



NORTHSIDE CHURCH

A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

Stained Glass Jesus: Loaves & Fishes

January 4, 2026



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Epiphany Sunday

There is a place for you at Northside Church to know the love of God,
to grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ, and to go into the world to serve others.

† Please rise in body or spirit when you see this symbol,
and join in singing or reading aloud text in **bold**.

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

THE PRELUDE | When Morning Gilds the Skies | *arr. Dale Wood*

Joshua McClure

THE WELCOME

Rev. Catherine Boothe Olson

THE CHORAL INTROIT | When Morning Gilds the Sky | *arr. Dan Bird*

Chancel Choir

When morning gilds the skies my heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer,
to Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised!

† THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Boothe Olson

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Pastor: Christ our Lord, invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.
People: **In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.**

† THE HYMN OF ADORATION | #185: all stanzas | When Morning Gilds the Skies

† THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Apostles' Creed

Nathan Schreer

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

† THE GLORIA PATRI | Hymn 70

**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.**

† THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Boothe Olson

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT | 11:15AM

Nancy Jeanne Chadwick

We invite all children to come to the chancel steps for a special message.

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THE OFFERTORY | He Shall Feed His Flock | *arr. John Ness Beck*

Chancel Choir

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd;
He shall gather the lambs with His arm,
and carry them in His bosom,
and gently shall lead those that are with young.

He shall gather the lambs in His arm,
and carry them close to His heart;
and gently, so gently,
so gently shall lead those with young.

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd;
He shall gather the lambs with His arm,
and carry them in His bosom, and gently,
so gently shall lead those with young.

—Isaiah 40:11 & Psalm 23:1

† THE DOXOLOGY | Hymn 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

THE CONFESSION AND PARDON

Rev. Boothe Olson

Pastor: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.
People: **Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Pastor: Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Congregation: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

People: **Glory to God. Amen.**

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION | #381: stanza 1 | Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.**

† THE SCRIPTURE | John 6:1–13 | Pew Bible, pg. 1518

Dr. Bill Burch

Pastor: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON | “Stained Glass Jesus: Loaves & Fishes”

Dr. Burch

THE INSTRUCTIONS TO HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Boothe Olson

Today, we celebrate Communion. When directed, walk down the center aisle to receive the elements. We will serve by intinction, which means you will be handed bread and dip it in juice. You are then invited to pray at the altar rail or at your seat. If you are not able to come forward, please let a Sunday Servant know so that the elements may be brought to you.

The Communion table is open to all. There is also a gluten-free option available. Any money that is left on the altar rail during Communion will go to people experiencing financial need.

The Lord's Supper is a holy meal of bread and juice that symbolizes the body and blood of Christ. By sharing this meal, we give thanks for Jesus' sacrifice for our sins, we recall the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, and we celebrate the unity of all the members of God's family.

