

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...**

**Sunday, August 17:** Dan Gipson


**Monday, August 18:** Charlie Rumpel, Atticus Ulrich

**Tuesday, August 19:** Sue Walker, Tom Donnelly, Barbara Henry, Omar Valdes


**Wednesday, August 20:** Dennis Rasmussen, Jeff Voss

**Thursday, August 21:** Margie Gott, Catherine Brinkman

*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](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 & Susan Hasell

(11:00) Elaine & Charlie Rumpel

**USHERS:**



(9:00) Marie Ziegler & Jill Manning

(11:00) Mary McCauley & Earle Lusk

**COFFEE SERVERS:**

(9:00) Nancy Turner & Jenny Carlstedt

(11:00) Bev Hyden & Hazel Vernon



*By faith the people passed through the Red Sea  
as if it were dry land,  
but when the Egyptians attempted to do so  
they were drowned.  
By faith the walls of Jericho fell  
after they had been encircled for seven days.  
By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish  
with those who were disobedient,  
because she had received the spies in peace.*

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*Hebrews 11:29-31*

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**Presbyterian Women,** led by Patty Martin and Sue Miskiewicz  
The Presbyterian Women's Sisters in Christ Circle will resume their meetings on Tuesday, August 12th at 10:00am in rooms 5&7. This will be a planning meeting for the 2025-2026 fiscal year and would be a great opportunity to learn who we are and see what we do! Refreshments will be served. Regular meetings will begin in September and are held at 10:00am on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. We will begin a new 9 month study, "*Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*" by Rhashell D. Hunter. Study books will be available at the August planning meeting and can be purchased for \$7.00. For more information about how you can be involved, contact Patty Martin at [bill.martin2@verizon.net](mailto:bill.martin2@verizon.net) or Sue Miskiewicz at [susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com](mailto: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 September 5th. 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 Emily Sutphin & Earle Lusk  
After the Summer Break, this adult Sunday School/Bible Study group will look forward to seeing everyone in class on Sunday, September 7th at 10:00am, sharp in room 8. A very familiar scripture, **The Lord's Prayer**, has been selected for our first study of the season. Each of us should benefit from many instructional blessings and discoveries the Spirit will share from the prayer Jesus taught His disciples to pray. 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.

**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  
Paul Means, Associate Pastor x2006  
Stephanie Carson, Director of Traditional Music x2009  
Taryn Lumia, Director of Contemporary Music, [taryn@northwoodpc.org](mailto:taryn@northwoodpc.org)  
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Dylan Cantin, Assistant Youth Director x2008 (cell 727-723-5984)  
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Welcome To

**Northwood Presbyterian Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church  
Organized February 19, 1978*

**August 17, 2025**



**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  
August 17, 2025  
10th Sunday after Pentecost  
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY arr. Diane Bish  
“Take Up Thy Cross, The Savior Said”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Paul Means, Associate Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*  
Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;  
**People: God’s mercies never come to an end.**  
Leader: The love of the Lord is new every morning;  
**People: Great is the faithfulness of our God.**  
**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 #463 “How Firm a Foundation” FOUNDATION  
*(stanzas 1,2,3,5)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*  
**O gracious God, you have promised to walk with us in the brightest of times and to always go with us through the deepest and darkest valleys of our lives. Sadly, dear Lord, far too often we live as if you are a casual bystander far removed from the harsh realities of our lives and of this world. As a result, we doubt your presence and promises. We are easily driven by fear rather than being inspired by faith. Forgive us for our lack of trust in you. By your grace enable us to look to the cross of Christ, and so live with the confidence and courage that you are the one, true God who loves us with an everlasting 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 “I’ll Walk with God” arr. Douglas MacLean  
Soloist, Mike Wood  
*I’ll walk with God from this day on. His helping hand I’ll lean upon.  
This is my prayer, my humble plea, may the Lord be ever with me.  
There is no death tho’ eyes grow dim. There is no fear when I’m near to Him.  
I’ll lean on Him forever and He’ll forsake me never.*

*He will not fail me as long as my faith is strong,  
Whatever road I may walk along.*

*I’ll walk with God, I’ll take His hand. I’ll talk with God, He’ll understand.  
I’ll pray to Him ,each day to Him, and He’ll hear the words that I say.  
His grace reveals the paths I’ve trod, now I’ll never walk alone  
While I walk with God.*

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 #729 “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 11:29-12:2 (NRSVUE)

SERMON “Eyes On the Prize: Running with Endurance”  
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN “Faith of Our Fathers!” ST. CATHERINE  
**Faith of our fathers, living still in spite of dungeon, fire and sword.  
O, how our hearts beat high with joy whenever we hear that glorious word;**

*Refrain:* **Faith of our fathers, holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death.**

**Faith of our fathers, God’s great power shall win all nations under thee;  
And through the truth that comes from God,  
mankind shall then be truly free. *Refrain***

**Faith of our fathers, we will love both friend and foe in all our strife.  
And preach thee, too, as love knows how  
by kindly words and virtuous life. *Refrain***

\*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY arr. Paul Manz  
“Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices”

*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

IGNITE

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

WELCOME

**PRAISE SONG**  
“Press On”

MEET & GREET

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRAISE SONG**  
“Indescribable”

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**  
“Run to the Father”

**SCRIPTURE**  
*Hebrews 11:29-12:2 (NRSVUE)*

**SERMON**  
“Eyes on the Prize: Running with Endurance”  
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

**SONG OF DEDICATION**  
“Your Grace Is Enough”

**GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU**  
Taryn Lumia, Director of Contemporary Music

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!