



12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 16, 2026

10:00 am

*please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.

Liturgist for today's worship is Marya Katz.

Thanks to Emily Davis and Marya Katz for special music today.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

CALL TO WORSHIP*

*How good and pleasant it is
when the people of God live in unity!*

**It is like being anointed with precious oil,
running down the head.**

*It is like the morning dew,
falling upon the mountains of Zion.*

**For there the Lord ordained this blessing:
life forevermore.**

PRAYER OF PRAISE*

CONFESSION OF SIN (UNISON)

**Have mercy on us, Lord Jesus; we are tormented!
We are anguished by the awful fallout of our own
failures. We cannot take back what we have said
or undo what we have done or atone for the harm
we have caused. We are haunted by the past,
plagued by the present, and fearful of the future.
We shrink away from your gaze as strangers
outside your circle of blessing. Yet the faith you
have planted in us reaches out for your favor,
returns to your presence, and hungers for your
mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

[silence]

**Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy. Kyrie Eleison. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / PASSING OF THE PEACE*

RESPONSE TO PARDON 582

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

OLD TESTAMENT – Genesis 45:1-15

Marya Katz

OFFERING OF MUSIC

Emily Davis and Marya Katz

"Abide With Me"

GOSPEL– Matthew 15:21-28

SERMON

"Lost Sheep"

Dr. Linda Dickerson

SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE *(from "A Declaration of Faith")*

Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements in serving and helping our neighbor, to treat our neighbor's needs as our own, to care passionately for the other's good, to share what we have. We are obligated to speak the truth in love, to listen with patience and openness, to love our enemies, to accept the risk and pain which love involves.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts as we forgive our

debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

HYMN*

"We Walk By Faith"

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*

CHORAL RESPONSE*

295, v. 3

**Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
The nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN – All are welcome!

Northside Presbyterian Church, reflecting the love of God, celebrates inclusion and diversity. Whoever you are, whatever your ancestry, ability, or identity, you are made in God's image. Wherever you are in your faith journey, come as you are. We welcome you and invite you to walk with us.

*(Adopted by the Session
April 21, 2024)*