

NORTHPARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 11, 2026



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Agape makes no distinction between a friend and enemy; it is directed toward both.

- Martin Luther King, Jr.; *Strive Toward Freedom*

WELCOME

Katy Evans, Pastoral Intern

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

PRELUDE

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord
Louis Walker, Organist

A. Grote

INTROIT

Here, O My Lord (11:00)
Sanctuary Choir
Tinsley Silcox, Director

Daniel Gawthrop

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sarah Miller (8:30), Carol Blackwood (11:00)

One: Beloved community, let's draw the circle wide -

All: **and draw it wider still!**

One: We come with our whole selves
(including our doubts, fears, and resentments) -

All: **to worship God who nurtures faith, courage, and renewal.**

One: We come, overwhelmed with remorse
(or struggling with what it means to forgive) -

All: **to worship God who inspires restoration.**

One: We come, with identities varied as the colors of the rainbow -

All: **to worship God who weaves our threads into one tapestry.**

One: We come, and the circle is drawn wide (and wider, and wider still) -

All: **not by our strength or merit, but through God's grace.**

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you created us in divine likeness.
In every person is your diverse and beautiful image.
But too often we fail to recognize your image in all.
Forgive us.
You created us in divine freedom.
In every decision and choice is your possibility of justice.
But too often we fail to advocate for your justice for all.
Forgive us.
You created us for divine abundance.
In every social structure is your seed of plenty.
But too often we fail to grant equal access to your abundant life.
Forgive us.
Strengthen us to choose love
so that we may create among us your beloved community.
Amen.

✠PROMISE OF GRACE

One: Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel.
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

✠HYMN 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

✠SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you!
All: And also with you!

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN (11:00)

All children (youth and parents too!) are invited to the front of the Sanctuary.

✠Please rise as you are able.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Mark 1:9-11

SECOND READING

Galatians 3:26-28

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON Reformed Words for a Transformed World:
B Is for Beloved

Rev. Nicole Bates, Pastor

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (together)

from 1 John 4

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

God's love was revealed among us in this way:

God sent God's only son into the world so that we might live through him.

Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

If we love one another, God abides in us, and God's love is perfected in us.

Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER (8:30)

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

SHARING OUR GIFTS (11:00)

ANTHEM Immortal Love, Forever Full (11:00) Gordon Young
Immortal Love, forever full, forever flowing free, forever shared, forever whole, a never ebbing sea. We may not climb the heavenly steep to bring the Lord Christ down: in vain we search the lowest deeps, for him no depths can drown. The healing of his seamless dress is by our beds of pain; we touch him in life's throng and press, and we are whole again. O Lord and master of us all, what e'er our name or sign, we own thy sway, we hear thy call, we test our lives by thine.

✠**HYMN 606** Doxology (11:00) OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✠**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (11:00)

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS (11:00) Kris Reed, Member of Session
One: There are varieties of gifts,
 but it is the same Spirit who gives them.
All: There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.
One: God works through each person in a unique way,
 but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.
All: To each is given a gift of the Spirit
to be used for the common good.
One: Together we are the body of Christ,
All: and individually members of it.

✠**HYMN 432** How Clear Is our Vocation, Lord (stanzas 1, 2, 4) REPTON

✠**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Matthew 22:37-39
Go out into the world in peace.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind;
and love your neighbor as yourself.

✠**RESPONSE** God Be In My Head (11:00) Daniel Gawthrop

POSTLUDE Allegro Assai Vivace (Sonata #1) F. Mendelssohn

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TODAY AT NORTH PARK

WELCOME

Welcome to NorthPark! Newcomers, join us in the foyer after worship. We'd like to get to know you, whether you are just visiting or looking for a church home. First-time visitors, please share your contact information; we will donate a bag of rice to a local food pantry in your honor.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Children are always welcome! Worship bags and a sensory library are in the foyer, quiet activities are in the front of the Sanctuary. Childcare is available for infants – Kinder in Room 50. Parents, your little ones may want to stay through Moments for Children, then go to Room 50.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes meet at 9:30 a.m. Ken Knotts leads St. Andrews in the Small Dining Room (Understanding the Conflict: Israel and Palestine). Bill Perry leads Genesis II in the Conference Room ("Communion of Saints" in the Apostle's Creed). Frank Lewis leads Visions in Room 35 (Thessalonians and Galatians). POLO (Parents of Little Ones) will host "Sacred Questions" in the Parlor. Grades Pre-K–6 begin in Room 36 (pick up PreK-3 in Room 48, Grades 4-6 in Room 31). Grades 7-12 meet in Youth Lounge.

