

<b>BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...</b>	
<i>Sunday, January 11:</i>	Elaine Findley, Shannon Dipolito, Andrew Carlstedt
<i>Monday, January 12:</i>	Michele White
<i>Tuesday, January 13:</i>	Alice Nisk, Kim Nelson
<i>Wednesday, January 14:</i>	Brooke Estavil
<i>Thursday, January 15:</i>	Jill Loomis, Chip Hill
<i>Friday, January 16:</i>	Nora Gunderman, James Gunderman, Kristin Ingram
<i>Saturday, January 17:</i>	Nancy Baker, Preston Mkutumula, James Nelson
<i>If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven't seen them in church recently, give them a call!</i>	



*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by*

### **Jean Swintek In Honor of My Son Mark's Birthday**

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2026 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) Ann & Spencer Briggs  
(11:00) Carol & Conrad Trunzo

#### **USHERS:**

(9:00) Nancy Turner & John Hildebrandt  
(11:00) Nancy & Wayne Rodewald

#### **COFFEE SERVERS:**

(9:00) Lauren & Jim Warren  
(11:00) Edna Bartolucci & Lois Harber



*Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness."*

*Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."*

*Matthew 3:13-17*

### **Large Print Bibles, Hymnals & Bulletins**

Large print Bibles, hymnals and bulletins are available. If you need assistance locating one of these, please ask an Usher.

### **Hearing Devices**

Hearing devices are available for use during the worship services. Please ask an usher if you are in need.

### **Your Giving Matters**

For in-person worship, the offering plates will not be passed, however, offering boxes are located in the narthex. For those worshiping online, your giving matters too. Your continued faithfulness to the mission and ministry of Northwood through your giving is critical as the church's expenses do not stop. Please commit to maintain your regular schedule of giving by mailing your gift or using one of the online platforms below for giving electronically:

1. Text NPCHURCH to 73256 and follow the prompts.
2. Visit [www.northwoodpc.org](http://www.northwoodpc.org) and click on the giving tab.
3. Click "Give" under the *ChurchLife* app menu options



**Email Scam Alert** Some of our members and church staff have once again received fraudulent emails that appear to be from Pastor Chris. These email scams usually say that the pastor does not have time to talk by phone and wants to talk to you by email only. They always end up asking for you to discreetly purchase gift cards to assist the pastor in helping others.

**Our pastors will never solicit you for gift cards and do NOT send these emails.** Our pastors love to talk to you anytime but you do not need to call them to let them know you have received another suspicious email. The best way to deal with this is for you to block the sender and/or forward the email to the church office so that we can collect them for the police. It saddens us when anyone seeks to do harm and prey on the Christian kindness of our members. Be aware of such scams and do not respond to them!

### **Church Staff Contact Information**

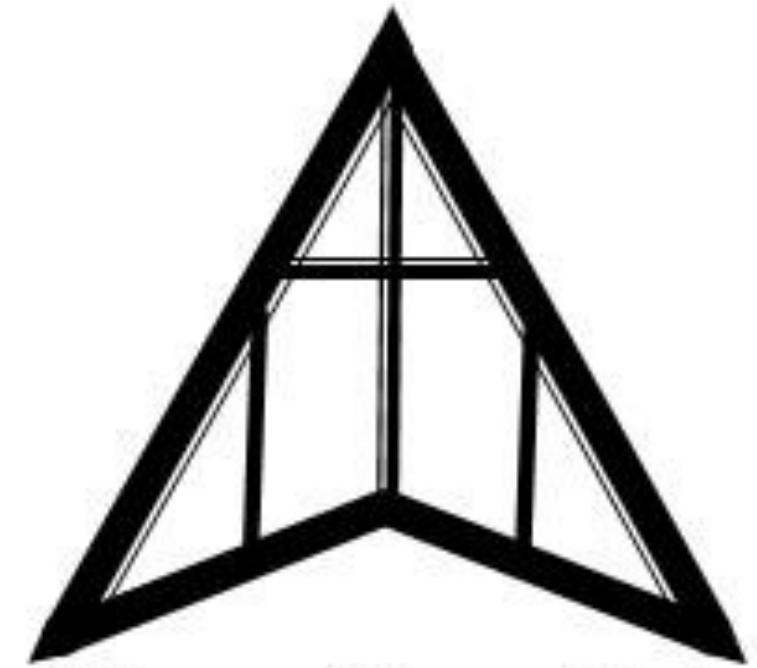
*Staff members are available to answer any questions you might have regarding church related programs through our office phone system. Provided below are the phone extension numbers for our staff. If you don't see a phone extension, other information is listed. If you call the church office when the 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  
Stephanie Carson, Director of Music x2009  
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# **Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church  
Organized February 19, 1978*

