



NORTHSIDE CHURCH
A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

*Threefold Grace:
Perfecting Grace*

September 27, 2026



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Eighteenth 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 | Great Is Thy Faithfulness | arr. Larry Shackley

Susan Schreer Davis
& Joshua McClure

THE WELCOME

Rev. Dana Ezell

THE CHORAL INTROIT | This Is the Day | *Joshua McClure*

Chancel Choir

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad,
let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!

—Based on Psalm 118:24

† THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Ezell

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: God's grace does not leave us as we are but calls us toward perfect love.

People: **We come trusting the Holy Spirit to transform our hearts and our lives.**

Pastor: Day by day, Christ forms us in holiness, mercy, and love.

People: **We seek to love God fully and to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

Pastor: Let us worship the God whose perfecting grace makes us holy in 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 | #140: all stanzas | Great Is Thy Faithfulness

† 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 SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM | 11:15AM

Dr. Bill Burch

Virginia Elaine

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE | 11:15AM

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 | 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 CHILDREN'S MOMENT | 11:15AM

Mary Bingham

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 | #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 | Matthew 5:43–48 | Pew Bible, pg. 1380

Dr. Burch

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

THE SERMON | “Threefold Grace: Perfecting Grace”

Dr. Burch

† THE HYMN OF RESPONSE | #354: stanzas 1, 3 & 4 | I Surrender All

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Rev. Ezell

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THE OFFERTORY | Create In Me | *Allen Pote*

Chancel Choir

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not from thy presence, O Lord,
take not thy holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of thy salvation,
uphold me with thy loving spirit.

—Based on Psalm 51

† 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.**

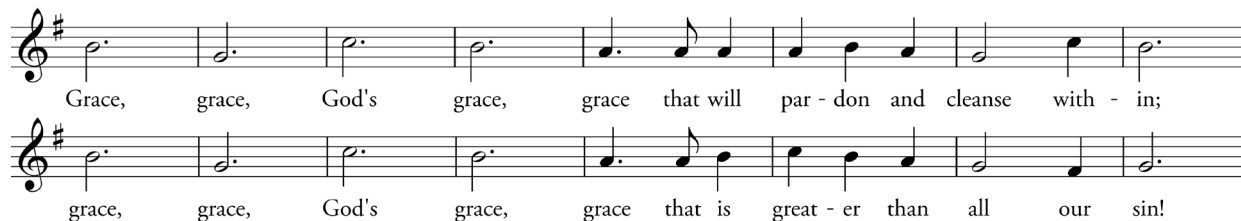
THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS | 11:15AM

Rev. Ezell

† THE BENEDICTION

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

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



THE POSTLUDE | Great Is Thy Faithfulness | *arr. Marianne Kim*

Susan Schreer Davis
& Joshua McClure

The flowers on the altar and baptismal font are given to the Glory of God

In honor of the baptism of Virginia Elaine Wells, by her grandparents, John and Wendi Wells.

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*