

Enjoy Your
Forgiveness



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MARCH 31, 2024 | 11:00 A.M.

NORTHRIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Mission and Service

Northridge is committed to putting our faith in action to make a disproportionate impact for good in our community and our world. There are ongoing opportunities to serve alongside some of our mission partners at Stewpot, White Rock Center of Hope, and the IRC. More information is included in our weekly newsletter, or you can email Betsy Swetenburg to get connected. Two of our mission partners will come to speak this spring: Wesley-Rankin Community Center on April 7 and United to Learn on May 12. Join us in room 130 at 10 AM!

Adult Faith Formation *Community Conversations*

Our Sunday morning adult study class at 10 AM will be a series of conversations over the next six weeks. In addition to the community partners listed above, speakers and topics will include: Office of Homeless Solutions with the City of Dallas, the current climate for LGBTQIA+ folks in the church with the Rev. Pepa Paniagua, and “What is Christian Nationalism?” with Amanda Tyler, Executive Director of Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty.

Friday Night Faith April 26 at 5:30 PM

Registration is open for Kids Pre-K through 5th grade to enjoy a fun, faith-filled evening at Northridge with friends! Pizza, games, and crafts will be part of our evening. Cost is \$15/child. Email Rebecca Sicks with any questions or to get the Registration link!

You Are Not Anonymous Here!

God knows you by name and we want to, too. We encourage you to wear your nametag, found on the kiosk in the narthex, or fill out a temporary nametag at the welcome table by the courtyard doors. If you need a new nametag, please contact us at office@northridgepc.org.

Kids Belong in Worship Too

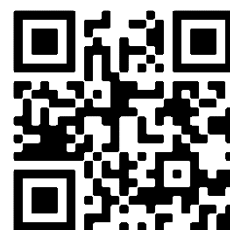
We believe children are an integral part of our community and they belong in worship. Each Sunday, we invite our tiny theologians to the front of the sanctuary for an age-appropriate message. Afterwards, they return to the pews to worship with their families or leave for stories and playtime in the nursery until worship ends. In the back of the sanctuary, there is a Sensory Library where children may pick up toys to play with during worship.

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. You can also view or listen to archived sermons via YouTube or Spotify.

Join Us

At Northridge, we believe the church is a gift everyone deserves to enjoy; a community of people committed to doing life together—enduring heartaches, celebrating joys, seeking out laughter, 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. Betsy Swetenburg at betsys@northridgepc.org.



NORTHRIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
EASTER SUNDAY

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

✠ *an invitation to rise in body or spirit*

Chiming the Hour

Introit

Easter Fanfare

Jacob Hord

Welcome

✠ Call to Worship

*When our Risen Lord appeared to his disciples,
he greeted them in peace
and breathed the Holy Spirit upon them.*

**Breathe your Spirit upon us
as we gather to welcome Christ
with glad hearts and joyful voices.**

*Meet us here, we pray;
open our ears to hear you speaking
and our hearts to respond with joy.*

**Fashion us into an Easter people,
and send us out to proclaim what we have seen and heard:
Christ is risen. He is risen indeed! Amen.**

✠ Gathering Hymn #232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Prayer of Confession

**Risen Christ, the world despised and rejected you;
you responded with grace, humility, and welcome.
The proud questioned your power and devised your death;
you responded with peace, forgiveness, and new life.
Forgive us, Merciful One: our arrogance, our selfishness, our scheming, our violence.
Forgive us, Merciful One. We are like them; make us like you.**

silence for personal confession

Risen Christ,

We claim your grace, your mercy, your forgiveness.

We claim your resurrection power:

Dying, you destroy our death. Rising, you restore our life.

Alleluia! Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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

✦ Congregational Response

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**O friends, in gladness let us sing
our highest anthems echoing, Alleluia, Alleluia!
To God Creator, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Time with Tiny Theologians

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

John 20:1-18

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

Sermon

The Art of Forgiveness:
Enjoy Your Forgiveness!

