

### BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Tuesday, January 20: Cheyenne Turner  
 Thursday, January 22: Donita Lyon  
 Friday, January 23: Joan Fehringer



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

### Linda & Mike O'Leary In Loving Memory of Dan O'Leary

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](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 & Charles Rumpel

#### USHERS:

(9:00) Marie Ziegler & Jill Manning  
 (11:00) Nancy & Wayne Rodewald

#### COFFEE SERVERS:

(9:00) Nancy Turner & Jenny Carlstedt  
 (11:00) Bev Hyden & Lyn Sawers



*A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. If you have ears, hear!"*

*Matthew 13:3-9*

### 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

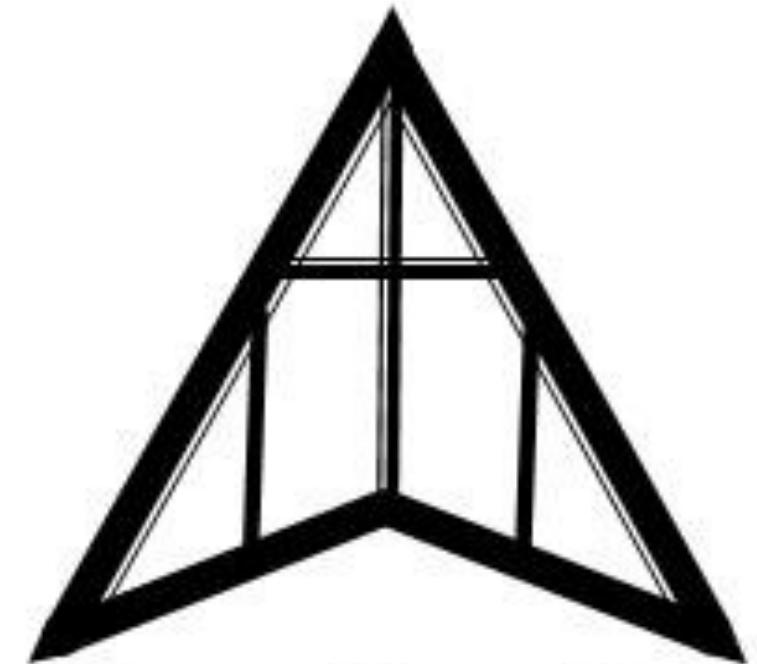
Staff members are available to answer any questions you might have regarding church related programs through our office phone system. Provided below are the phone extension numbers for our staff. If you don't see a phone extension, other information is listed. If you call the church office when the lines 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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 David Furr, Organist, [dmfurr35679@gmail.com](mailto:dmfurr35679@gmail.com)  
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 Mark Fettke, Bookkeeper x2005  
 Roxane Fineo, Director of Schools x2010  
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 Aidan Murray, Facilities/Maintenance, x2002  
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# Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Church  
Organized February 19, 1978

**January 18, 2026**



**Come, Grow, Go!**

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

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**Order for the Public Worship of God**  
**January 18, 2026**  
**2nd Sunday after Epiphany**  
**11:00 AM Worship Service**

WE COME TO WORSHIP

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** "Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices"  
arr. Paul Manz  
*(Let us quietly prepare our hearts for worship during the opening voluntary)*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** Chris Curvin, Pastor

**MINUTE FOR MISSION** Garage Sale, Stephanie Carson

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Responsive, from Psalm 148*)  
Leader: God calls us here together — each of us, all of us, our whole selves.  
**People:** We bring our questions, our longings, our hopes, our dreams and our fears.  
Leader: Jesus invites us to come and see where God is at work.  
**People:** Across the street and across the globe, within these walls and within our hearts, God is here.  
**All:** Let us worship the God who reaches out in love and invites us to come and see!

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

**\*HYMN #32** "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" ELLACOMBE

**CALL TO CONFESSION**  
Jesus, the Lamb of God, came to redeem and reconcile, to take away our sins and the sin of the world. We are invited to tell the truth about the places in need of healing and wholeness. Let us join together as we confess our sins:

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*together, based on Psalm 40*)  
**Saving God, we confess that we often have not waited patiently for you. We have preferred to sing our own song and to go our own way. We place our trust in idols, institutions and individual strength rather than trusting you. We keep quiet about the ways we have experienced your love and presence, and we fail to invite others to come and see you. Forgive us, God. Help us to be good, fertile soil so that your seeds of grace and love, bear good fruit in our words and deeds. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (*based on Psalm 40*)  
God comes to us, rescues us and sets us again on solid ground. God has not withheld mercy from us. Let us place our trust in the love and faithfulness of God and know that we are forgiven! 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** "Christ Has Broken Down the Wall" Mark Miller  
Dylan Cantin, Solo

*Christ has broken down the wall, Christ has broken down the wall.  
Let us join our hearts as one. Christ has broken down the wall.*

*We're accepted as we are. We're accepted as we are.  
Through God's love all is reconciled. We're accepted as we are.*

*Cast aside your doubts and fears. Cast aside your doubts and fears.  
Peace and love, freely offered here; Cast aside your doubts and fears.*

*We will tear down the walls! We will tear down every wall!  
God has called us one and all. Christ has broken down the wall.  
Christ has broken down the wall.*

**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**

*(Church offerings are given through the giving stations in the hallway, online or through the mail.)*

**\*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**

**\*HYMN** "Wonderful Words of Life" WORDS OF LIFE  
Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;  
Let me more of their beauty to see, wonderful words of life;  
Words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.  
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life; (repeat)

Christ, the blessed one, gives to all wonderful words of life;  
Sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life;  
All so freely given, wooing us to heaven.  
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life; (repeat)

Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life;  
Offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;  
Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever.  
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life; (repeat)

WE GROW IN THE WORD

**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (NRSVUE)

**SERMON** "Sower, Seeds, Soils... Sow What?"  
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

**\*HYMN #546** "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" SICILIAN MARINERS

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY** "Toccata for Flute" Pietro Yon

*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**

"Open Up the Heavens"

**MEET & GREET**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

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**RAISE SONG**

"Trust In God"

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.

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**OFFERTORY**

"My Story"

**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (NRSVUE)

**SERMON**

"Sower, Seeds, Soils... Sow What?"  
Chris Curvin Pastor

**SONG OF DEDICATION**

"Our God"

**GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU**

Taryn Lumia, Director of Contemporary Music