



NORTHSIDE CHURCH
A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

*Threefold Grace:
Preparing Grace*

September 13, 2026



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Sixteenth 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 | O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing | *arr. Tim Rumsey*

Woodwind Quintet

THE WELCOME

8:30AM | Elisabeth Shabi Johnson
11:15AM | Rev. Catherine Boothe Olson

THE CHORAL INTROIT | A Thousand Tongues to Sing | *setting by Mary McDonald*

Chancel Choir

We lift our voice to sing his praise; His song our voices loudly raise;
To God, the honor of our praise. All heaven and earth proclaim!

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise
the glories of my God and King,
O for a thousand tongues to sing!
Hallelujah! Amen!

† THE CALL TO WORSHIP

8:30AM | Elisabeth Shabi Johnson
11:15AM | Rev. Boothe Olson

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: God's grace goes before us, preparing our hearts to receive the gift of Christ.

People: **We come trusting that God is already at work within us.**

Leader: Before we knew to seek God, God was seeking us.

People: **Before we could respond, God was calling us toward faith and new life.**

Leader: Let us open our hearts to the grace that prepares us for God's transforming love.

People: **We come to worship the God of grace, who is at work in us and among us.**
Praise be to God. Amen.

† THE HYMN OF ADORATION | #57: stanzas 1–3 & 1 | O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,
My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease;
O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,
the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!

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

8:30AM | Elisabeth Shabi Johnson

11:15AM | Rev. Boothe Olson

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT | 11:15AM

Rev. Boothe Olson

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

8:30AM | Elisabeth Shabi Johnson

11:15AM | 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 | #378: stanza 1 | Amazing Grace

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.**

THE SCRIPTURE | Romans 8:28–30 | Pew Bible, pg. 1610

8:30AM | Rev. Dana Ezell

11:15AM | Child

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

THE SERMON | “Threefold Grace: Preparing Grace”

Rev. Ezell

† THE HYMN OF RESPONSE | #593: stanzas 1 & 3 | Here I Am, Lord

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

8:30AM | Elisabeth Shabi Johnson

11:15AM | Rev. Boothe Olson

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THE OFFERTORY | Grace | *arr. Mark Hayes*

Chancel Choir

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; I once was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and that same grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour when I first believed.

»Offertory continued on next page.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already safely come;
This grace hath brought me safe thus far, and surely grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the glorious sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than since the day we first begun.

—Text adapted from John Newton

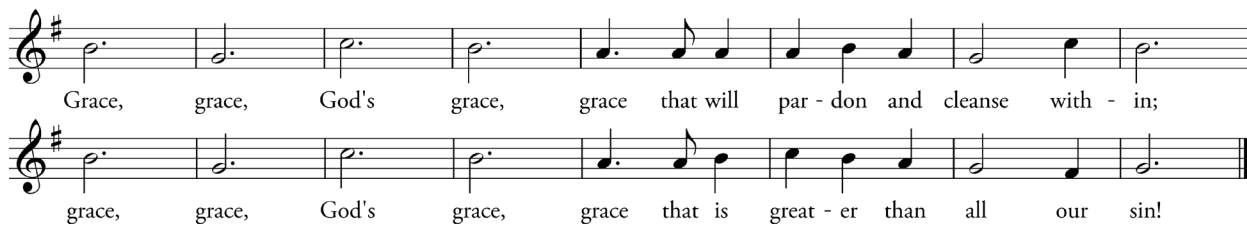
† THE DOXOLOGY | Hymn #95

**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 | Elisabeth Shabi Johnson
11:15AM | Rev. Ezell

† THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE | #365: refrain | Grace Greater than Our Sin



THE POSTLUDE | For the Beauty of the Earth | *arr. Duane Funderburk*

Woodwind Quintet;
Alex Thompson, conducting

Instrumentalists

Debra Dickensheets, *guest organist*
Susan Schreer Davis, *piano*

Woodwind Quintet:

Aleksandra Tevdoska Hawkins, *flute*; Emily Brebach, *oboe*
Eric Hawkins, *horn*; Debra Grove, *bassoon*
Nicholas Gattis, *clarinet*

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

In loving memory of Lucy Anne Irick and Thomas Wilbur Irick III, given by Thomas Wilbur Irick and George Boyd Irick.

CLERGY

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Rev. Angela House, *Associate Pastor* • Rev. Dana Ezell, *Associate Pastor*

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Rev. Nancy Yarnell, *Retired* • Rev. Jennifer Hansen

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