

NORTH PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 30, 2026



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

What is this precious love and laughter budding in our hearts? It is the glorious sound of a soul waking up.
Hafiz

WELCOME

Katy Evans, Pastoral Intern

One: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

PRELUDE

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun
Louis Walker, Organist

M. Burkhardt

INTROIT

To God We Come In Prayer and Praise
Sanctuary Choir
Tinsley Silcox, Director

K. Lee Scott

✠Please rise as you are able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeff Howeth, Liturgist

One: Let's praise the Lord!

All: God, you make all things new

One: Sing a new song with the communion of saints

All: God's love gives us hope and brings us back to life.

One: So let's be glad and celebrate!

✠HYMN 265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun (stanzas 1, 2, 3)

DUKE STREET

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)

Giver of Life, too often we take for granted the very breath you have given us. Too often we chase after temporary treasures instead of what is life-giving. Wake us up with a new song through the grace of your love and hope for today. Search me O God and know my heart. Test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

✠PROMISE OF GRACE

One: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and receive grace to live with integrity
in full relationship with God. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

✠HYMN 59 The Steadfast Love of the Lord

THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, the second staff the second line, the third staff the third line, and the fourth staff the fourth line. The lyrics are: 'The stead - fast love of the Lord nev - er ceas - es; God's mer - cies nev - er come to an end. They are new ev - ery morn - ing, new ev - ery morn - ing; great is your faith - ful - ness, O Lord, great is your faith - ful - ness.'

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✠SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you!

All: **And also with you!**

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

Anna Hernandez, Director of Youth Ministries

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

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Jim Schneider, Chair of Personnel Committee

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 119 selected from verses 150-160

One: For the word of God in Scripture,
for the word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON Finding Freedom in the Psalms: Life

Rev. Amy Moore, Parish Associate

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (together)

Steve Garnass-Holmes

**We believe in God, who creates us,
who sustains us each moment,
who is our life and our breath.**

**We follow Christ, who showed us God.
He received and shared God's grace.
He trusted God in everything.
He let go of things so that he might cling to Life.
He let go of life, so that he might hold onto Love.
He gave of himself, even his very life,
for the sake of the healing of the world.
And though he was crucified, God gave him life again;
and he rose and is still among us in a new way.**

**We live by the Holy Spirit, which gives us life.
We rejoice in the church, the Body of Christ,
and in the oneness of all life,
the gift of forgiveness,
the reality of resurrection,
and the mystery of eternal life. Amen.**

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

ANTHEM On Jordan's Stormy Banks arr. Bob Burroughs

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye to Canaan's fair and happy land where my possessions lie. I am bound for the promised land, I am bound for the promised land, Oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the promised land. When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blest? When shall I see my Father's face, and in His bosom rest? I am bound for the promised land, I am bound for the promised land, Oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the promised land.

✠**HYMN 606** Doxology 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

✠**HYMN 43** You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord ON EAGLE'S WINGS

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** Amen Daniel Gawthrop

POSTLUDE Grand Choeur T. Dubois

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TODAY AT NORTHPARK

WELCOME

Welcome to worship at NorthPark! Please record your attendance in the blue book found in your pew. Newcomers - by sharing your contact information, NorthPark will donate a bag of rice to a local food pantry in your honor. Hearing-assisted devices are available from an usher.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Children of all ages are welcome in worship! A station with resources to borrow is located outside the Sanctuary, and a table with activities is in the front of the Sanctuary. Room 30 has the service streamed and is available for children and parents who need to step out of worship, and the nursery for infants - PK is in Room 38.

CENTERING PRACTICES

Centering Practices provides a pause from our frantic pace, making room to listen for God's voice within us. Join us each Sunday in the Lounge from 9:15 - 9:45 a.m.

NEW HORIZONS (COLLEGE AGE)

This group will meet on Zoom this afternoon at 3:00 to hear how the beginning of the school year is going! Obtain the link from Cheryl Payton (rcpay2000@yahoo.com).

CROSSROADS (YOUNG ADULTS)

Want to go to lunch after worship today? Meet in the narthex at 11:00 p.m.

YOUNG ADULTS & COLLEGE AGE FOLKS

Let's meet at Half-Price books on NWHY for coffee at 5:00 P.M. every Sunday that you're available. Invite your friends and join us anytime you can!

YOU BELONG HERE

At NorthPark, we are serious about following God without taking ourselves too seriously. Seekers, thinkers, doers – all are welcome here! To learn more about NorthPark or becoming a member, contact Cheryl Cunningham (214-363-5457 x106 or membership@northparkpres.org)

WELCOME NICOLE BACK

Join us in welcoming Nicole back from her sabbatical! We'd love for you to stop by the table in the lobby with card supplies and leave her a note of encouragement.

TODAY'S FLOWERS

Flowers today are given by Kathy and Rich Bohnsack in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

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 with your phone camera. Checks may be mailed to NPPC; 9555 N. Central Expressway; Dallas, TX 75231.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

CANCER PILLOW MINISTRY

Join us on Tuesday, September 1, at 9:30 a.m. in the Small Dining Room to sew pillows for cancer patients at Presbyterian Hospital. No sewing experience is required.

WOMEN'S CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

The monthly study resumes on Tuesday, September 8. A potluck lunch begins at 12:00 p.m. in the Small Dining Room followed by conversation in the Conference Room. Newcomers welcome!

CASA DE VIDA

Casa de Vida provides respite for family caregivers while their loved ones with dementia enjoy various enriching activities. The weekly program resumes on Wednesday, September 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. To learn more or to volunteer, contact casa@northparkpres.org.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Marilyn Daily resumes a weekly Bible study on Monday, September 21, at 10:30 in the Conference Room. This year's study is on the book of Mark. Everyone is welcome!

FIRST RESPONDERS BREAKFAST

NorthPark welcomes first responders and all who want to enjoy a homemade breakfast on Saturday, September 12, 7:00-9:00 a.m. Stop by Fellowship Hall to eat & thank those who support us.

REVERSE FOOD TRUCK (RFT)

The RFT is NorthPark's food drive on wheels. Next Sunday, the RFT will be in the parking lot to collect items for Vickery Meadow Food Pantry. Due to the heat, volunteers do not collect food at Kroger during August, but donations may be placed in the red wagon anytime. Most needed items are flour, sugar, cooking oil, canned chicken and tuna, fruit cups or pouches, snacks, pop-top cans of ravioli or hearty soup, and protein shakes. Beginning in September, volunteers are needed the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month to collect food at Kroger. Sign up at bit.ly/45ueu2A.

KICKOFF SUNDAY

Our summer worship schedule continues at 10:00 a.m. through next Sunday, September 6. Kick-Off Sunday is September 13. Faith Formation resumes at 9:30 with one worship service at 11:00 a.m., followed by a BBQ lunch. The 8:30 a.m. service resumes September 20.

STAFF UPDATES

Rev. Amy Moore will be out September 1 – 4. Cheryl Cunningham is out August 31. Rev. Nicole Bates returns from her sabbatical on Tuesday, September 1.

LEARN MORE

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