



**NORTHRIDGE
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 27, 2024

11 AM

INSPIRING TRANSFORMATIVE FAITH

RELEVANT WORSHIP • COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY • EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

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Speaking of Faith and Conversation Cards

Our focus this program year is *Speaking of Faith*. Through next summer, we'll explore words of faith that have been passed down to us. We'll think about the words of faith we want to pass down to our children and grandchildren. Each week, worship will be centered around a single word that is distinct to our faith. We'll explore words like faith, gospel, creed, manna, salvation, heaven, and hell. To help us speak our faith this year, we have created a deck of conversation cards for each household. Pick up your second set for the month of October today!

Well-Watered Soul and All Saints' Potluck October 29

On Tuesday, October 29, all are invited to the Well-Watered Soul gathering in the courtyard at 6 p.m. where Betsy Swetenburg and Barbara Rader will facilitate an honest conversation on "The Art of Aging." At 7 p.m., we will gather in Quillin Hall for a Potluck Supper to remember the saints we have known and loved. We'll worship around tables and enjoy a meal together.

Northridge Serves November 10

Join us in making a disproportionate impact for good! On Sunday, November 10, we will gather for one worship service in the Sanctuary at 10 a.m., which will be followed by lunch and service projects with our mission partners around the city.



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 behind the sanctuary. 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, worship bags with materials to help children stay engaged during worship are available for children at the back of the sanctuary. For children younger than 1st grade, the nursery is available until worship ends. Children may also serve as Lay Readers and our children's choir sings in worship from time to time.

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. The next opportunity to join is November 17!



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GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

✠ *an invitation to rise in body or spirit*

Chiming the Hour

Introit

Meditation on EIN' FESTE BURG

Bryan Page

Welcome

✠ Call to Worship

God of Sarah and Hagar,

we praise you for protecting and guiding us.

God of Moses and Miriam,

we thank you for liberating your children from oppression.

God of Peter and Paul,

we bless you even in the midst of conflict.

God of Hildegard and Julian,

we abide in your tangible presence among us.

God of Luther and Calvin,

we rejoice in your Spirit's presence in all times and places.

Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End,

Holy God, we welcome you to this place today!

✠ Gathering Hymn #624 *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

TOULON

Prayer of Confession

God of the ages, you have spoken your Word of life to us.

We confess that we have chosen death instead of life.

**We have denied the reflection of your image in every person,
behaving as if our comfort and our needs were more important
than the needs of those around us.**

**We have turned our backs on our neighbors, spoiled your creation,
and forgotten your grace for all.**

(silence for personal confession)

*Forgive us, we pray. Cleanse our hearts, set us free from sin,
and raise us to new life in Christ, in whom we pray. Amen.*

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Romans 12:9–21

N.T. p.162

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

Sermon

Speaking of Faith: Charge

Rev. Betsy Swetenburg

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✠ Affirmation of Faith

In all that we say and do and are, we seek to choose God alone, whom we serve.

**We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave,
whom alone we must serve, whom alone we must worship,
and in whom alone we put our trust.**

The Scots Confession, 1560

We choose to live not in fear but with courage, because in life and in death we belong to God.

Our only comfort in life and in death is that we belong—body and soul—not to ourselves, but to our faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

The Heidelberg Catechism, 1562

We choose to live together as citizens and to speak of a city of hope and joy.

**The church is the assembly of the faithful, a communion of all saints,
citizens of one commonwealth, in the fellowship of all good things.**

The Second Helvetic Confession, 1561

We hope to make choices that reflect lives of discipleship and love.

**As the saints of God, we are united to one another in love
and have communion in each other's gifts and graces.**

Westminster Confession, 1647

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

A Mighty Fortress

Gordon Young

Service of Commissioning

Bert Colter

Call to Discipleship

Commissioning Prayer

Charge to the Newly Commissioned

Sung Response

Glory to God #731, verse 2

**Give thanks to those whose hope is clear, beyond mere mortal sight:
who seek the city God has planned, the true, eternal promised land,
and steer on toward that light, a beacon ever bright.**

Presentation of Symbols of Ministry

Charge to the Congregation

SENDING

✦ Sending Hymn #69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

HERE I AM

✦ 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.**

Closing Voluntary

Fantasy in G Major, BWV 572

J. S. Bach

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Betsy Swetenburg, Pastor

Rev. Rebecca Chancellor Sicks, Parish Associate for Community

Bert Colter, Pastoral Associate for Care

Dr. Bryan Scott Page, Director of Music

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One & Done Choir

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Kristin Perry, English Horn

Anthony Adario & Kevin Grainger, Bassoon

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Rev. Dr. Kyle Walker, Grace Presbytery

Armel Crocker, Faith United Presbyterian Church

Matt Kinard, First Presbyterian Church Dallas

Marcia Howard, Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church

♠ Sung Response

Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, be - yond mere mor - tal sight:
who seek the cit - y God has planned, the true, e - ter - nal prom - ised land,
and steer on toward the light, a bea - con ev - er bright.

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art 624

1 I greet thee, who my sure Re - deem - er art,
 2 Thou art the King of mer - cy and of grace,
 3 Thou art the life, by which a - lone we live,
 4 Thou hast the true and per - fect gen - tle - ness;
 5 Our hope is in no oth - er save in thee;

my on - ly trust and Sav - ior of my heart,
 reign - ing om - ni - po - tent in ev - ery place:
 and all our sub - stance and our strength re - ceive;
 no harsh - ness hast thou and no bit - ter - ness.
 our faith is built up - on thy prom - ise free;

who pain didst un - der - go for my poor sake;
 so come, O King, and our whole be - ing sway;
 sus - tain us by thy faith and by thy power,
 O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
 and give us strength in ev - ery try - ing hour.
 that we may dwell in per - fect u - ni - ty.
 that in thy strength we ev - er - more en - dure.

The original French text, sometimes attributed to John Calvin, seems to be a Protestant reworking of a Roman Catholic hymn, not a typical practice for him. Yet this text and tune (adapted from GENEVAN 124) clearly date from the early years of the Reformed tradition.

69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

G Am D G C G D
Leader or All

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain
 All G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

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