THE LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

8:30AM | Rev. Boothe Olson

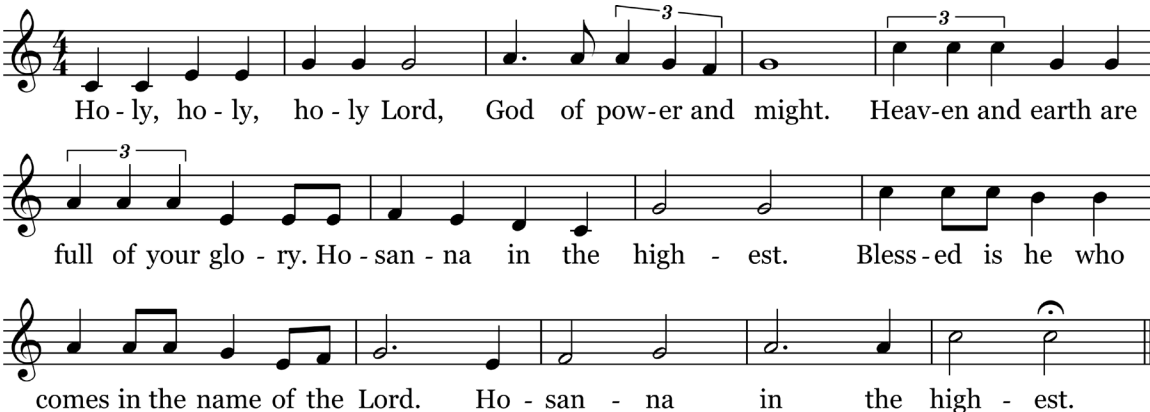
11:15AM | Dr. Burch

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

People:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might. Heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Pastor: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: On the night in which he gave himself up for us,
Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body
which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People:



Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

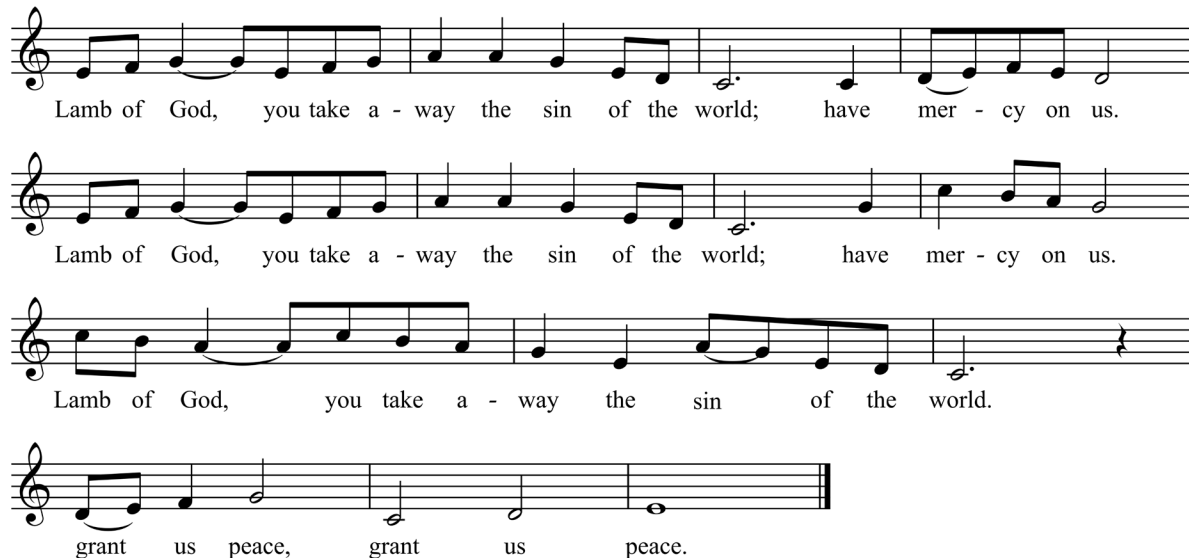
THE PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP

THE COMMUNION MUSIC | Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world.

grant us peace, grant us peace.

† THE COMMUNION HYMN | #298: stanzas 1 & 4 | When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

**When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

† THE BENEDICTION

8:30AM | Rev. Boothe Olson
11:15AM | Dr. Burch

† THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE | May the Mind of Christ, My Savior

May the mind of Christ, my Sav - ior, live in me from day to day,
By His love and pow'r con - trol - ling All I do and say.

THE POSTLUDE | Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow | *arr. Fred Brock*

Joshua McClure

A Wesleyan Covenant Prayer for the New Year

I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

CLERGY

Dr. Bill Burch, *Senior Pastor* • Rev. Catherine Boothe Olson, *Associate Pastor*
Rev. Angela House, *Associate Pastor*

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Rev. Nancy Yarnell, *Retired* • Rev. Douglas Herlong • Rev. Jennifer Hansen

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Joshua McClure, *Director of Worship & Organist* • Nathan Schreer, *Director of Music*