REFORMED WORDS CARD DECK

Reformed Words for a Transformed World is our worship series. Enhance your spiritual journey by picking up a card in the foyer featuring scripture, reflection questions, and a breath prayer. There are rings available to clip the cards together. It's a simple way to carry the Sunday message into your daily life. If you miss a week, cards will be at the Welcome Desk.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Ordination and installation of the new class of Elders and Deacons takes place this morning during the 11:00 service. Incoming Elders are Larry Lee, Bruce Pickett, Anita Siegers, and Marisa Valdes. Incoming Deacons are Andrea Afkhami, Bonnie Cavin, Tessa Knotts, Miya Maysent, Kathy McNeill, Gerald Pierce, and Becky Price.

CROSSROADS (YOUNG ADULTS)

Singles and couples (22-40ish) will meet today after worship in the Small Dining Room at 12:15 to discuss a Bonhoeffer study led by Walter Dunlap and Jürgen von Hövell.

GRADES 4–6 FELLOWSHIP

Join us today in the Youth Lounge for board games from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

YOUTH GROUP (GRADES 7–12)

Youth will go to an Escape Room today at 4:15. For details, contact Anna Hernandez (ahernandez@northparkpres.org).

TODAY'S FLOWERS

Flowers are given by Mark Auten in celebration of Paige's birthday.

TALK ABOUT IT

Reflecting on today's service, may these questions guide your thoughts and conversations:

1. When have you felt beloved? How/where do you make space for God to speak about your belovedness?
2. Who do you struggle to acknowledge as beloved? How is God calling you seek beloved community?

HOW TO GIVE



NorthPark relies on your generosity to support the mission and ministry of the church. Offering envelopes are found in the pew racks. Online gifts may be given by scanning the QR code. Checks may be mailed to NPPC; P.O. Box 515454; Dallas, TX 75251-5454.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

CHILI COOKOFF/DEACON SUNDAY

Plan to attend the Chili Cookoff on Sunday, February 1, following 11:00 worship. Sign up to bring chili or a side at the Welcome Desk or online (bit.ly/44Os00X). Deacons will be table hosts, so we ask that you sit with those who live in your parish. Newcomers are welcome!

HOMEWORK & HANGOUT (GRADES 7-12)

Bring a friend and your homework tomorrow, January 12, from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. at Braum's (9755 Greenville Ave.) for study time, conversation, and a sweet treat together!

LAST CALL FOR 2025 PLEDGES

The current 2026 pledge amount is \$1,103,724. The goal is \$1,166,606. It's not too late to pledge! Please pick up a pledge card at the Welcome Desk or pledge online at northparkpres.org/pledges. Every gift, no matter the size, helps further the mission and ministry of the church.

SUNDAY FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2026 flower calendar is on the bulletin board in the administrative hallway. Please stop by to select a date to sponsor flowers in memory, honor, or celebration of a loved one,

SOULFOOD GREENHOUSE

The SoulFood Greenhouse needs volunteers for various tasks (no experience needed). If you are interested, sign up at bit.ly/soulfoodgreenhouse or contact Keri McCall (kismccall@sbcglobal.net).

REVERSE FOOD TRUCK (RFT)

The RFT is NorthPark's food drive on wheels. Volunteers are needed to collect food at Kroger on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. Find details and sign up at bit.ly/45ueu2A.

YOU BELONG HERE

Seekers, thinkers, doers – all are welcome here! To learn more about NorthPark, contact Cheryl Cunningham (214-363-5457 x106 or membership@northparkpres.org).

LEARN MORE

Find more information (calendar of events, staff contact information) at northparkpres.org.