Rev. Betsy Swetenburg

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✦ Affirmation of Faith

from *Book of Common Worship*

**Easter faith recalls the past,
especially the awesome act of God in raising the crucified Christ from the grave.
Easter hope looks to the promised future, to that which awaits us.
Easter love celebrates the presence of the crucified and risen Christ
who is now among us, reconciling us as one people.
Resurrection faith asserts that by grace
we are born again into the new humanity of Jesus Christ.
We are called to new life for God and for neighbors.
As representatives of the new humanity we walk in newness of life.**

✦ Affirmation Response

Glory to God, #240, v.4

***Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.***
Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. REFRAIN

The Prayers of the People and 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.

Call to Give

Offerings of cash or checks may be left in the offering plates at the back of the sanctuary.
To make an offering via text, send a message to (844) 958-4345 with the amount of the gift.
If you pledge, your offering will be applied to your pledge.

Offertory

Easter Anthem

Philip E. Baker

✠ Doxology

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

✠ Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

✠ Sending Hymn #238

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

✠ 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

Hallelujah from Messiah

G. F. Handel

Closing Voluntary

Fugue in D, BWV 532

J. S. Bach

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Betsy Swetenburg, Pastor

Rev. Rebecca Chancellor Sicks, Parish Associate for Community

Bryan Page, Director of Music

Jacob Hord, Organist

We celebrate with the Masotta family on the baptism of Daniel Joseph Masotta during 9 AM worship today.

SERVICE MUSIC

✦ Gloria Patri

O friends, in glad-ness let us sing our high-est an-thems ech - o - ing,
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! To God Cre - a - tor, God the Son,
and God the Spir - it, Three in One, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

✦ Affirmation Response

Refrain
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name. *Fine*
Come let us praise the liv - ing God,
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior. *to Refrain*

✦ Doxology

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

The Easter Lilies that decorate our sanctuary are given by:

Kathleen and Dick Arthur *in honor of our family;*
Marti and Dan Baker *in honor of Eileen Baker, mother of Dan Baker;*
and in memory of Ted Baker, Sr., father of Dan Baker;
Laurie Bret *in memory of L. J. & Janet Shivelbine;*
Emily Caird *in honor of my daughters, Jennifer and Jessica, who grew up in this church;*
Jim Esch *in honor of the Reverend Betsy Lyles Swetenburg;*
Margaret Etheredge *in memory of John Etheredge;*
Debbie and Easy Ezell *in honor of Pat Hill;*
Nell Green *in memory of Harold Green;*
Carol Harris *in memory of all our families;*
Ashley Heddleston *in honor of Valeria McElroy;*
Colleen Hogan *in honor of Walter Chidester;*
Cathey Hundley *in memory of Cleve Hundley and Clint Hundley;*
Alyson Jones *in memory of Evelyn Richardson and Kayln Moore;*
Norita Jones *in memory of Victor Richardson & Kathryn Jones and Marlene & Ed Jones;*
John Karnowski *in memory of John and Ann's parents;*
Charles and Phyllis Miller *in honor of our family;*
Mark and Janice Nacol *in memory of Adam & Louise Nacol*
and E. C. & Loretta Arave;
Rebie Nicholson *in honor of Darren, Sarah, Ellie, Anna, and Grace Nicholson;*
Barbara Rader *in memory of John Gray (Grandaddy);*
Jamie Scurria *in honor of Jim & Linda Whittaker and in memory of Joe & Sue Scurria;*
Susan Sherman *in honor of Northridge Women;*
Harris Swetenburg *in honor of his grandparents;*
Caitlin Thompson *in honor of the birth of Elliott Drew Thompson;*
Brandy Treadway *in memory of Andy Wilkins, Genevieve Hartley,*
Baxter Leshner, and Mark Leshner;
Sara and Peter Wahl *in memory of our Grandparents and Dr. John Wahl;*
Kathy and Monty Watson *in memory of Joan Tallis and Paula Watson*
and in honor of Harriet Holleman and the baptism of Daniel Masotta;
and the Northridge Staff in honor of the many volunteers—
committee members, choir members, musicians, and lay leaders—
who have worked hard to make Holy Week so meaningful for our congregation.

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The church office will be closed Monday, April 1 through Friday, April 5.

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