

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...**

**Sunday, July 23:** Heather Villafranca, Mike O’Leary  
Jill Manning

**Monday, July 24:** Ginny Johnson

**Tuesday, July 25:** Pat Rabenstine, Don Propst, Lauren Boyd


**Wednesday, July 26:** Eric Gajentan, Lauren Mackie, Eli Scales,  
Ethan Scales

**Thursday, July 27:** Darrough Diamond, Missy Turner

**Friday, July 28:** Nancy Zareczny

**Saturday, July 29:** Elsie Proctor, Richard Cargill

*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*



**Beth & Raymond Linville**

**In Honor of our**

**35th Wedding Anniversary**



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) Cynthia & David Lawrence

(11:00) Mickey Stewart & Patty Adams

**USHERS:**

(9:00) Louise Mylin & Elaine Cornillaud

(11:00) Mary McCauley & Jill Loomis



Ushers & Greeters

*“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart.”*

*Matthew 11:28-29*

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**Presbyterian Women**, led by Patty Martin and Sue Miskiewicz  
PW is taking a break for the summer.  
We will resume on **August 8th** for our annual planning meeting and will begin a new 9 month study in September.

**Fresh Brewed**,  
Fresh Brewed will be off for the month of July. We will resume in August with a planning lunch to decide our next book. If you have any questions, please contact Louise Mylin at [LVNM1@hotmail.com](mailto:LVNM1@hotmail.com) or 727-787-9868.

**Biblical TakeAways**, led by Claudia Alwood  
The adult Sunday School/Bible Study class will begin meeting Sunday, August 20th at 10:00am in room 5. We will be comparing the Gospel accounts of Jesus’ life, the Synoptic Gospels and John. All are welcome! Bring your Bible.

Our Mission Statement: **“Come! Grow! Go!”**

- ♦ We are to COME to Christ and be active in worship and fellowship together.
- ♦ We are to GROW spiritually as we commit our time, talents and finances to Him.
- ♦ We are to GO out in mission and service in the name of Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

**Citylight Schedule**

**Sunday 7/23**  
**9:00 am - Contemporary Service**  
**11:00 am - Traditional Service**

**Sunday 7/30**  
**9:00 am - Contemporary Service**  
**10:05 am - Sunday School**  
**11:00 am - Traditional Service**

**Follow the link to view our weekly email:**  
<https://mailchi.mp/771a29f6a7a1/citylightupdate322022-13527368>

Welcome To

**Northwood Presbyterian Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church*  
*Organized February 19, 1978*

**July 23, 2023**



**Come, Grow, Go!**

**Ministers: All Members of the Church**  
E. Chris Curvin, Pastor  
Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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Order for the Public Worship of God  
July 23, 2023  
8th Sunday after Pentecost  
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY      “Air on the G String”      Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS      Chris Curvin, Pastor

MINUTE FOR MISSION  
—Christmas in July      Sue Miskiewicz  
—VBS Report      Karlee Wright

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)*  
*(from Ephesians 4:15, 1 Corinthians 13:11, 2 Peter 3:18)*  
Leader: Friends, we are to grow up in all ways into Him who is the head, even Christ.  
People: **When I was a child, I spoke like a child, thought like a child, reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put away childish things.**  
Leader: Our Lord is the Sower of the seeds of love, wisdom and hope.  
People: **Help us to be good soil, O God, always growing in you.**  
All: **Let us worship God as we seek to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever!**

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

\*HYMN #620      “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”      LAUDA ANIMA  
*(stanzas 1,2,4)*

CALL TO CONFESSION      Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*  
**O God, Master Gardener, we confess that weeds and good plants fill the fields of our lives, yet they grow entangled, and are difficult to distinguish. We have not spent the time we should in prayer and study of your Word to help us discern what is against your will. We excuse our complacency and justify our passive faith. Yet we need your truth. We hunger for your harvest. Deliver us from evil. Help us to grow in faith and the knowledge of your great love. In Jesus’ name we pray. 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      “The Commission”      Cain  
Stephanie Carson, Jeanne & Larry Stephen  
*See my hands and look at my feet. It’s okay if it’s hard to believe. I have faith that you will do greater things. It’s my time to go, but before I leave.*

*Go tell the world about me; I was dead, but now I live.  
I’ve gotta go now for a little while, but goodbye is not the end.*

*Don’t forget the things that I taught you.  
I’ve conquered death, and I hold the keys.  
Where I go you will go too, someday,  
but there’s much to do here before you leave.*

*So, go tell the world about me; I was dead, but now I live.  
I’ve gotta go now for a little while, but goodbye is not the end of the journey, the end of the road.  
My Spirit is with you wherever you go.  
You have a purpose and I have a plan.  
I’ll make you this promise I’ll come back again, but until then,*

*Go tell the world about me; for I was dead, but now I live.  
Oh, I’ve gotta go now for a little while, hey, but goodbye is not the end.*

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, for ever. 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 #707      “Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord”      HALL  
*(stanzas 1,2,4)*

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS      Ephesians 4:11-16 (NRSV)  
Matthew 11:28-30 (NRSV)

MISSION STATEMENT SERIES  
The Invitation of Christ  
Sermon: “Grow, Christians, Grow!”  
*(second in the series: “Come, Grow, Go”)*  
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN #738      “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”      MARYTON  
*(stanzas 1,3,4)*

\*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY      “Festive Postlude”      Paul Fey

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

Stephanie Carson, Music Director; Linda Pointer, Guest Organist

IGNITE

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

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME

PRAISE SONG

“Child of Love”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Christmas in July—Keith Nadig  
VBS Report—Karlee Wright

MEET & GREET

PRAISE SONG

“Believer”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

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.*

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“The Commission”

SCRIPTURES

Ephesians 4:11–16 (NRSV)  
Matthew 11:28–30 (NRSV)

SERMON SERIES

Mission Statement: The Invitation of Christ  
Sermon #2 “Grow, Christians, Grow!”  
Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Goodness of God”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU