



# NORTHSIDE CHURCH

A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

*I AM:*  
*I Am the Bread of Life*

March 1, 2026



# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*The Second Sunday in Lent*

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 | Great Is Thy Faithfulness with Menuet à l'Antique | *arr. Susan Schreer Davis*

Susan Schreer Davis, flute  
& Joshua McClure, piano

THE WELCOME

Rev. Angela House

† THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. House

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 | #140: all stanzas | Great Is Thy Faithfulness

† 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. House

Student: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Dr. Bill Burch

8:30AM | *Camille Holland*

11:15AM | *Olivia Lee*

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Nathan Schreer

**With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ,  
that [name], surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith,  
and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

THE BAPTISM RESPONSE | Hymn 611: stanza 1 | Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

**Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign.  
With this water God has sealed you, unto love and grace divine.**

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT | 11:15AM

Rev. Catherine Boothe Olson

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

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Rev. House

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THE OFFERTORY | For the Bread Which You Have Broken | *arr. Howard Helvey*

Chancel Choir  
& Susan Schreer Davis, flute;  
Alex Thompson, director

For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured,  
For the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
By this pledge that you do love us, by your gift of peace restored,  
By your call to heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.

With our sainted ones in glory seated at the heavenly board,  
May the church that's waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.  
In your service, Lord, defend us, in our hearts keep watch and ward;  
In the world where you have sent us, let your kingdom come, O Lord.

*—Louis F. Benson*

† 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. House

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.**

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come unto thee, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

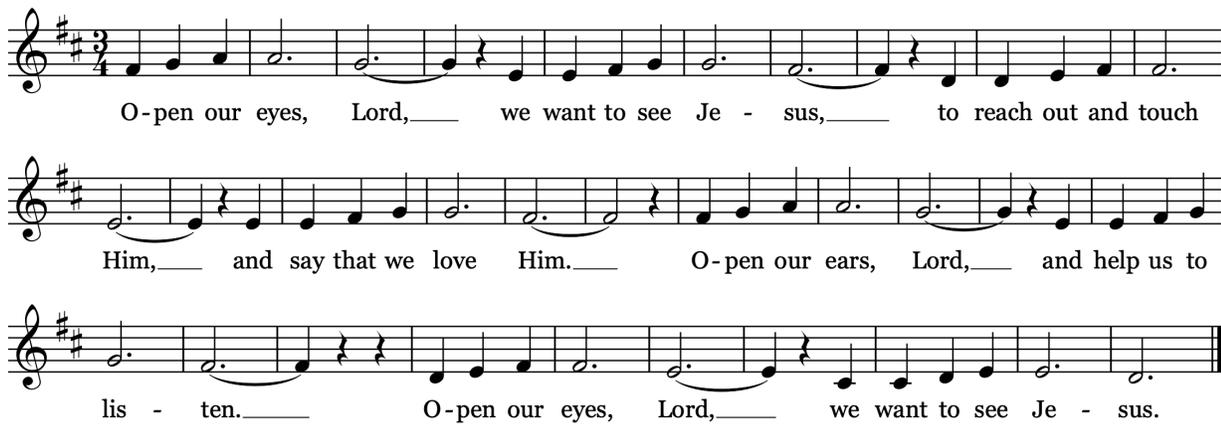
Rev. House

**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.**

THE CHORAL AMEN | *Peter Christian Lutkin*

Chancel Choir

## THE HYMN OF PREPARATION | Open Our Eyes, Lord



O-pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see Je - sus, to reach out and touch  
Him, and say that we love Him. O-pen our ears, Lord, and help us to  
lis - ten. O-pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

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## † THE SCRIPTURE | John 6:25–35 | Pew Bible, pg. 1519

Dr. Burch

Pastor: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## THE SERMON | “I AM: I Am the Bread of Life”

Dr. Burch

## THE INSTRUCTIONS TO HOLY COMMUNION

8:30AM | Rev. House

11:15AM | Dr. Burch

*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 GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

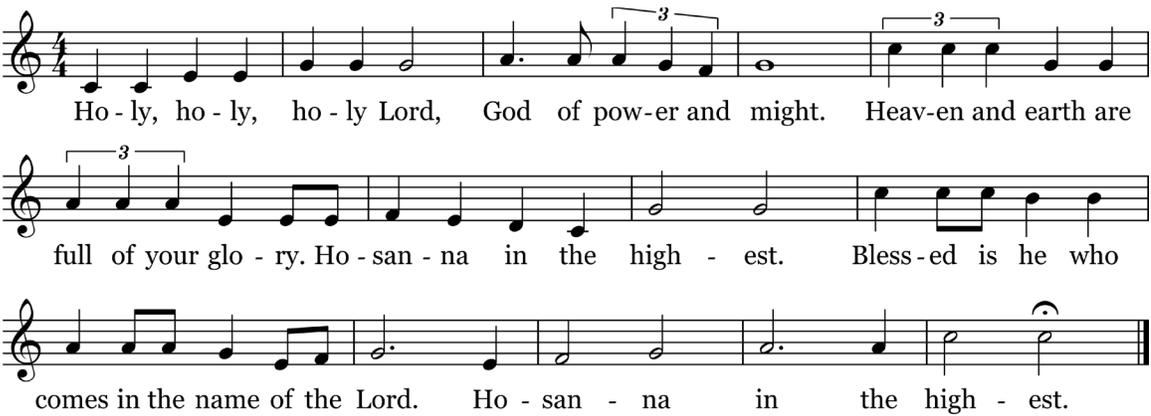
People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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.

