

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost



Ezekiel 37:1-14 and Psalm 33:6

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

Scott Ayers

WELCOME

Neil Moseley

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: Christ is with us;

Many: Christ is in our midst.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Can these bones live?

Many: **By the breath of God!**

#254 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* (vv. 1, 2)

TRENTHAM

One: *Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.*

Many: *Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, until with thee I will one will to do and to endure.*

One: Do the saints who have gone before us still guide our way?

Many: **Their witness still points us toward the faithfulness of God!**

One: Is the Spirit still moving among us today?

Many: **The Breath of God is still giving life!**

All: **Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!**

***OPENING HYMN – #637 *For All the Saints* (vv. 1-3, 5)**

SINE NOMINE

*For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might: their strength and solace in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, the one true light. Alleluia, alleluia!*

*O blest communion, company divine! We live and struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia, alleluia!*

*From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Please rise, in body or in spirit.

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



November 1, 2026 • 10:30 am

WE RESPOND

MORNING PRAYER

Neil Moseley

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Adelaide Gilger

MOMENT FOR REMEMBRANCE – *Find Us Faithful* (John Mohr)

Johnny Brown, soloist

PASSING THE PEACE

Rev. Chesna Barcroft

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 – #250 *O Breath of Life* (vv. 1-3)

ST. CLEMENT

O Breath of Life, come sweeping through us, revive your church with life and power.

O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, renew us, and fit your church to meet this hour.

O Wind of God, come, bend us, break us, till humbly we confess our need.

Then in your tenderness remake us; revive, restore, for this we plead.

O Breath of Love, come, breathe within us, renewing thought and will and heart.

Come, love of Christ, afresh to win us; revive your church in every part.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Rev. Chesna Barcroft

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Chrissy Lasater and Lisa Gholston

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.

One: The Body of Christ was given for us.

Many: Amen

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

Many: Amen

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP - INTINCTION

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.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** – #46 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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. Linda Sanchez

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE – Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 33:6

Adelaide Gilger

One For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, and for the Word of God within us.

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

WORD IN SONG – *Shall We Gather at the River* (Robert Lowry, arr. by David Lantz III)

Chancel Choir

Nina Guerrero, soloist

THE MORNING MESSAGE – The River Still Flows | Legacy: Inherited Seeds

Rev. Virzola Law-Allen

WE GO FORTH

INVITATION

***INVITATION HYMN** – *There's a Sweet, Sweet, Spirit*

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

*There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.*

Refrain: *Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.*

*There are blessings you cannot receive till you know him in his fullness and believe;
you're the one to profit when you say, "I am going to walk with Jesus all the way." (Refrain)*

BENEDICTION

Rev. Virzola Law-Allen

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 flowers on the chancel are given in celebration of All Saints' Day, and in memory of those saints gone before us,
whose light continues to guide this community.*

The white carnation on the baptistry is in memory of Wanda Hickman, by her husband, Jerry.

POP-UP Fall Festival

Sunday, November 1 @ 11:45 am

FOOD ▶ GAMES ▶ FELLOWSHIP

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and meet us on the south lawn!

Save the date!

Rise

AGAINST HUNGER

Sunday Nov 8 12:30 pm in F-101



Lunch available before event.
Sign up required to participate.

VISION BOARD

Breath of God

Stop by the Vision Board in the Narthex and show us how you want to breathe vision into the world through your time, talent, resources, and witness.

SPREAD KINDNESS

There is power within me!

GOALS

focus ON THE good

Spread Love

RISE ABOVE!

EVERY BREATH IS A GIFT

Every act of ministry is a gift.
Every life touched through Northway is a gift.
Each is unearned, a gift freely given in God's perfect love.

11/15 COMMITMENT SUNDAY
11/22 CELEBRATION SUNDAY & FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

STEWARDSHIP 2027

SPIRITUAL GIFTS ASSESSMENT



A spiritual gift is a special ability God gives each person to serve others and build up the church. Take a few minutes to see where these gifts may align in you. Printed copies are available at the Welcome Desk.

A LOOK AHEAD...

11/01 Pop-Up Fall Festival	11:45 am	South/Back Lot
11/02 Tai Chi	10:30 am	F-103
11/03 Election Day	7am-7pm	F-101
11/03 Mobile Food Pantry	11:30 am	South/Back Lot
11/04 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm	Music Suite
11/07 Seeds of Faith Garden Workday	9 am - 12 pm	Greater Garth AMEC
11/08 Children's Music	9:00 am	Music Library
11/08 Transformations Class	9:00 am	Conference Room
11/08 Fidelis & Friends Class	9:00 am	Parlor
11/08 The Village Class	9:00 am	F-101 (corner area)
11/08 Sunday Worship Service	10:30 am	Sanctuary & Online
11/08 Rise Against Hunger	12:30 pm	F-101
11/09 Senior Adult Ministry Lunch	11:30 am	F-101
11/22 Sabbath - no Sunday School		
11/22 Celebration Sunday Service	10:30 am	Sanctuary & Online
11/22 Celebration Fellowship Lunch	11:45 am	F-101
11/23 NCC Virtual Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Zoom
11/26 Thanksgiving Holiday		campus closed

NORTHWAY WORSHIP LEADERS:

Rev. Virzola Allen-Law – Senior Minister
 Rev. Chesna Barcroft – Minister to Children, Youth, and Families
 Rev. Linda Sanchez – Student Minister
 Donna Schmidt – Co-Interim Music Ministry Coordinator and Children's Music Director
 Scott Ayers – Co-Interim Music Ministry Coordinator, Organist, and Collaborative Pianist
 Dawn Ziesmer – Children's Ministry Coordinator
 Noelle Perry – Youth Ministry Coordinator
 Neil Moseley – Director of Community Engagement

GIVING OPTIONS:

Online giving is available at 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.