**January 11, 2026**



**Come, Grow, Go!**

#### **Ministers: All Members of the Church**

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor  
Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

#### **Northwood Presbyterian Church**

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**Order for the Public Worship of God**  
**January 11, 2026**  
**Baptism of the Lord**  
**11:00 AM Worship Service**

WE COME TO WORSHIP

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** “To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord”  
 Dietrich Buxtehude  
*(Let us quietly prepare our hearts for worship during the opening voluntary)*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** Chris Curvin, Pastor

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Responsive, from Psalm 148*)  
 Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful and full of majesty.  
**People: May the Lord bless us with God's peace!**  
 Leader: The voice of the Lord proclaimed Jesus as God's beloved.  
**People: In our own baptisms, we are claimed as God's beloved.**

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

\*HYMN #630 “Fairest Lord Jesus” CRUSADER’S HYMN

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

On this Baptism of the Lord Sunday, we remember our own baptisms, where we were claimed as children of the covenant and beloved of God. Yet we live as those who are alienated from God. We have turned away from God, one another and the earth. Let us confess our sins, trusting in God's mercy.

**PRAAYER OF CONFESSION (together)**

**Merciful God, we confess that we are estranged from you and from one another. We treat others as strangers rather than as people created in your image and fellow children of God. We exploit the earth as though it were our possession rather than a gift entrusted to our care and a reflection of your image and glory. Forgive us our sins and transform us by your Spirit that we might live as people who have been baptized as your own children. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Friends, hear the good news of the gospel: In Jesus' name, God has forgiven us of our sins and set us on new paths. Let us remember our baptisms and trust in God's mercy to restore our right standing as God's own. Thanks be to God!

\*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** “Lord of the Dance” arr. John Rutter  
*(see hymn #157)*

**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**

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.

OLD HUNDREDTH

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING** Acts 10:34-43 (NRSVUE)

\*HYMN #288 “Spirit of the Living God” LIVING GOD

WE GROW IN THE WORD

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 3:3-17 (NRSVUE)

**SERMON** “The Baptism of Jesus”  
 Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN “Down By the Jordan” LOBE DEN HERREN  
**Down by the Jordan, a prophet named John was baptizing,  
 Preaching a message the people found bold and surprising:  
 "God will forgive! Show that you'll change how you live!  
 Surely God's new day is rising!"**

**There by the river, the crowd came with great expectation:  
 "Are you God's Chosen One, sent here to rescue our nation?"  
 "No!" John replied. "He who is mightier than I  
 Judges and offers salvation."**

**Jesus, you went to be baptized along with the others,  
 Taking your place among sinners, God's lost sons and daughters.  
 Then with great love, God's Spirit came as a dove!  
 Your work began in those waters.**

**Here in the Church, we are baptized and filled with God's Spirit.  
 Freed and forgiven, we're welcomed with joy! Can you hear it?  
 This is God's sign! This is how God says, "You're mine!"  
 Let's take the good news and share it!**

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**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY** “To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord” arr. Jacob Weber

*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**

**RAISE SONG**

“Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)”

**MEET & GREET**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RAISE SONG**

“Rise Up (Lazarus)”

**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**

“I Speak Jesus”

**SCRIPTURES**

Acts 10:34-43 (NRSVUE)

Matthew 3:3-17 (NRSVUE)

**SERMON**

“The Baptism of Jesus”

Chris Curvin Pastor

**SONG OF DEDICATION**

“The River”

**GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU**

Taryn Lumia, Director of Contemporary Music

*Sermon notes...*

that Ignite Action!