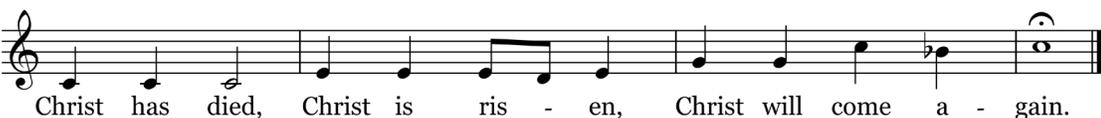
**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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.

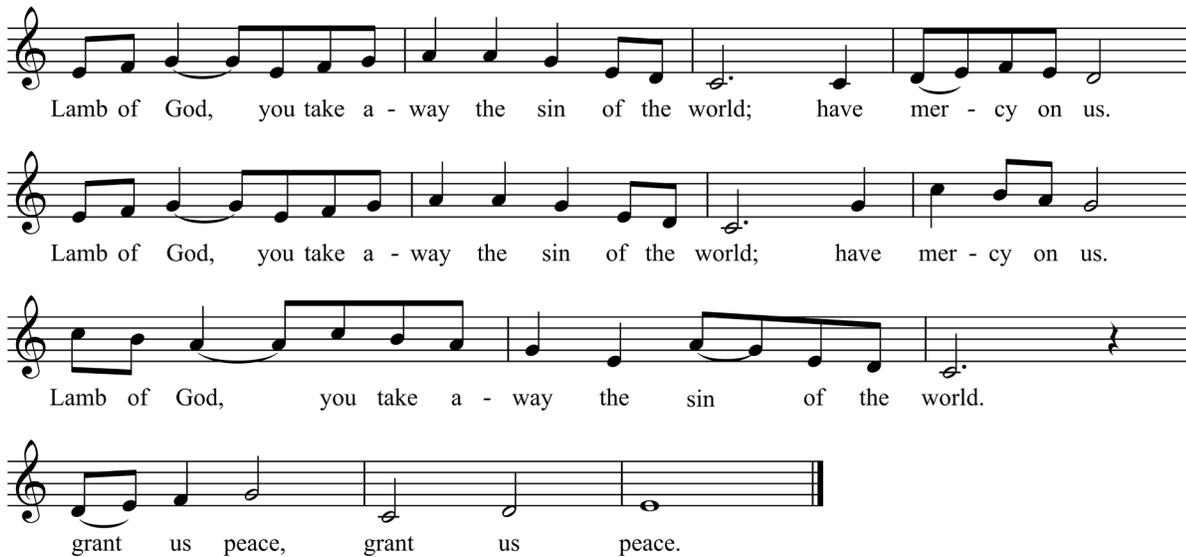
People: **Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP

THE COMMUNION MUSIC | Lamb of God

Chancel Choir

*You are invited to join the choir in singing "Lamb of God"  
as we prepare our hearts to receive Holy Communion.*



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 MUSIC | The Bread of Life | *William F. Sherwin*

Susan Schreer Davis, flute  
& Joshua McClure, organ

† THE COMMUNION HYMN | #384: stanza 4 | Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

**Finish, then, thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

† THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE | #396: stanza 4 | O Jesus, I Have Promised

O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be. And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end; O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my Friend.

The image shows a musical score for a congregational response. It consists of three staves of music in a single system, all in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the response, the second staff contains the second line, and the third staff contains the final line. The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for congregational singing.

THE POSTLUDE | Love Divine | *John Zundel*

Susan Schreer Davis, flute  
& Joshua McClure, organ

***The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God:***

In memory of Bob and Anna Chambers, given by the Joe Burnett family.  
God Bless Northside United Methodist Family and God Bless America.

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**CLERGY**

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

**AFFILIATED CLERGY**

Dr. G. Gil Watson, *Pastor Emeritus* • Dr. Ann Brightwell McCord, *Retired*  
Rev. Nancy Yarnell, *Retired* • Rev. Douglas Herlong • Rev. Jennifer Hansen

**TRADITIONAL MUSIC MINISTRY**

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