

# Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church  
Organized February 19, 1978*

## February 26, 2023



**Ministers: All Members of the Church**  
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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**Presbyterian Women**, led by Patty Martin and Sue Miskiewicz  
Our monthly meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting will be **March 14th** at 10:00am in rooms 4,6 & 8 of the Christian education building. We are using a 9 month study titled "Celebrating Sabbath". If you need a book, they are available for purchase in the church office.

**Fresh Brewed**,  
Fresh Brewed meets the first Friday of the month at 10:30am in rooms 5&7 of the Christian Education building. Our next meeting will be a tea party on **March 3rd**. Please bring your favorite tea cup and a covered dish to share. The book we are studying is *The Relationship Principles of Jesus* by Tom Holladay and will be going over lessons 17-20. If you have any questions, please contact Louise Mylin at [LVNM1@hotmail.com](mailto:LVNM1@hotmail.com) or 727-787-9868. For help getting a book, contact Marti Huff at [marti.huff.np@gmail.com](mailto:marti.huff.np@gmail.com).

**Biblical TakeAways**, led by Claudia Alwood  
The adult Sunday School/Bible Study class meets every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in Rooms 5 & 7. We are studying the two letters of Peter. Please bring Bible and Wright commentary book. New members are welcome!

## Citylight Schedule 2/26 - 3/5

**Sunday 2/26**  
9:00 am - Contemporary Service  
10:05 am - 10:45 am - Sunday School  
11:00 am - Traditional Service

**Wednesday 3/1**  
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Citynight

**Friday 3/3**  
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Game Night

**Sunday 3/5**  
9:00 am - Contemporary Service  
10:05 am - 10:45 am - Sunday School  
11:00 am - Traditional Service

Follow the link to view our weekly email:  
<https://mailchi.mp/547bdf296c3/citylightupdate322022-13518800>

## BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

**Sunday, February 26:** Beth Brinkman, Brianna Mattheus

**Monday, February 27:** Cookie Roffey, Jeremy Stephen,  
Eric Johansen

**Tuesday, February 28:** Marie Elliot, Carol Justice, David Robicheau,  
Kay Rath

**Wednesday, March 1:** Carol Zieres, Marcy Seckman, Charlie Larson

**Thursday, March 2:** Geogianna Winder, Sonya Weidner

**Friday, March 3:** Steve Winder, Emily Fisher

**Saturday, March 4:** Roger Winder, Drew Hatch



*If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven't seen them in church recently, give them a call!*

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by*



## Friends of Northwood In Loving Memory of Cora Sue GaVette

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2023 Flower Reservation Chart" on the bulletin board across from the kitchen, or you may send your information directly to  
[communications@northwoodpc.org](mailto:communications@northwoodpc.org)

Please remember to mark "flowers" and the date on your \$30 donation.  
Thank you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

## FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

### GREETERS:

(9:00) Cindy Gamble & Elaine Cornillaud  
(11:00) Conrad & Carol Trunzo



### USHERS:

(9:00) Cynthia & David Lawrence  
(11:00) Nancy & Wayne Rodewald

*Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan!"*

*For it is written,*

*'Worship the Lord your God and serve only him.'*

*Matthew 4:10*

Order for the Public Worship of God  
February 26, 2023  
1st Sunday in Lent  
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY      “Grazioso”      Arnold B. Sherman  
Westminster Youth Ringers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS      Chris Curvin, Pastor

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 46, responsive)*  
Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a present help in trouble.  
**People: Therefore, we will not fear though the earth should change.**  
Leader: Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea. though the waters roar and foam,  
**People: Though the mountains tremble with tumult, God’s love endures forever.**  
Leader: Let us worship God!

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST  
*(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle.)*

\*HYMN      “Precious Name”      PRECIOUS NAME  
**Take the name of Jesus with you, child of sorrow and of woe;  
It will joy and comfort give you; take it then, wher-e’er you go.**

*Refrain:* Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.  
Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.

**Take the name of Jesus ever, as a shield from every snare;  
If temptations round you gather, breathe that holy name in prayer.**  
*Refrain*

**O the precious name of Jesus! How it thrills our souls with joy,  
When his loving arms receive us, and his songs our tongues employ!**  
*Refrain*

CALL TO CONFESSION      Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*  
**God of Grace, we confess our sins before you. Sometimes our lives are a mess, because of choices we have made or because of choices others have made. Sometimes our lives are great, and we’re kind and generous but sometimes our lives are so good and we forget to be grateful and humble. We trust that in the jumble of all of this, you are present. We trust in faith that you walk beside us, nudging us back to the right path, and waiting for us when we lag behind. So we thank you, and ask for your forgiveness in Jesus' name, Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581      GLORIA PATRI  
**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**

ANTHEM      “In Love, Christ Came Among Us”      by Joseph M. Martin  
*In love, Christ came among us, coming not as king,  
but as a tiny baby born in Bethlehem; and we knew Him not.*

*With grace, He walked among us, showed us how to love:  
Giving, teaching healing, calling us to God; and we followed not.*

*Ah, holy Jesus, who brought this upon Thee?  
Alas, my treason, Jesus hath undone Thee!*

*‘Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied Thee. I crucified Thee.  
In love, Christ came among us and went to Calvary. The perfect Lamb of God  
Died to set us free, and still we loved Him not, and we followed not,  
and we knew Him not. Kyrie eleison.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORDS 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.**

CALL TO OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY—#606      OLD HUNDREDTH  
**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.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN      “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”      SPIRITUAL  
**Jesus walked this lonesome valley, He had to walk it by Himself;  
O nobody else could walk it for Him; He had to walk it by Himself.**

**Jesus went to stand His trial, He had to stand it by Himself;  
O nobody else could stand it for Him; He had to stand it by himself.**

**Now in every lonesome valley, the trials and sorrows we must face,  
O Jesus Himself will be there with us, to fill the shadows with His grace.**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING      Matthew 4:1-11 (NRSV)

SERMON      “The Testing of Jesus”  
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN #165      “The Glory of These Forty Days”      O WALY WALY  
**The glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise;  
For Christ, by whom all things were made,  
himself has fasted and has prayed.**

**Alone and fasting Moses saw the loving God who gave the law;  
And to Elijah, fasting, came the steeds and chariots of flame.**

**So Daniel trained his mystic sight, delivered from the lions’ might;  
and John, the Bridegroom’s friend, became  
the herald of Messiah’s name.**

**Then grant that we like them be true,  
consumed in fast and prayer with you;  
our spirits strengthen with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.**

\*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY      “Rondeau” *from Abdelazer Suite*      Henry Purcell

*\*Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.*

Stephanie Carson, Music Director; David Furr, Organist

IGNITE

*ignite is a contemporary worship service at 9:00 that delivers the  
message of Jesus Christ through Powerful Music, Media  
& Scripture Based*

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME

HANDBELLS

“Grazioso”  
by Arnold B. Sherman  
Westminster Youth Ringers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEET & GREET

PRAISE SONG

“Child of Love”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy king-  
dom 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.*

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Savior’s Shadow”

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4:1-11 (NRSV)

SERMON

“The Testing of Jesus”  
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SONG OF DEDICATION

“Build My Life”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!