

NORTH PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 1, 2023



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

To be kind is more important than to be right.
Many times, what people need is not a brilliant mind that speaks
but a special heart that listens.

F. Scott Fitzgerald, *Tales of the Jazz Age*

WELCOME

Rev. Nicole Bates, Pastor

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

PRELUDE

How Firm a Foundation
Louis Walker, Organist

D.E. Eliot

INTROIT

Alleluia, Speak Lord!
Sanctuary Choir
Cheryl Janasak, Director

Winchester Cathedral

✂Please rise as you are able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We were created in relationship and for relationship.

All: We are created for community!

One: God knew it was not right for us to be alone.

All: We are created for community!

One: Through Jesus Christ, God entered into human relationship with us.

All: We are created for community!

One: We rejoice in our unity with all humanity.

All: We are created for community!

✠HYMN 463 How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)

Almighty God,

you call together as one people,

but we build walls of separation.

You call us together at one table,

but we pursue our own sustenance.

You promise us the abundance of creation,

but in our arrogance, the world goes without.

You promise us the bread of life itself,

but in our greed, the world goes hungry.

And now we are famished, too, Lord.

Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again.

Transform us to live together,

to lean into your provision,

to practice holy generosity.

Gratefully we pray. 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 581 Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

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.

✠SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

MOMENTS FOR CHILDREN

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Genesis 11:1-9

SECOND READING

Acts 2:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Loving > Right

The Rev. Dr. John Williams

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from the Belhar Confession

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church,
the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family.
And we believe that that this unity of the people of God
must be manifest and active,
in that we love one another,
that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another,
that we share one baptism together,
that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together,
that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope,
which is the height and the breadth and the depth and the love of Christ,
forever and ever. Amen.

SHARING OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM

One Bread, One Body

Mark Hayes

✠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

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation and Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 ...

**Sing: ... Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven above and all the earth are full of your glory. Alleluia!
Blessed is he who comes in your holy name.
Hosanna in the highest. Alleluia! ...**

**Sing: ... Christ has died and Christ is risen, Jesus Christ will come again.
Christ has died and Christ is risen, we are all alive in him.
Neither death nor any misery can defeat God's love for us.
Christ has died and Christ is risen, good news! Glad and glorious!**

The Lord's Prayer (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.**

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion (together)

**God of our life, you call us to freedom and move between us with love. Having been
nourished at your table, may we go into your wondrous and diverse world to tear down
walls of exclusion, to confront powers and principalities, to live and love boldly in the
promise of your resurrection. Amen.**

✠HYMN 100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

✠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 7-Fold Amen

Peter C. Lutkin

POSTLUDE Fugue – C Major (BWV 547)

J.S. Bach

TODAY AT NORTH PARK

WELCOME

Welcome to worship at NorthPark! Please record your attendance in the blue book found in your pew and pass it down to others. Hearing-assisted devices are available from an usher. After worship, you are invited to join us in the foyer. We'd like to get to know you, whether you are just visiting or are looking for a church home.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Children of all ages are always welcome in worship! Worship bags are available in the foyer. Childcare is also available for infants - age 4 in Room 50. Parents, your little ones might want to begin in the Sanctuary, stay through the Moments for Children, then go to Room 50 for Sunday School and playtime.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Leading worship today are the Rev. Dr. John Williams and students from Austin College. The ACTivator Student Chaplain Program is a group of Austin College students who travel with Dr. Williams for the purpose of planning and leading regional PC(USA) ministry events.

WORLD COMMUNION

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday. With churches around the globe, we come to the table and celebrate our oneness in Christ. Our communion breads today celebrate our diversity. In the baskets are breads from Europe, Asia, and Africa.

REVERSE FOOD TRUCK COLLECTION

The Reverse Food Truck (RFT) is food drive on wheels, furthering NorthPark's mission to put hunger in the rear-view mirror. The RFT is collecting for the Vickery Meadow Food Pantry today. You can find the truck parked at the north entrance.

YOUNG ADULTS

After worship, grab lunch and join Jann Treadwell in the Small Dining Room from 12:30-1:30 p.m. for a discussion on hope from John Williams' book, *Why Presbyterians Are Like That*.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Today's flowers are given in celebration of Austin College ACTivators.

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; P.O. Box 515454; Dallas, TX 75251-5454.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Grades K-6 begin in Room 36 at 9:30 a.m. (pick up for Grades K-3 is in Room 37, Grades 4-6 in Room 31). Grades 7-12 meet in the Youth Lounge. A Sunday School lesson for preschoolers is offered in Room 48 at 11:30 a.m.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

St. Andrews meets in the Small Dining Room. Genesis II meets in the Conference Room. Visions meets in Room 35, and Parents of Little Ones meet in Room 32. Study topics may be found in the weekly eNews. All are welcome!

TRUNK OR TREAT

NorthPark's Trunk or Treat is Saturday, October 28, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Sign up to decorate your trunk (or help with other activities) at <https://bit.ly/3ElaYEh> or at the Welcome Desk.

REVERSE FOOD TRUCK (RFT)

The RFT needs volunteers to collect food on Saturday, October 7, from 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at Kroger on Forest Ln. and Greenville Ave. To volunteer, sign up at <https://bit.ly/3YRppPy> or at the Welcome Desk.

STEWARDSHIP LUNCHEON

Discover how your 2024 commitment will further the ministry of the church. Hear from the Reimagining Team and learn about some exciting plans for the coming year. The luncheon will be hosted after the 11:00 a.m. worship on Sunday, October 22 in Fellowship Hall. RSVP at www.northparkpres.org/stewardshipluncheon or at the Welcome Desk.

MENTAL HEALTH & FAITH

A 3-week study on Mental Health & Faith, led by the Center Counseling, begins Sunday, October 15 at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Topics include Embracing Connection, Self-Care & Faith for Mental Well-Being; God is the Glue; and Screens, Social Media, Technology & Mental Health.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

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, contact Bonnie Cavin, Chair of Fellowship and Membership (bjcavin29@gmail.com).

CHURCH CALENDAR

Out of the office are Cheryl Cunningham (October 4-9) and Julia Sargent (October 3-12). More information, including a complete calendar of events and staff contact information, can be found on the NorthPark website, northparkpres.org.

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