



NORTHSIDE CHURCH

A UNITED METHODIST CONGREGATION

Divine Math: Return on Investment

October 18, 2026



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Twenty-First 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 | Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee | *arr. David Cherwien*

Joshua McClure

THE WELCOME

Rev. Dana Ezell

THE CHORAL INTROIT | Make A Joyful Noise | *John Purifoy*

Chancel Choir

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all ye lands.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come into His presence with singing!

—Psalm 100:1–2

† THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Ezell

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: We are tempted to measure our worth by what we own.

People: **Our true worth is found in the love of the Living God.**

Pastor: We are tempted to store up treasures that will not last and invest in that which fades with time.

People: **Yet God calls us to invest in what is eternal.**

Pastor: We are tempted to love what is earthly more than what is heavenly.

People: **Come, let us worship our God in Heaven whose kingdom measures riches
in love, grace, and generosity. Praise be to God. Amen.**

† THE HYMN OF ADORATION | #89: all stanzas | Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

† 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

Harriet Sinclair

**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

Nancy Jeanne Chadwick

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

THE MINISTRY MOMENT

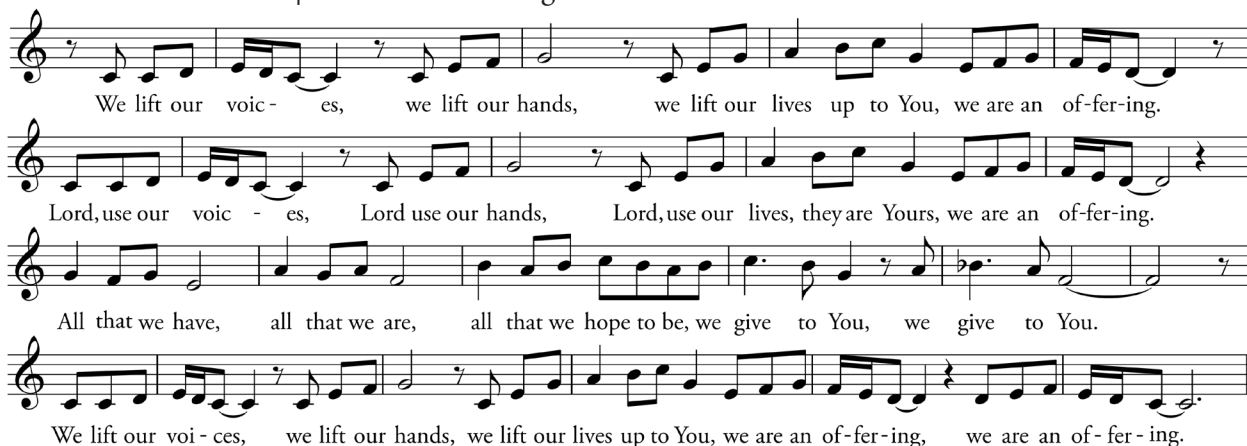
Ransom and Michele James

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 | We Are An Offering



We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an offering.

Lord, use our voices, Lord use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are Yours, we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an offering, we are an offering.

† THE SCRIPTURE | Matthew 6:19–21 | Pew Bible, pg. 1381

8:30AM | Dr. Burch

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

11:15am | Child

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON | “Divine Math: Return on Investment”

Dr. Burch

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

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Rev. Ezell

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Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside. *Refrain*

—Text by Thomas O. Chisholm; based on Lamentations 3:22–23

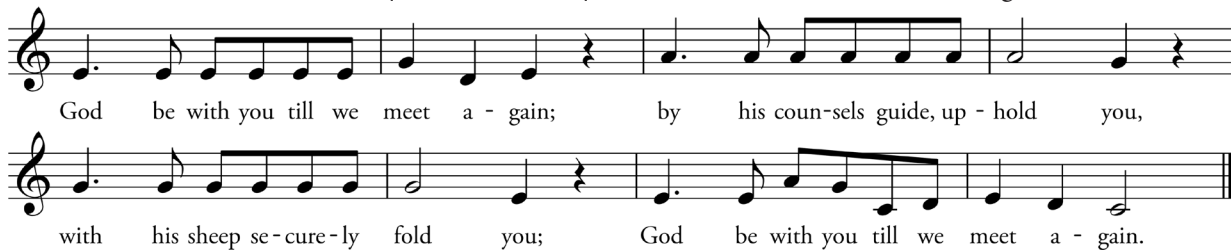
† THE DOXOLOGY | Hymn #95

**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 | #672: stanza 1 | God Be with You Till We Meet Again



THE POSTLUDE | Prelude in C, BWV 545 | *J. S. Bach*

Joshua McClure

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

By Angie Giles, in loving memory of her husband, Alan R. Giles, and her son, Alan P. Giles.

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*