



NORTHSIDE CHURCH

A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

School Supplies: Ruler

August 16, 2026



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Twelfth 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 | Standing on the Promises | *arr. Lloyd Larson*

Susan Schreer Davis & Joshua McClure

THE WELCOME

Rev. Dana Ezell

THE CHORAL INTROIT | Worship the Lord in the Splendor of Holiness | *William Wymond*

Chancel Choir

Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

Be exalted, O God, in the heavens, and let Your glory be over all the earth!

—Based on Psalm 96:9–11

† THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Ezell

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: We have come to worship the Lord.

People: **We will raise our voices in praise.**

Pastor: We have come to hear the Word of the Lord.

People: **Through the witness of God's Word, we will learn about God and God's saving grace.**

Pastor: We have come to be transformed.

People: **Through the instruction and conviction of God's Word,
we will conform to Christ's ways, not the world's ways.**

Pastor: We have come to serve God.

People: **Through the power of God's Word, we will be equipped
and empowered to serve. Praise be to God. Amen.**

† THE HYMN OF ADORATION | #374: all stanzas | Standing on the Promises

† 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. Ezell

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT | 11:15AM

Nancy Jeanne Chadwick

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Ezell

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 | #191: stanza 1 | Jesus Loves Me

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

THE SCRIPTURE | 2 Timothy 3:14–17 | Pew Bible, pg. 1697

Dr. Bill Burch

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

THE SERMON | “School Supplies: Ruler”

Dr. Burch

† THE HYMN OF RESPONSE | #600: all stanzas | Wonderful Words of Life

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Rev. Ezell

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THE OFFERTORY | Take Time to Be Holy | *arr. Lloyd Larson*

Chancel Choir

This anthem was commissioned by Northside Church in 2025 as part of our 75th anniversary celebration. It was presented in worship on November 9, 2025 and incorporates “Take Time to Be Holy,” a hymn sung at Northside’s first service in 1950.

Worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness.
Worship the Lord, come, and worship the Lord
in the splendor of His holiness.

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;
abide in him always, and feed on his word.
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,
forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;
spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be;
thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.

Be still, my soul the Lord is on your side!
Take time to seek and let Him be your guide.
In joy or sorrow, follow still the Lord,
look unto Jesus, still trust in His word.

»Offertory continued on next page.

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,
each thought and each motive beneath His control.
Thus led by His spirit to fountains of love,
Thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.

Take time to be holy with the Lord

—Words from 1 Chronicles 16:29, William D. Longstaff, and Katharina A. von Schlegel

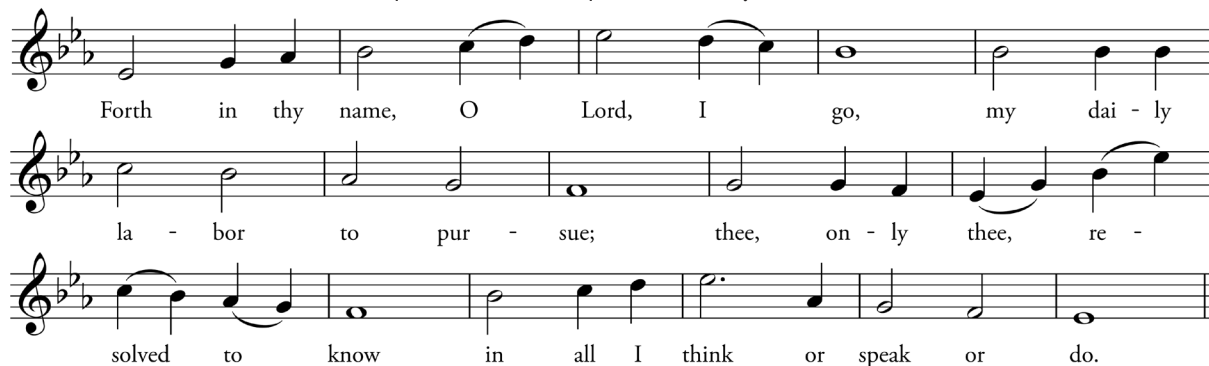
† THE DOXOLOGY | Hymn #95

**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. Amen.**

† THE BENEDICTION

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

† THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE | #438: stanza 1 | Forth In Thy Name



THE POSTLUDE | Grand Choeur | *Théodore Dubois*

Joshua McClure

CLERGY

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

AFFILIATED CLERGY

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

TRADITIONAL MUSIC MINISTRY

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