

# NORTHPARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Youth Sunday  
February 15, 2026



“Do we truly reflect our genuine selves to others?”

Art by Trinity Adams

## WELCOME

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Avery Howayeck

## PRELUDE

Polonaise  
Camden Evans, Clarinet

J. S. Bach

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come to worship to embrace who God is.

All: **We come to worship to embrace who WE are, too!**

One: God, help us see who you created us to be.

All: **Let us worship you, with our full and genuine selves.**

Grayson Field

✧HYMN 733 We All Are One in Mission

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✧Please rise as you are able.

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lily Schwartzkopf

O God, we fail to embrace our genuine selves  
and instead let society define us.  
We hide from how you created us –  
*beautifully and in your image* –  
and let the stereotypes mold us.  
Forgive us for not being true to who we are.  
Help us lead the life you envisioned for us.  
Help embrace your image in us,  
so that we may embrace your image in our neighbor as well.  
Gratefully we pray. Amen.

✠PROMISE OF GRACE

One: The mystery of God's grace is beyond our understanding.  
But we do know this: in Jesus Christ we are loved and forgiven.  
All: **Thanks be to God for a love like that! 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

Anna Evans

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

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Olivia Chen

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

TESTIMONY

Tessa Knotts

SECOND READING

Romans 12:2

TESTIMONY

Trinity Adams

THIRD READING

Colossians 3:12

TESTIMONY

Camden Evans

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (together)

Emmerson Ehman

**We believe we are created in God's image.**

**We believe in God who continually calls to us  
to help us realize our purpose in the world**

**(a purpose we sometimes hide from,  
but God still calls us to be our genuine selves).**

**We believe in God, Son, and Spirit**

**who continually shapes our way to reflect God's image –  
calling us to be our true, genuine, authentic selves.**

**God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. 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

For Everyone Born

Brian Mann

Olivia Chen, Anna Evans, Tessa Knotts, Lily Schwartzkopf

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread - a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead. And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy! For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song, the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong. And God will delight... For bodies diverse, a place at the table, all manner of speech and movement and minds; enabled to lead and teach us new language, for bodies diverse, a church redesigned. And God will delight... For all who have breath, a place at the table, a covenant shared, a welcoming space, a rainbow of race and gender and color, for all who have breath, the chalice of grace. And God will delight... For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be, to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free. And God will delight...

✠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 O God of Creation, We See All Around Us

ASH GROVE

O God of creation, we see all around us:  
how richly diverse are the people you've made!  
In all of our neighbors who daily surround us,  
your love for your children is ever displayed.  
We're made in your image, we're equal before you;  
yet often injustice and hatred abound.  
Forgive us the ways that we sin and ignore you,  
accepting the structures that push others down.

Christ Jesus, you lived in the same way you taught us;  
you welcomed the people that others despised.  
You talked and you ate with the poor and the outcast;  
you saw every person through welcoming eyes.  
Forgive our re-building the walls you have broken –  
our making of barriers you came to tear down.  
The gift of your cross is the world's reconciling  
with God and with all of God's people around.

O God, by your Spirit, now give us a vision  
of life in your kingdom through Jesus your son –  
where background and culture won't lead to division,  
and all will feel welcomed and all will be one.  
God, now may we work with a new dedication  
for justice, equality, freedom and peace,  
until we are called to your great celebration  
and share at your table in your banquet feast.

✠CHARGE AND BLESSING

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.

POSTLUDE He's Got the Whole World in His Hands  
Tessa Knotts and Olivia Chen

AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

# TODAY AT NORTHPARK

## 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.

## FAITH FORMATION

Classes meet at 9:30 a.m. Bill Perry/Mike McNeill lead St. Andrews in the Small Dining Room (A Gift from God: How Do We Honor and Use It?). Michael Malone leads Genesis II in the Conference Room (Kings). Visions will gather at Civil Pour. 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 the Sanctuary today.

## CENTERING PRACTICES

Centering Practices meets in the Lounge (formerly Bride's Room) from 9:45 - 10:30 a.m. Finding stillness in contemplative prayer, we practice setting aside our individual desires to listen for the desire God places on our hearts.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A congregational meeting will be held today immediately following 11:00 a.m. worship to receive the 2025 annual report and the 2026 budget, and to vote on the pastor's terms of call.

## CARE LETTERS

Take a moment after worship to sign care letters, located at the Welcome Desk in the foyer. It's a tangible way to demonstrate love for our NorthPark friends and family.

## PICKIN' AND PRAYIN' GUITAR CIRCLE

This group will meet in the Parlor today after the congregational meeting. Connect with your guitar, music, God, and others. Bring your instrument. Music will be provided.

## YOUTH GROUP (GRADES 7-12)

Today, the youth will meet for a catered lunch after worship and will have a lock-in in the Youth Lounge from 5:00 p.m. this evening until 10:00 a.m. tomorrow morning.

## TALK ABOUT IT

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

1. What about you reflects God's character, creativity, or love?
2. Hearing about your experiences can give others hope and let them know they are not alone. What story does the world need you to tell?

## 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. If you miss a week, or miss the card from Ash Wednesday, cards are available in the foyer as well.

## 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; 9555 N. Central Expressway; Dallas, TX 75231.

## NEWS AND INFORMATION

### 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](mailto:membership@northparkpres.org)).

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday worship is February 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The service, lasting about 45 minutes, will include song, scripture, and imposition of ashes. Childcare is available.

### SERVE DINNER FOR UKIRK

Help support NorthPark Youth as they serve dinner for UKirk SMU students next Sunday, February 22 by providing burrito bowl ingredients! Sign up at [bit.ly/3ZJSXzM](http://bit.ly/3ZJSXzM).

### BEGINNING OF LENT

Next Sunday, February 22, is the first Sunday in Lent. All ages will meet in Fellowship Hall in lieu of Faith Formation Classes for an intergenerational Lent Event.

### JustUs MEETING

This civic engagement group meets next Sunday in the Parlor at noon. All are welcome!

### CROSSROADS (YOUNG ADULTS)

Singles and couples (22-40ish) will meet next Sunday, February 22, at 12:15 p.m. in the Lounge (formerly Bride's Room) to discuss Celtic Christianity led by Jann Treadwell.

### OFFICE UPDATE

The church office will be closed tomorrow, February 16, for Presidents' Day.

### LEARN MORE

Find more information (calendar of events, staff contact information) at [northparkpres.org](http://northparkpres.org).

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