

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

September 29, 2024



Ministers: All Members of the Church
E. Chris Curvin, Pastor
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Presbyterian Women, led by Patty Martin and Sue Miskiewicz

The Presbyterian Women's Sisters in Christ Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 8th at 10:00am in room 5 of the Education Building. Our new 9 month study books, "*Let Justice Roll Down*" are available for purchase for \$5.00. For more information about how you can be involved, contact Patty Martin or Sue Miskiewicz.

Fresh Brewed,

Fresh Brewed meets on the first Friday of the month at 10:30am in rooms 5&7. Our next meeting will take place October 4th. If you need a book or have any questions, please contact Louise Mylin at LVNM1@hotmail.com or 727-787-9868.

Biblical TakeAways, led by Claudia Alwood

The adult Sunday School/Bible Study meets every Sunday morning at 10:00am in room 5. All are welcome! Bring your Bible. We will have a brief study of Revelation, then move into Corinthians in mid October. Please join us!

Youth Sunday School, led by Dylan Cantin

The youth Sunday School meets every Sunday morning at 10:00am in the youth room. During this time, we will discuss the scripture and message and incorporate worship elements like music into our hour.

Our Mission Statement: "Come! Grow! Go!"

We COME to Christ in worship and fellowship together.

We GROW spiritually as we commit our time,
talents and finances to Him.

We GO out in mission and service in the name of Christ,
empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Church Staff Contact Information

*Staff members are available to answer any questions you might have regarding church related programs through our office phone system. Provided below are the phone extension numbers for most of our staff who are full-time. If you don't see a phone extension we provide an email contact for you. If you call the church office when the lines are busy or the office is closed, you will be prompted to use the Dial By Name Directory **OR** the staff member's extension number to leave a message. The church number is still 796-8090.*

Chris Curvin, Pastor/Head of Staff x2007
Paul Means, Associate Pastor x2006
Stephanie Carson, Director of Traditional Music x2009
Taryn Lumia, Director of Contemporary Music, taryn@northwoodpc.org
David Furr, Organist, dmfurr35679@gmail.com
Emily Cantin, Director of Communications x2001
Mark Fettke, Bookkeeper x2005
Roxane Fineo, Director of Schools x2010
Dylan Cantin, Assistant Youth Director x2008

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Monday, September 30: Bill Oxenford
Tuesday, October 1: Diane Musto, Ethan Winder
Wednesday, October 2: Missy Wolf
Thursday, October 3: Brian Mackie, Leslie Henley
Saturday, October 5: Beverly Hyden, Joey Weidner



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



Presbyterian Women In Honor of NPC Women



Betsy Balmer & Bonnie Gorman In Loving Memory of Loisanne Bilka

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2024 Flower Reservation Chart" on the bulletin board across from the kitchen, or you may send your information directly to 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) Jenny Carlstedt & Georgia Rounding
(11:00) Wilai McNay & Lois Harber

USHERS:

(9:00) Vicki Krueger & Roxie Swartz
(11:00) Patty Adams & Carol Rathmell

COFFEE SERVERS:

(9:00) Gloria Whitfield & Margie Gott
(11:00) Carol Robertson, Patty Martin & Ellen Stoup



"Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith."

Galatians 3:23-26

Order for the Public Worship of God
September 29, 2024
19th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”
Jubilation Ringers; Piano, David Furr
arr. Joel Raney

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)* Sally Keith
Leader: O, give thanks to the Lord. Our God is good.
People: The steadfast love of the Lord endures forever!
Leader: The Holy One is my strength and my might;
People: and has become my salvation.
Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
All: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

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

*HYMN #761 “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” BEECHER
(stanzas 1,2,3)
**Called as partners in Christ’s service, called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God’s chosen end.**

**Christ’s example, Christ’s inspiring, Christ’s clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering , reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God’s people, young and old,
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.**

**Thus new patterns for Christ’s mission, in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other’s burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
bring new power and strength for action , make us colleagues, free and fair.**

CALL TO CONFESSION Jackie Koski

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*
**Loving God, we ask you to lift us from all that weighs us down and
spoils our relationship with others or separates us from You. Give us
rest from all that worries us, provokes our fears, raises our anxiety, or
stirs our anger. Forgive us! Give us rest that restores our faith and
trust in You. Grant us a keen sense of your presence and Your priori-
ties for our lives that we may know and live in your peace. 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 “I Am His Child” Moses Hogan
Chancel Choir Women
*I may not be all that you are; I may not be a shining star,
But what I am, I thank the Lord for making me His child.*

*Thank you Lord for hearing every prayer.
Thank you Lord for just being there.
Thank you Lord, thank you Lord, for I am not worthy of your love.*

*So don’t use me, or abuse me, for I am His child.
Don’t tease me, or mistreat me, for I’m still His child.
You can even talk about me, but I’m still His child.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORDS PRAYER Sue Miskiewicz
**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 Jill Loomis

*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 #724 “O Jesus, I have Promised” ANGEL’S STORY
(stanzas 1,2,4)
*O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from thy pathway if thou wilt be my guide.*

*O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near:
I see the sights that dazzle; the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer and shield my soul from sin.*

*O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.*

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Galatians 3:23-28

SERMON “Building an Inclusive Community”
Rev. Holly Dillon, Guest Preacher

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #69 “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky” HERE I AM
**I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

Refrain: **Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain***

**I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain***

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “In Christ There Is No East or West”
arr. Dale Wood

**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

PRAISE SONG
“Amadeo *(Still My God)*”

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Chris Curvin

MEET & GREET

PRAISE SONG
“Beautiful Things”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER
Chris Curvin & Nancy Turner

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
Gloria Whitfield

OFFERTORY
“Here I Am, Lord”

SCRIPTURES
Galatians 3:23–28

SERMON
“Building an Inclusive Community”
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SONG OF DEDICATION
“My Feet Are On the Rock”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU