

NORTHPARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 9, 2026



Susan Martaugh, Making Joyful Noise

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

What brought you the most joy as a child?

WELCOME

Rev. Amy Moore, Parish Associate

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

PRELUDE

A Simple Song ("Mass")
Matthew Payton, Tenor

L. Bernstein

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

Neil Orleans, Liturgist

One: Calling all children of the Living God:
the gospel is good news for every age and every stage.

All: Let us worship with joy, the young and the old.

One: The good news is proclaimed in God's words,
and also with crayons, silly songs, snacks, and rest.

All: Let us worship with joy, every generation.

One: We come together with different abilities and disabilities,
learning in a rainbow of ways and styles.

All: Let us worship with joy, with our family of faith.

One: All are welcome in the arms of Christ who proclaimed,
"Let the children come!"

All: Let us worship with joy, united in our eternal hope.

✠HYMN 611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)

Loving God, when life overwhelms us, how often we choose bitterness instead of joy and resentment instead of praise. We forget the great things you have done and fail to trust that you are God. Open our clenched hands, my hands, to accept your peace. Search me 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 lyrics are written below the notes.

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.

✠SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you!

All: **And also with you!**

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Kathy McCarron, Director of Christian Education

Anna Hernandez, Director of Youth Ministries

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

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 126

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: Joy

Katy Evans, Pastoral Intern

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Psalm 100 adapted

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing.

All: **We know that the Lord is God.**

We belong to the Lord who made us.

We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

One: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and courts with praise.
Give thanks and bless the Lord's name.

All: **The Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever
and God's faithfulness to all generations.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

Campbell Ehman

SHARING OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM As the Deer Douglas Wagner

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you; you alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you. You alone are my strength, my shield, to you alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you! I want you more than gold or silver, only you can satisfy; you alone are the real joy-giver and the apple of my eye. You alone are my strength, my shield, to you alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you! You're my friend and you are my brother, even though you are a King; I love you more than any other, so much more than anything! You alone are my strength, my shield, to you alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you!

✠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 629 Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee (stanzas 1, 3, 4, 5) ST. AGNES

✠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 Fughetta and Finale on "Hymn to Joy" J.G. Barr
Louis Walker, Organist

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TODAY AT NORTH PARK

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 and space to color is in the front of the Sanctuary. The nursery is also available for infants - PK 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.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Students of all ages receive a backpack blessing today during worship as they begin the new school year.

BREAKFAST POTLUCK

Please join us today in Fellowship Hall after worship to enjoy breakfast goodies with the NorthPark family.

TODAY'S FLOWERS

Flowers today are given by Joan and Neil Orleans in honor of their 52nd wedding anniversary.

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)

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.

STAFF UPDATES

Kathryn Qualia is out today and tomorrow, and from August 12-16. Rev. Nicole Bates is on sabbatical until September 1.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

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 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. To learn more or to volunteer, contact casa@northparkpres.org.

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRY

Join us in the NorthPark kitchen tomorrow, August 10, at 10:00 a.m. to prepare meals for those in need. Please let Marilyn Daily know if you can help (mmdaily@sbcglobal.net).

PET BLESSING SUNDAY

Next Sunday, August 16, is the annual pet blessing during worship. Please bring your pets on leashes, in kennels, or in bowls/terrariums. Casual dress and t-shirts are encouraged.

SPAN COLLECTION ON PET BLESSING SUNDAY

Next Sunday, donate to Seniors' Pet Assistance Network. SPAN secures healthy relationships between low-income seniors and their companion animals. A list of pet food needs will be in tomorrow's eNews.

LUGGAGE DRIVE

Help make travel safer and more dignified for immigrants returning to their communities. We are collecting new and gently used luggage (preferably with wheels) to assist them during this difficult transition. To donate or ask questions, contact Rev. Amy Moore.

REVERSE FOOD TRUCK (RFT)

The RFT is NorthPark's food drive on wheels. Due to the heat, volunteers do not collect food at Kroger during August, but you may place donations in the red wagon anytime. Most needed items are flour, sugar, cooking oil, canned chicken and tuna, fruit cups or pouches, and soft cereal bars. Volunteers are needed beginning in September to collect food at Kroger on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of each month. Sign up at bit.ly/45ueu2A.

SESSION TO RECEIVE NEW MEMBERS

The session is receiving new members via a zoom call on Monday evening, August 24, at 7:00 p.m. If you too are interested in becoming a NorthPark member, you may either participate via zoom or meet with the session in NorthPark's conference room. Contact Cheryl Cunningham (214-363-5457 x106 or membership@northparkpres.org) for more information.

KICKOFF SUNDAY

Our summer worship schedule continues at 10:00 a.m. through September 6.

Kick-Off Sunday is September 13 with Faith Formation resuming and one worship service at 11:00 a.m., followed by a BBQ lunch. The 8:30 a.m. service resumes September 20.

LEARN MORE

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