



# NORTHSIDE CHURCH

A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

## *Better Together: Small Groups*

August 10, 2025



# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

*The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

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 | Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether | *arr. Paul Manz*

Mr. Alvin Blount, guest organist

THE WELCOME

Rev. Catherine Boothe Olson

THE CHORAL INTROIT | O Church of God, United | *arr. Dan Bird*

Chancel Choir

O church of God, united to serve one common Lord,  
proclaim to all one message, with hearts in glad accord.  
Christ ever goes before us; we follow day by day  
with strong and eager footsteps along the upward way.

—*Frederick B. Morley*

† THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Boothe Olson

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Jesus called the twelve to be with Him—

People: **and Jesus still calls us into community today.**

Pastor: In small groups, we learn, grow, and follow Christ together.

People: **We are shaped by Scripture, prayer, and one another.**

Pastor: Together, we are strengthened to serve and share the Good News.

People: **We are better together—called, connected, and sent. Praise be to God. Amen.**

† THE HYMN OF ADORATION | Hymn 547: stanzas 1–3 | O Church of God, United

† 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. Boothe Olson

*Maxwell David*

## THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE | 11:15AM

Rev. Boothe Olson

**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 | 11:15AM

**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 MINISTRY MOMENT | Disciple Recognition

Dr. James Johnson

## THE RECOGNITION OF STAFF

Rev. Boothe Olson

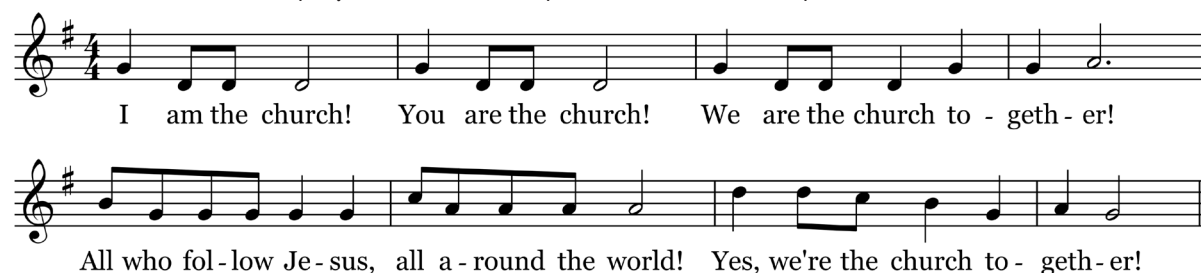
Mary Bingham, *Children's Ministries Associate*  
Tammy Edwards, *Student Ministry Associate*

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

Rev. Boothe Olson

**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 558: refrain | We Are the Church | 8:30AM



## THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT | Hymn 558: refrain | We Are the Church | 11:15AM

Mrs. Nancy Jeanne Chadwick

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

## † THE SCRIPTURE | Mark 3:13–19 | Pew Bible, pg. 1428

Dr. Burch

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

## THE SERMON | “Better Together: Small Groups”

Dr. Burch

## † THE HYMN OF RESPONSE | Hymn 399: all stanzas | Take My Life and Let It Be

## THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Rev. Boothe Olson

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Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in Thy name,  
Two or three are met together Thou are in the midst of them;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now Thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,  
Then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit Thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of Thee,  
That by caring, helping, giving we may true disciples be.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve Thee faithfully.

† 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 BENEDICTION

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

† THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE | Hymn 557: stanza 1 | Blest Be the Tie That Binds

**Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds  
is like to that above.**

THE POSTLUDE | Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation | *arr. Paul Manz*

Mr. Blount, guest organist

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

In honor of Maxwell David Burruss, given by grandparents Sherry and David Burruss,  
Karen and Mark Gergel, and Louise and Russ Vaughn.

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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*

**TRADITIONAL MUSIC MINISTRY**

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