

North Presbyterian Church

2nd Sunday of Pentecost

June 7, 2026

10:15 a.m.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Greeting, Welcome, Announcements

Prelude

As the Deer

arr. Carter

Call to Worship

Creator Spirit, wellspring of our lives, as the refreshing rain falls on the just and unjust alike,

Refresh us with your mercy, you who knows our own injustice.

As the stream flows steadily on, defying all the odds of stone and water,

Flow over every boundary and border that separates us from each other.

As the waters of our baptism washed us and welcomed us,

Renew us now in newness of life and unity of love.

As we were once held in the waters of our mother's womb,

Hold us in the power and peace of your abiding presence.

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Song for Preparation

In God Alone

Hymn 814

In God alone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace and joy.

Only in God my soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.

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Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn 657

Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness

(Please pass "Joys and Concerns" to center aisle to be collected during the singing of the hymn.)

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, your word and your promises come to us when our hearts are full with rejoicing and when our hearts fall with sorrow for our failings. The gifts you have given us we have not shared with our neighbors. By what we have done and by what we have failed to do, we diminish your creation. We have forgotten our true nature as beings made in your image, and so do not honor your desire for Earth and all her creatures. We long for your mercy. Forgive us. Show us the pathway toward healing and give us peace, in the name of Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*Silent Confession *(A time for personal confession of sin)*

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

People of God, hear and believe the good news!

God loves us! God forgives us!

***Response**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Hymn 591

***Passing of the Peace**

Having received Christ's peace, let us share it by turning to our neighbors and greeting them, saying "May the peace of Christ be with you!"

Children's Time

(Children may return to their seats after Children's Time.)

Anthem

Prayer of St. Francis

Pote

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.

Where there is hatred let me sow love.

Where there is injury, thy pardon, Lord.

Where there is doubt, let there be faith.

Oh, Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.

Where there's despair let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, let there be light.

Where there is sadness, let there be joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console.

To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.

Oh, Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.

Where there is hatred let me sow love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

And it is in pardoning that we are pardoned.

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life, to eternal life.

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.

An instrument of thy peace. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

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Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Doing Faith"

WE RESPOND AND GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God: Who has created and is creating, Who has come in Jesus, the word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, Who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our Judge and our Hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God! Amen. (© The Iona Community from *The Iona Abbey Worship Book*, published by Wild Goose Publications, Iona Community, Fourth Floor, Savoy House, 140 Sauchiehall St., Glasgow G2 3DH, UK)

*Hymn 693

Though I May Speak

Prayers of the People

Call to Discipleship

Agnes Carter Center

Kasey Gustaveson

Offertory

Durrow

Trad. Irish arr. Callahan

*Doxology

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow:
Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia; Alleluia;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Creator, Savior, Holy Ghost;
Alleluia; Alleluia; Alleluia; Alleluia; Alleluia.***

*Prayers of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And we pray as Christ taught us to pray:

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 700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

WE DISPERSE TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

*Charge

*Benediction

Choral Response

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Lutkin

Postlude

Candler

arr. Carter

**Please stand as you are able*

The flower on the Chancel this morning is in memory of Cheryl Loree, Jim Loree's cousin.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS TODAY

Liturgist: Jeff Faunce

Live Stream: Randy Bigler

Ushers: Jenn Bottorff & Marilyn Link

Hymns

Hymn 657 Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness

Refrain: Sing to God, with joy and gladness, hymns and psalms of gratitude; with the voice of praise discover that to worship God is good.

God unites the scattered people, gathers those who wandered far, heals the hurt and broken spirits, tending every wound and scar. *Refrain*

Such is God's great power and wisdom, none can calculate or tell; keen is God to ground the wicked and with humble folk to dwell. *Refrain*

God with clouds the sky has curtained, thus ensuring rain shall fall; earth, responding, grows to order food for creatures great and small. *Refrain*

God's discernment never favors strength or speed to lift or move; God delights in those who worship, trusting in God's steadfast love. *Refrain*

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Hymn 693 Though I May Speak

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come our hearts control; our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

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Hymn 700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'm gonna live so (live so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna live so (live so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so (work so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so (work so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so (pray so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so (pray so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so (sing so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so (sing so) God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

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Scripture Readings

Hosea 5:15-6:6

¹⁵I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor:

¹"Come, let us return to the LORD, for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. ²After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. ³Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth."

⁴What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. ⁵Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. ⁶For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. ¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

¹⁸While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." ²²Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. ²³When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶And the report of this spread through all of that district.



CALENDAR

Sunday, June 7

- 9:00 am Adult Ed/Lib
Bible Study/S261
- 10:15 am Worship
- 11:15 am Coffee Hour/Sub Sale

Monday, June 8

- 9:00 am Circuit Class/WH
- 10:00 am Chair Yoga/WH

Tuesday, June 9

- 10:45 am Pilates/Chapel

Wednesday, June 10

Thursday, June 11

- 9:00 am Zumba/WH
- 6:30 pm Girl Scout Troop #30018/Lib

Friday, June 12

Saturday, June 13

Sunday, June 14

- 9:00 am Adult Ed/Lib
Bible Study/S261
- 10:15 am Worship/Sunday School
- 11:15 am Bingo & Potluck/WH

<p><i>CR—Choir Room</i> <i>CSS—Congregation Shir Shalom</i> <i>EGA—Embroidery Guild</i> <i>GS—Girl Scouts</i> <i>DR—Dickinson Room</i> <i>FJC—Family Justice Center</i> <i>FONP—Friends of Night People</i> <i>Kit—Kitchen</i> <i>LE3—Before and After School Program</i> <i>Lib—Library</i> <i>MG—Memorial Garden</i> <i>PL—Parking Lot</i> <i>Ofc—Church Office</i> <i>WH—Westminster Hall</i></p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm</p>

To see a complete list, go to <https://northchurchwilliamsville.org/weekly-bulletin-and-north-star/>



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT ED: 9 a.m. in the Library

Come join in the discussions at the Adult Ed group that meets every Sunday morning at 9:00 am in the library.

Plans are underway for the summer schedule. Look for updates in the weekly bulletins and *News from North* email. Please note that beginning June 21, Adult Ed will meet immediately following the Worship service at about 10:45 am.

Join us in the Adult Education class and grow your faith among friends. Everyone is welcome.

BIBLE STUDY: 9 am in Room S-261

Please join us on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. in Room S261 for Bible study.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY: 1:30 p.m. via Zoom

Bible study with Pastor Bill is held every Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom. If you are interested in joining, please call the church office or email n.church.npc@gmail.com.

VACATION

Pastor Bill will be on vacation June 8 through June 14. If you are in immediate need of pastoral care, please contact the church office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We only have one week left before we break for the summer: 6/14/26.

YOUTH GROUP SUB SALE

The annual youth group sub sale fundraiser will be held on **June 7, 2026**, to raise money for this summer's trip to Montreat. We are very proud to be sending 5 students from our congregation this year!!! Sub combos (sub, chip, cookie) are \$12 and a bottle of water can be added for \$1. You can pick up your order immediately following the morning worship. Payment is due at the time of pick up unless pre-paying online. Checks can be made payable to North Presbyterian Church.

HELP FILL THE SCHOOL BUS

Help us fill the "school bus" with **SCHOOL SUPPLIES** for the **Agnes Youth and Family Center** backpack program, which supports local students ages 3 to 14. Requested items include:

- #2 pencils, sharpeners, erasers, and pens
- Markers, crayons, highlighters, glue sticks, and sticky notes
- Loose-leaf paper, construction paper, notebooks (college-ruled and wide-ruled), folders, index cards, and children's scissors
- Paper towels, tissues, cleaning wipes, and baby wipes

The "school bus" will be parked in the Narthex throughout **JUNE**. Please place your donations in the bus.

Thank you for your support! Your generous donations will help many students and families.

BINGO & POTLUCK!

Please plan to join us immediately following the worship service on **Sunday, June 14**, for a rousing game or two (or three!) of Bingo and a Potluck lunch. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex (or contact the church office: 716-632-1330 or n.church.npc@gmail.com) to let us know how many will be attending for planning purposes. Bring your favorite dish to share and stay for some fun and fellowship!

GRADUATING SENIORS

Please let us know if you have a senior graduating from high school or college this year. Call the church office (716) 632-1330 or drop us an email n.church.npc@gmail.com. We will be honoring this year's graduates during the worship service on **June 21**, so please mark your calendars and plan on joining us to wish our graduates the very best the future holds for them!

INTERFAITH PICNIC

Plans are underway for North Church to host an interfaith picnic with our friends from the Chinmaya Mission, Congregation Shir Shalom, the Amherst Mosque on Heim Road, and Bridges from Borders. Mark your calendars and save the date of July 12, 2026, beginning at 5 pm. Watch the weekly *News from North* email for more details!

WILLIAMSVILLE EAST CHORAL EVENTS

Williamsville East Choral Concerts are the culmination of months of hard work, collaboration and organization. Here is a schedule of upcoming events. Everyone is invited to come out to see and hear Henry Hutton and his fellow choir members perform and enjoy an evening of music!

- June 9, 2026 - 7 pm - Spring Choral Concert

Williamsville East High School is located at 151 Paradise Road in East Amherst.

OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE FOR RENT

Office S258 in the South wing will be available to rent starting in June. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please contact the church office: 716-632-1330 or n.church.npc@gmail.com.

HELP FILL THE SHOPPING CART!

For the month of **JUNE**, we are collecting **personal care products**: Hair products: shampoo for Afro-textured hair; Dental care: toothpaste, toothbrushes (adult and kids), mouthwash, dental floss; body wash, deodorant for men and women, hand soap, feminine hygiene products (regular or small sizes, please).

Place your donations in the shopping cart parked in the narthex and remember that reusable bags are always appreciated. Thank you for your continued support! Many families are being helped with your generous donations!

BOOK GROUPS

Everyone is invited to participate in a book group discussion. Groups meet in the Dickinson Room on the third and fourth Wednesdays of the month. **Book groups will not meet in June, July, or August.** The books up for discussion and the meeting times/dates when they resume meeting in the fall are:

- September 16, 10:00 am - *Marley & Me: Life and Love With the World's Worst Dog* by John Grogan
- September 23, 1:00 pm - *The Lion Women of Tehran* by Marjan Kamali

KEEP IN TOUCH

If you would like to be added to our mailing list or receive our weekly email newsletter, please contact the Church Office with your name, address, phone number, and email address: n.church.npc@gmail.com or 716-632-1330.

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Worship	Olivia Ebsary, Jeff Faunce, Sue D'Angelo

MISSION STATEMENT

Brought together by our shared faith in Jesus Christ,
Called by God to live as faithful disciples,
Blessed by our diverse gifts and experiences,
We commit ourselves to:
Worship together,
Teach and learn from one another,
Nurture each other with care and love, and
Reach out in ministry and mission to the world.
(Adopted by the Session June 5, 2006)

LET'S CONNECT

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