



Easter

APRIL 5, 2026 | 11:00 AM

NORTHBRIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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 Kingdom.



Living the Charge

This program year, we are *Living the Charge* in our life together and reflecting on how we embody the words we recite at the end of worship every week. Moving into the season of Easter as a church community, *We Rise* to follow the risen Christ to find deep peace, support for our doubts, courage for the journey, compassionate community, and a love worth imitating. Join us this Eastertide as we listen to the risen Christ and consider how relevant these ancient words are for us today.

Sabbath Celebration April 12

Next Sunday, we'll gather to celebrate the ways we honored the Sabbath throughout Lent by gathering for lunch and sharing stories in community. If you tried even one of the Sabbath practices, plan to join us in Quillin Hall at 12:00 for this joyful celebration of finding God in and around us every day.

Confirmation Sunday April 19

Some of our youth have been studying the Bible, wrestling with questions of faith, and writing their own statements of faith. On Sunday, April 19 they will make a public profession of faith, and we will joyfully welcome them into church membership!

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.

Kids Belong in Worship Too

We believe children are an integral part of our community and they belong in worship with us. Worship bags with interactive children's bulletins and materials to help children stay engaged during worship are in the narthex at the back of the sanctuary. For children younger than 1st grade, the nursery is open and staffed with caregivers until worship ends.

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.

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GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

✠ *an invitation to rise in body or spirit*

Chiming the Hour

Introit

Easter Anthem

William Billings

*The Lord is risen indeed! Hallelujah! Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruit of them that slept.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah. And did he rise? Did he rise? Hear it, ye nations! Hear it O ye dead!
He rose, he rose, he rose, he rose, he burst the bars of death, and triumphed o'er the grave.
Then, then, then I rose, then first humanity triumphant past the crystal ports of light, and seized eternal youth.
Men all immortal hail, hail, heaven, all lavish of strange gifts to man, thine's all the glory, man's the boundless bliss.*

Welcome

✠ Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

God startles us again with resurrection life, bringing grace and hope.

We rise with joy to celebrate good news this day!

Jesus Christ is victorious over powers of death and evil.

We rise with new life to celebrate good news this day!

In risen power, Jesus greets us with peace.

We rise with new dreams to celebrate good news this day!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

✠ Gathering Hymn #232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Prayer of Confession

Jesus Christ,

we come to the empty tomb, and we see our own death and emptiness.

We remember and confess how we have turned away from you and your way.

We see a hungry world before us, the pain of starving children,

the guilt of war on our hands, and we know we share in these injustices.

We are people caught up in the pain of our own failures,

so we pause to lay before you our sin and brokenness.

(silent confession)

Lord Jesus, forgive us.

Restore us and renew us.

Give us new eyes to see you, our risen Lord and Savior, here among us.

**Grant us new life that we might rise to love and serve you
and our neighbors with abundance and joy.**

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

Matthew 28:1–10

N.T. p.33

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

We Rise as a Community

Rev. Rebecca Chancellor Sicks

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✦ Affirmation of Faith

from Confession of Belhar (1986)

**We believe that God has entrusted the church
with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ;
that the church is called to be the salt of the earth
and the light of the world,
that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker,
that the church is witness both by word and by deed
to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells;
that God's life-giving Word and Spirit
has conquered the powers of sin and death,
and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity,
that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church
to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life
for society and the world.**

Jesus is Lord.

**To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be the honor and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Why do we give thanks and praise before this table?

We give thanks for God's work of creation and salvation.

...we are bold to pray together:

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Lamb of God

Bryan Page

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

✠ Sending Hymn #247

Now the Green Blade Rises

NOËL NOUVELET

✠ 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

Hallelujah, for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

The Kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He shall reign forever and ever. King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!

Closing Voluntary

Carillon de Westminster

Louis Vierne

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Rebecca Chancellor Sicks, Pastor

Bert Colter, Pastoral Associate for Care

Leah Lucas Egure, Family Ministries Coordinator

Mary Marcotte, Lay Reader

Dr. Bryan Scott Page, Director of Music

Maria Markevitch, Organist

Chancel Choir

Elizabeth Cortez, Cello

Abigail Hawthorne, Oboe

Nicole Paglialonga, Violin

Phil Paglialonga, Clarinet

Alyson Jones, Livestream Operator

SERVICE MUSIC

♠ Congregational Response

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! Al - le - lu - ia!

The Easter Hydrangeas that decorate our sanctuary are given by:

MerriLee Anderson *in memory of Don & Jeanne Anderson;*

Marti Baker *in honor of Eileen Baker and in memory of Martha Allbee Garrett;*

Cathleen Bishop *in memory of Randy M. Bishop, beloved husband;*

The Brownfield Family *in memory of Ana & Tomas San Jose, Tani Soccolich, Fidencia Madriz, Glendora & James McVey, and Doris Ann & Burt Brownfield;*

Linda Hale Buchanan *in memory of Tex & Isabel Hale;*

Mike Buchanan *in memory of Ollie & Jane Buchanan;*

The Chauza, Fox, & Redington Families *in memory of Steve Waddill;*

Ray Chavez & Dennis Delaune *in memory of Rey & Lillian Chavez and SJ & Mavis Delaune;*

Laura Coomber *in honor of Lois Cook;*

Debbie, Easy, & Kensi Ezell *in memory of Pat Hill;*

Marisu Fenton *in memory of Susie & Bill Reid and Anne, Don, & Ray Carter;*

Cindy George *in memory of Vince George;*

Nell Green *in memory of Harold Green;*

Karen & Neal Grice *in honor of Sarah, Patrick, & Erin Hammontree;*

Candy Haynes *in honor of all people suffering from addiction and those who love them;*

Cathey Hundley *in memory of Cleve and Clint Hundley;*

Lola & Howard Moore *in honor of Todd Moore & Irwing Gomez, and Eric, Merrhea, Ethan & Letty Moore, and in memory of Howard & Letty Moore and Ralph & Marie Breedlove;*

Melinda & Jack Nelson *in honor of our children— Alex, Erich, Chris, Anthony, Caroline, and Catherine;*

Barbara Rader *in memory of her mother, Carol Gray;*

Rebecca Chancellor Sicks *in honor of Royce & Sue Chancellor;*

Kandyce Waddill *in memory of Steve Waddill;*

Carol Winkelmann *in honor of Debbie Soja, Crystal Soja, Max Wang, and Cora Wang, and in memory of Ann Winkelmann, Irene M. McMillan, Eugene C. Winkelmann, and F. C. Winkelmann*

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