches, celebrating joys, and pursuing a more just world as we follow the path Jesus set out for us. If you think Northridge may be the community for you, please reach out to Rev. Rebecca Sicks at [rebeccas@northridgepc.org](mailto:rebeccas@northridgepc.org).



**Join us!**