

# NORTHPARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 12, 2026



Christ Shows Himself to Thomas; Washington National Cathedral

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

God's power is the power of love, which does not seek to dominate, which does not act arbitrarily, but acts in love which authentically concerns itself for others.

- William Placher, *Narratives of a Vulnerable God*

## WELCOME

Katy Evans, Pastoral Intern

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

## PRELUDE

My Sweet Lord  
Pickin' and Prayin' Group

George Harrison

## INTROIT

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (11:00)  
Sanctuary Choir  
Tinsley Silcox, Director

Dale Wood

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Larry Peters (8:30), Kevin Hofeditz (11:00)

One: The one whom we love is  
immeasurable and unchanging,

All: **all-knowing and all-powerful.**

One: The one whom we trust is  
always and everywhere,

All: **all-loving and all-in.**

One: Let us worship the one  
in whom we find our way.

All: **Let us worship God.**

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)

O God, it has been a difficult week.  
We have been stressed, pulled, pushed, tossed.  
Things have happened for which we were not prepared.  
We have responded to difficulties not with love, but with impatience.  
We have turned our backs on others in need, placing our creature comforts first.  
We stand in need of forgiveness.

Help us take a breath, take a step back  
so that we can receive your healing word of love.  
Then having received such love, remind us that we are to love others.  
Gratefully we pray. Amen.

✠PROMISE OF GRACE

One: Even in our silence,  
All: **God loves us.**  
One: Even in our fear or shame,  
All: **God chooses us.**  
One: Even when we sin,  
All: **God wraps us in grace.**  
One: This is the Good News!  
All: **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!**

✠Please rise as you are able

**MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN (11:00)**

Anna Hernandez, Director of Youth Ministries

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

**LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

Rev. Amy Moore, Parish Associate

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Renewed Grace Initiative

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING**

John 20:19-20, 24-28

**SECOND READING**

Luke 18:18-27

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

Reformed Words for a Transformed World:  
O Is for Omnipotence

Rev. Nicole Bates, Pastor

✠**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (together)**

- Love, Steve Garnaaas-Holmes

**We believe in God,**

**who is love, whose love is manifest**

**in all creation, in our lives, and in all people.**

**We follow Christ, who embodied God's love.**

**In his life and ministry, his death and resurrection,**

**and his granting to us of his Spirit,**

**he filled us with that love as well.**

**We live by the Spirit, the presence of God's love in us.**

**In that love we participate in the church, Body of Christ,**

**in loving God by loving our neighbors**

**through our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service.**

**Love is our faith, and it is a gift from God.**

**We thank God, and ask God's blessings,**

**that we may love in the name of Christ**

**and the power of the Spirit, to God's glory. 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**      The Majesty and Glory of Your Name (11:00)      Tom Fettke

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers; the moon and stars suspended in space. Oh, what is man, that you are mindful of him? You have given man a crown of glory and honor, and made him a little lower than the angels. You have put him in charge of all creation: the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea. But what is man that you are mindful of him? O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens. O Lord, our God, little children praise you perfectly, and so would we. Alleluia!  
The majesty and glory of your name. Alleluia!

✠**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)

✠**HYMN 305**    Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!      DARWALLS'S 148TH

✠**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 with You (11:00)      Dale Wood

**POSTLUDE**      Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!      J. Biery  
Louis Walker, Organist

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# NEWS 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 are always welcome in worship! Take a worship bag, borrow manipulatives/books (found outside the Sanctuary). Childcare (infants – K) is also available in Room 50. Little ones may want to begin in the Sanctuary, stay through Moments for Children, then go to childcare.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes meet at 9:30. Mimi Smith leads St. Andrews in the Small Dining Room (After the Resurrection – in Art). Frank Lewis leads Visions in Room 35 (The Book of Galatians). Bruce Pickett leads Genesis II in the Conference Room (Lessons from the Life of Moses). Amy Moore leads Centering Practices in the Lounge. Class members lead Parents of Little Ones (POLO) in the Parlor (Sacred Parenting). Grades Pre-K –5 begin in Room 36 at 9:30 (pick up PreK/K in Room 48, Grades 1-5 in Room 31). Grades 6-12 meet in Youth Lounge.

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

Youth participating in Confirmation meet today at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Lounge.

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

This is last Sunday that envelopes will be in pew racks to support hunger relief, community development, and disaster assistance. You can also give online by clicking the QR code below and selecting One Great Hour in the dropdown.

## 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 Exp.; Dallas, TX 75231.

## REFORMED WORDS CARD DECK

Pick up weekly “Reformed Words for a Transformed World” card in the foyer featuring scripture, reflection questions, and a breath prayer. It’s a simple way to carry the Sunday message into your daily life. If you miss a Sunday, previous weeks’ cards are available, too.

## CROSSROADS (YOUNG ADULTS)

Singles and couples (22-40ish) will meet today after worship in the Lounge at 12:15 p.m. to discuss the Gospel of Mark led by Jann Treadwell.

## GRADES 4–6 FELLOWSHIP

Join us today from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. in the Youth Lounge for lunch and to learn about the SoulFood Greenhouse.

## **YOUTH GROUP (GRADES 7-12)**

Youth will gather today (and each Sunday) in the Youth Lounge from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

## **TODAY'S FLOWERS**

Flowers today are given by Catharina and Craig Haynes in honor of pastors and staff.

## **NEWS AND INFORMATION**

### **GUNS TO GARDENS**

Next Saturday from 10:00 – 1:00 is the Guns to Gardens event at Royal Lane Baptist Church (6707 Royal Lane). Go to [bit.ly/4crqyFP](https://bit.ly/4crqyFP) for more information and go to [bit.ly/47J3pMr](https://bit.ly/47J3pMr) to volunteer.

### **NEURODIVERSITY AND CHURCH INCLUSIVITY**

Please join us on Saturday, April 25, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. to learn, listen, and grow so that our sanctuary feels like home for every unique mind and heart. Whether you're a parent, a grandparent, an usher, or just someone with a heart for inclusion, you are welcome. It's free, and we've got breakfast and childcare covered! Register at [bit.ly/4t0TwSj](https://bit.ly/4t0TwSj).

### **FRISCO ROUGHRIDERS EVENT**

Mark your calendar and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship at a Frisco RoughRiders baseball game on Saturday, May 9. For details and to sign up, go to [bit.ly/4dysvBt](https://bit.ly/4dysvBt)

### **PAINT YOUR PET**

Put your pet on canvas! Find details, sign up, and submit a high quality digital photo of your pet by April 17 at [seniorpets.org/fundraiser/](https://seniorpets.org/fundraiser/). This SPAN special event will be in NorthPark's Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 25 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

### **NEW HORIZONS (AGES 18-23ish)**

This group will meet on Zoom next Sunday, April 19, from 4:00-5:00 p.m.. Obtain the link from Cheryl Payton ([rcpay2000@yahoo.com](mailto:rcpay2000@yahoo.com)).

### **PICKIN' AND PRAYIN' GUITAR CIRCLE**

This group will meet next Sunday, April 19, in the Parlor from noon - 1:00 p.m. Connect with your guitar, music, God, and others. Bring your instrument. Music provided.

### **ALL-CHURCH MISSION TRIP**

We hope you'll join us at Camp Gilmont in Gilmer, TX, from May 28-31. Register online at [bit.ly/46pJXng](https://bit.ly/46pJXng) or contact Kathryn Qualia ([kqualia@northparkpres.org](mailto:kqualia@northparkpres.org)) for details.

### **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)).

### **LEARN MORE**

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