



NORTHSIDE CHURCH  
A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

*David and Goliath:  
Giant Problems*

April 26, 2026



# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*The Fourth Sunday of Easter*

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 | A Mighty Fortress Is Our God | *arr. Daniel Moore*

Mark Maliniak, trumpet  
& Joshua McClure, organ

## THE WELCOME

Rev. Angela House

THE CHORAL INTROIT | Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing | *Dan Bird*

Chancel Choir

Gloria in excelsis Deo. *Glory to God in the highest.*

Gloria, Gloria, sing to God forever.

*—From “Gloria” of Missa Cellenis by F.J. Haydn*

## † THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. House

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: We gather today with burdens, worries, and problems that often feel too big to face.

People: **Yet we come trusting that God is greater than anything before us.**

Pastor: Like David before Goliath, we may feel small and unprepared.

People: **But God equips us with courage, faith, and strength for the battle.**

Pastor: We do not face our problems alone. God goes with us.

People: **With God as our help, we will stand, trust, and overcome. Praise be to God. Amen.**

## † THE HYMN OF ADORATION | #110: all stanzas | A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

## † 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

“Goliath of Gath” from *Rock Slinger and His Greatest Hits* | Tom Long & Allen Pote

*Refrain:* He's big, he's hairy, he's ugly, and he's scary.  
His ways are wicked and his words are rude.  
When he's through with you, there's nothing left to bury.  
He's six big cubits of attitude.

His armor coat's a hundred pounds, this monster man from Gath.  
And you could fill his helmet up, and use it for a bath! *Refrain.*

With nineteen pounds of deadly blade on a tree trunk for a spear,  
and shinguards made of solid bronze, he'll kick you through next year! *Refrain.*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Dr. Bill Burch

8:30AM | *Henry Merritt*  
11:15AM | *George Smith*

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 | #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

Nancy Jeanne Chadwick

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

THE MINISTRY MOMENT | 75 Days of Serving

Rev. House

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. Amen.**

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION | #328: Surely the Presence of the Lord

Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his might - y  
pow - er and his grace. I can hear the brush of an - gels' wings, I see  
glo - ry on each face; sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place.

THE SCRIPTURE | 1 Samuel 17:45-47 | Pew Bible, pg. 406

Dr. Burch

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

THE SERMON | “David and Goliath: Giant Problems”

Dr. Burch

† THE HYMN OF RESPONSE | #580: all stanzas | Lead On, O King Eternal

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Rev. House

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THE OFFERTORY | If God Be For Us | *Douglas E. Wagner*

Chancel Choir

If God be for us, who can be against us? If God be for us, we have nothing to fear.  
If God be for us, if God be for us, We have nothing to fear.

Who shall separate us from the love of God? Who shall separate us from the love?  
Shall tribulation, or distress, persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?  
No, in all these things we are more than conquerors, through Him who loved us.

*—Adapted from Romans 8:311–37 & 1 John 4:16*

† THE DOXOLOGY | Hymn 95

THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS | 11:15AM

Dr. Burch

† THE BENEDICTION

8:30AM | Rev. House  
& 11:15AM | Dr. Burch

† THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE | #672: stanza 1 | God Be with You till We Meet Again

**God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,  
with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

THE POSTLUDE | Processional on “Ode to Joy” | *setting by Mitchell-Wallace & Head*

Mark Maliniak, trumpet  
& Joshua McClure, organ

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

In loving memory of Janet and Dan Aldridge Sr., given by Gail and Darryl Aldridge.

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

In honor of the baptism of George Smith Kenyon, given by his grandparents, David and Caroline Smith.

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

In honor of Henry Merritt Huber's baptism, given by his grandparents, Merritt and Jan Huber and Bob and Sue Roepke.

**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*