

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, May 25: Betty Spoerl, Hallie Pelham
Kylie Winder

Monday, May 26: Mary Wilson

Wednesday, May 28: Brandon Strelcheck

Thursday, May 29: Matthew Nigels, Delaney Pope

Friday, May 30: Jody Beattie, Garland Pelham

Friday, May 31: Van George, Anne Lanning

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

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2025 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) Marti Raiche & Kim Blackmore

(11:00) Hazel Vernon & Patty Adams

USHERS:

(9:00) Louise Mylin & Roxie Swartz

(11:00) Carol & Conrad Trunzo

COFFEE SERVERS:

(9:00) Georgia Rounding & Marie Ziegler

(11:00) Carol Robertson & Anne Preston



By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going.

By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.

For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised.

Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

Hebrews 11:8-12

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Presbyterian Women, led by Patty Martin and Sue Miskiewicz
The Presbyterian Women's Sisters in Christ Circle is taking a break over the summer and will resume their meetings on Tuesday, August 12th at 10:00 am. They will begin a new 9 month study, "*Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*" by Rhashell D. Hunter in September. Study books will be available in early August and can be purchased for \$5.00. For more information about how you can be involved, contact Patty Martin at bill.martin2@verizon.net or Sue Miskiewicz at susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com.

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 June 6th. The book we are reading is *Seamless*, by Angie Smith. 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 Emily Sutphin & Earle Lusk
The adult Sunday School/Bible Study meets every Sunday morning at 10:00am in room 5. All are welcome! Bring your Bible. The class is studying 2 Corinthians. 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 our staff. If you don't see a phone extension, other information is listed. 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
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Welcome To

Northwood Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978

May 25, 2025



Graduation SUNDAY

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
May 25, 2025
6th Sunday of Easter
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “My Country Tis of Thee” arr. Joel Raney
Revelation Youth Ringers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Paul Means, Associate Pastor

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS
Marilyn Mandakis—Re-Affirmation of Faith (11:00)
Judy Rodriguez—Re-Affirmation of Faith (11:00)
Samantha Wilson—Re-Affirmation of Faith (11:00, *introduced on June 1st*)
Maggie Hall—Re-Affirmation of Faith (9:00)
Daniel Rounding—Re-Affirmation of Faith (9:00)

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES Dylan Cantin, Youth & Families
(*Names are listed on the contemporary worship bulletin*)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*)
Leader: For I have plans for you” declares the Lord!
People: Plans for a future with hope.
Leader: We put our trust in the Lord,
People: for he who promised is faithful.
All: Let us rejoice and worship God!

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

*HYMN #338 “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies” MATERNA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*together*)
Holy and patient God, we confess that we are slow to remember and quick to forget. You have been faithful through every season, but we doubt you in the next one. You have carried us, but we act as though we walk alone. We hold tightly to control, even when you’ve asked us to trust. We silence the parts of our story that still hurt, even though healing requires remembering. We rush past grief, dress it up, or bury it, afraid that if we speak it out loud, it will undo us. But you are not undone by our sorrow. You do not flinch at our questions. We confess that we often ignore your voice when it comes softly, and resent your hand when it redirects us. We compare, we compete, we hide—when all you’ve asked is that we come close. And still, you call us beloved. So, Lord, have mercy on us. Redeem what we have buried. Uncover what needs healing. Remind us that you are the God who brings light out of darkness, life out of death, and hope out of every ending. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the one who remembers us even when we forget ourselves. 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 “God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand” arr. Hal Hopson
(*Congregation sing vs. 1, 2, 4*)

*God of our fathers, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band.
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.*

*Thy love divine hath lead us in the past; in this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay:
thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.*

*Choir only: From war’s alarms, from deadly pestilence.
Be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase.
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.*

*Refresh thy people on their toilsome way. Lead us from night to never-ending day.
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.*

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 #340 “This Is My Song” FINLANDIA
(*stanzas 1,3*)

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Hebrews 11:8-16 (NRSVUE)
Psalm 77:7-15 (NRSVUE)

SERMON “What’s Next?”
Eli Jeffre, Summer Ministry Intern

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN “Onward Christian Soldiers” ST. GERTRUDE
**Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
with the cross of Jesus going on before.
Christ the royal master, leads against the foe;
forward into battle see his banners go!**

*Refrain: Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
with the cross of Jesus going on before.*

**Like a mighty army moves the church of God;
brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod.
We are not divided, all one body we,
one in hope and doctrine, one in charity. *Refrain***

**Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane,
but the church of Jesus constant will remain.
Gates of hell can never ‘gainst that church prevail;
we have Christ’s own promise, and that cannot fail. *Refrain***

**Onward then, ye people, join our happy throng,
blend with ours your voices in the triumph song.
Glory, laud, and honor unto Christ the King,
this through countless ages men and ages sing. *Refrain***

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Postlude in C” Paul Fey

(*You are invited to reflect on the worship service during the closing voluntary. If you must leave before the end of the service, please respect those who remain and leave quietly.*)

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

Stephanie Carson, Director of Traditional Music; 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 Sermons.

HANDBELLS

“My Country Tis of Thee”
Revelation Youth Ringers

MEET & GREET

PRAISE SONG

“God So Loved”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Brianna Adkisson, Claire Cantin, Ava Catlin, Hannah Gipson,
Aidan McDermott, Garland Pelham, Delaney Pope, Adyson Ulrich

PRAISE SONG

“I Speak Jesus”

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

“Worthy of It All”

SCRIPTURES

Hebrews 11:8-16 (NRSVUE)
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SERMON

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SONG OF DEDICATION

“Lord, I Need You”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Dylan Cantin, Assistant Director of Youth & Family Ministry