

*1st Sunday after the Epiphany*

## Putting the "We" in Weary

Psalm 94

### WE GATHER

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PRELUDE

Scott Ayers

WELCOME

Neil Moseley

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Leader: Christ is with us;

People: Christ is in our midst.

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the midst of difficult times, we have new life from Christ.  
Many: **When we think that there is no hope, God offers us healing love.**  
One: Come, let us praise the God of new life.  
Many: **Let us sing and shout for joy.**  
One: Let us worship the One who is with us forever.  
All: **Thanks be to God for all God's blessings!**

#### \*OPENING HYMN — #16 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (vv. 1-3)

*Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.*

*Here I raise to thee an altar; hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, how I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.*



Please register your attendance here:  
Connect to NCC Guest Wi-Fi with password: **BeOurGuest!**

\* Please rise, in body or in spirit.

# WE RESPOND

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## MORNING PRAYER

Neil Moseley

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Noelle Rivera

## PASSING THE PEACE

Rev. Virzola Law-Allen

As part of our Table-centered spirituality, the “peace of Christ” is offered as a sign of our reconciliation to God and neighbor. It is a visible symbol of our being “a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world,” preparing us to “welcome all to the Lord’s Table as God has welcomed us.”

## COMMUNION HYMN — #424 *I’m Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table* (vv. 1-3)

*I’m gonna eat at the welcome table,  
I’m gonna eat at the welcome table, Allelu.  
I’m gonna eat at the welcome table,  
I’m gonna eat at the welcome table, Allelu.*

*I’m gonna eat and drink with my Jesus,  
I’m gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, Allelu.  
I’m gonna eat and drink with my Jesus,  
I’m gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, Allelu.*

*I’m gonna join with sisters, brothers,  
I’m gonna join with sisters, brothers, Allelu.  
I’m gonna join with sisters, brothers,  
I’m gonna join with sisters, brothers, Allelu.*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Rev. Virzola Law-Allen

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Katie Hussey and Ralph Morgan

## THE 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.

Leader: The Body of Christ was given for us.

**People: Amen**

Leader: The Blood of Christ was poured out for us.

**People: Amen**

## SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

We believe in “open communion” as a church, which means that we do not require you to be a member of Northway in order to participate in the service of the Lord’s Supper. Remember what God has done for you in Christ and respond by faith.

You don’t have to have it all figured out or recite a creed;  
it is not a requirement of the head, but an invitation addressed to your heart.

Committed to our value of an Open Table—inviting all to the table  
where our diversity finds unity in Christ.

OFFERTORY

**\*DOXOLOGY** — #46 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Rev. Virzola Law-Allen

Following the Prayer of Dedication, children are invited to their own kid-friendly worship experience, *Worship Rocks*.

All children Preschool—3rd Grade will be escorted to the Nursery.

Following the worship service, your children will be waiting for you in the hallway outside the Sanctuary.

## WE PROCLAIM

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**SCRIPTURE** — Psalm 94

Tim Möhle

Leader: For the Word of God in Scripture,  
for the Word of God among us,  
and for the Word of God within us:

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**WORD IN SONG** — *Hope Will Not Fail* (Mark Miller)

Chancel Choir

**THE MORNING MESSAGE** — Putting the “We” in Weary

Rev. Chesna Barcroft

## WE GO FORTH

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INVITATION

**\*INVITATION HYMN** — *Hope Will Not Fail* (Mark Miller; vv. 1, 4)

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*Hope will not fail, no, hope will not fail.  
Though anguish and apathy seem to prevail,  
no, hope will not fail; hope, hope will prevail.*

*Love will not fail, no, love will not fail.  
Though hatred and hopelessness seem to prevail,  
no, love will not fail; love, love will prevail.*

*Believe in the power, the power of love!  
Though hatred and hopelessness seem to prevail,  
no, love will not fail; love, love will prevail.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Chesna Barcroft


**MUSICAL REFLECTION**

Scott Ayers

Following the worship service, an Elder will remain at the front of the sanctuary to speak or pray with congregants.

The church office will be closed on Mon, Jan 19th in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr holiday.

*Honoring the legacy, honoring the dream.*



**FINAL COUNT**  
for 2025  
Blessing & Service Hours...

**16,218.58**



**Leader Learner Event 2026**  
*Back to Basics: One Body; Many Members*

**Saturday, January 24**  
**9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**  
First Christian Church, Plano, Texas  
813 E 15th St, Plano, TX 75074

**Board Meeting**

Monday, January 26  
6:30 pm in F-102 & on Zoom

*Learn more at [northwaychristian.org](http://northwaychristian.org)*

A LOOK AHEAD...		
01/11 NCC Ministry Leaders Planning	12:00 pm	F-102
01/12 Tai Chi	10:30 am	F-101
01/12 Senior Adult Ministry Luncheon	11:30 am	F-101
01/13 Mobile Food Pantry	11:30 am	Front Lot
01/13 Prayer Shawl Ministry	1:00 pm	F-104
01/14 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm	Music Suite
01/17 Seeds of Faith Garden Workday	9:00 am	Greater Garth Chapel
01/18 Children's Music	9:00 am	F-202
01/18 Sunday School Classes	9:00 am	(various locations)
01/18 Diaconate Training Meeting	9:30 am	Communion Prep Rm
01/18 After Church Youth Group	11:45 am	Youth Hall
01/19 MLK Jr Holiday—Office Closed		
01/20 Mobile Food Pantry	11:30 am	North Parking Lot
01/24 NTA Leader Learner Event	9 am—1 pm	FCC Plano
01/24 Diaper Distribution	10:00 am	Circle Drive
01/25 Diaconate Training Meeting	11:45 am	Communion Prep Rm
01/26 NCC Board Meeting	6:30 pm	F-102 & Zoom
01/30 JYF Midwinter Retreat Begins		Disciples Crossing
02/15 Sunday School Teacher Training	11:45 am	F-101, F-102, E-116
02/20 Chi Rho/CYF Midwinter Retreat Begins		Disciples Crossing

**NORTHWAY WORSHIP LEADERS:**

Rev. Virzola Law-Allen—Senior Minister  
Rev. Chesna Barcroft—Minister to Children, Youth, and Families  
Leanne Seabright—Director of Music and Worship  
Scott Ayers—Organist and Collaborative Pianist  
Dawn Ziesmer—Children's Ministry Coordinator  
Noelle Rivera—Youth Ministry Coordinator  
Neil Moseley—Director of Community Engagement  
Donna Schmidt—Children's Music Director

**GIVING OPTIONS:**

Online giving is available at [northwaychristian.org](http://northwaychristian.org) or by texting NORTHWAY to 73256.

Gifts may also be mailed to the church office at 7202 W. Northwest Hwy., Dallas, TX 75225

## WELCOME!

We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today. Northway's mission is to share Christ with those seeking meaning and purpose. That's why, in addition to worship, we also provide ways for you to discover the God we know in Jesus Christ, to connect with one another, and serve others from our front doorsteps to the ends of the earth.

We want to help you take the next step in your own search for: a church home...deeper engagement with scripture... meaningful relationships...purpose in your life. To learn more about our beliefs, history, staff, and opportunities, please visit the Welcome Center, located at the main entrance.



Learn more about Northway at [www.northwaychristian.org](http://www.northwaychristian.org)  
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