

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, July 6: Jerry Goodman, Peri Decker

Tuesday, July 8: Linda Andreassen, Olivia Catlin


Wednesday, July 9: Betsy Wisler, Carol Bushnell, Sandy Fahy, Ally Wolf

Thursday, July 10: Bridgette Ulrich, Samantha Wilson, Amy Schultz, James Towell

Friday, July 11: Ward Johansen, Dawn Winder

Saturday, July 12: Debbie Lang


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



Carol Rathmell



In Loving Memory of My Parents

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) Jill Manning & Louise Mylin

(11:00) Lois Harber & Gretchen Worth

USHERS:

(9:00) Carol Zieres & Cindy Gamble

(11:00) Patty Martin & Tim Beaver

COFFEE SERVERS:

(9:00) Linda Granata & Marti Raiche

(11:00) Dee Rivers & Joan Ross

Ushers & Greeters




*For freedom Christ has set us free.
Stand firm, therefore,
and do not submit again to
a yoke of slavery.*

Galatians 5:1

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 Chris*" 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 August 1st. If you 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 will be taking a break during the summer. We will resume after Labor Day, September 7th.

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*

July 6, 2025




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 6, 2025
4th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP
OPENING VOLUNTARY “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” arr. Jan Mulder
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Paul Means, Associate Pastor
MINUTE FOR MISSION Babs Bailey, Women's Retreat

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*
Leader: We draw near to the one, true God who rules over all nations.
**People: Righteousness and compassion exalt a nation,
but sin and oppression bring misery and shattered dreams.**
Leader: Bless the Lord your God for the good land He has given you.
**People: We will celebrate the goodness of God and proclaim the good
news that in Jesus Christ we have been set free.**
All: Let us worship God!

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

*HYMN #331 “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand” NATIONAL HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*
**Almighty and loving God, your word makes it clear that “it is for free-
dom that Christ has set us free.” Yet we confess that far too often we
do not live out the reality of that freedom in our lives. Instead, we too
easily embrace the illusion that true freedom is doing what we want,
when we want. In your grace, forgive us and free us to obey your life-
giving commands and to faithfully do your will, through Jesus Christ
our Lord. 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**

*APOSTLES’ CREED *(Together)*
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and
in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he
rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the
right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to
judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy
catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the
resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

ANTHEM “My Country, ‘Tis of Thee” arr. Mary McDonald
*My Country ‘tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing:
land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims’ pride,
from every mountainside let freedom ring.*

*My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills;
my heart with rapture thrill like that above.*

*Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees sweet freedoms song.
Let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake;
let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.*

*Our Fathers’ God to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright with freedoms holy light;
protect us by thy might, great God, our King.*

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

WE GROW IN THE WORD
SCRIPTURE READINGS Galatians 5:1 (NRSVUE)
2 Corinthians 3:17-18 (NRSVUE)
John 8:31-36 (NRSVUE)

SERMON “Set Free to Live Free: The Freedom You Were Made For”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

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

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT
THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF THE CUP
*(To symbolize our unity in Christ, we hold the bread until the Elders and Deacons
are served and then all partake as one body. To symbolize our personal relation
ship with the Lord, we drink of the cup, as the Spirit leads.)*

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations” MESSAGE
**We’ve a story to tell to the nations
that shall turn their hearts to the right,
A story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light,
a story of peace and light.**

Refrain: **For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright,
and Christ’s great Kingdom shall come to earth,
the Kingdom of love and light.**

**We’ve a song to be sung to the nations
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord;
A song that shall conquer evil and shatter the spear and sword,
and shatter the spear and sword. *Refrain***

**We’ve a message to give to the nations,
that the Lord who reigneth above
Hath sent us His Son to save us, and show us that God is love,
And show us that God is love. *Refrain***

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “The Stars and Stripes Forever” Sousa

*(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.*

Please ensure all electronic devices are on silent during the service.

Stephanie Carson, Music Director; David Furr, Organist



WELCOME
PRAISE SONG
“Less Like Me”
MEET & GREET
ANNOUNCEMENTS
MINUTE FOR MISSION
Babs Bailey, Women’s Retreat
VIDEO
“The Gift of Freedom”
PRAISE SONG
“Never Alone”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

***APOSTLES’ CREED**
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ceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered un-
der Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descend-
ed into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he as-
cended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the
Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick
and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic
church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the res-
urrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING
OFFERTORY
“My Sweet Lord”
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