



NORTHSIDE CHURCH  
A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

*3 Simple Rules:  
Stay in Love with God*

May 18, 2025



# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*The Fifth 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 | Holy, Holy, Holy | *arr. Stephen Nielson & Ovid Young*

Ms. Leah Hannon, piano  
& Mr. Joshua McClure, piano

THE WELCOME

Rev. Douglas Herlong

THE CHORAL INTROIT | Let Heavenly Music Fill This Place | *Gordon Young*

Chancel Choir

Let heavenly music fill this place and all the harmonies of heaven be heard;  
Let one grand song of praise resound, one alleluia! One alleluia!

† THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Herlong

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**  
Pastor: Lord, show us the glory of your presence.  
People: **May we seek the things of God.**  
Pastor: Lead us to walk the path of life.  
People: **Holy Spirit, move within our hearts.**  
Pastor: Lord, let us worship you this day  
People: **Blessed is your name. Praise be to God. Amen.**

† THE HYMN OF ADORATION | Hymn 64: all stanzas | Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

† THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | Apostles' Creed

Mr. 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. Herlong

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Dr. Bill Burch

8:30AM | *Ann Marie*  
11:15AM | *Elizabeth Rhodes*

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Rev. Herlong

**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. Sara Maughan

*We invite all children to come forward for a message from Rev. Sara.*

THE MINISTRY MOMENT | Wellroot Family Services

Rev. April McGlothlin-Eller

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Herlong

**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 | Hymn 405: all stanzas | Seek Ye First

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness;  
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia!  
Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find.  
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, Alleluia!**

THE SCRIPTURE | Colossians 2:6–7 | Pew Bible, pg. 1677

Dr. Burch

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

THE SERMON | “3 Simple Rules: Stay in Love with God”

Dr. Burch

† THE HYMN OF RESPONSE | Hymn 451: all stanzas | Be Thou My Vision

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Rev. Herlong

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THE OFFERTORY | O God Beyond All Praising | arr. David Schwoebel

Chancel Choir; Ms. Hannon, piano

O the depth of the riches of the wisdom of God!  
O the depth of the riches of the knowledge of God!  
How unsearchable His judgements,  
And untraceable His ways.  
O the depth of the wisdom and knowledge of God!  
For of Him, and through Him, and to Him are all things:  
to whom be the glory forever. Amen.

*»Offertory continues on next page.*

O God beyond all praising, we worship You today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at every gift You send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end;  
we lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your Word,  
we honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
that we who know Your favor may serve You as our King;  
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still:  
to marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways,  
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things:  
to whom be the glory forever. Amen.

—Romans 11:33, 36 and Michael Perry

† 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 RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS | 11:15AM

Rev. Herlong

† THE BENEDICTION

8:30AM | Rev. Herlong  
11:15AM | Dr. Burch

† THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE | Hymn 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 | Holy, Holy, Holy | *arr. McClure*

Mr. McClure

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

In loving memory of my husband, Warren Young, and my son, Mark G. Young, by Nona Young.

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**CLERGY**

Dr. Bill Burch, *Senior Pastor* • Rev. Catherine Boothe Olson, *Associate Pastor*  
Rev. Douglas Herlong, *Associate Pastor* • Rev. Angela House, *Associate Pastor*  
Rev. Sara Maughan, *Pastor of Children's Ministry*

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Rev. Nancy Yarnell, *Retired*

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