

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, February 1: Fred Churchsmith, Sharon Brown

Wednesday, February 4: Chris Bryant, Drew Strelcheck,
Jack Winder

Friday, February 6: Art Worth, Alyssa Hager, Joshua Henley

Saturday, February 7: Terry Steele, Kim Blackmore,
Jessica Catlin, Joshua Walker



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 "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) Louise Mylin & Jill Manning

(11:00) Lois Harber & Barb Bozinski



USHERS:

(9:00) Roxie Swartz & Cindy Gamble

(11:00) Wilai McNay & Barbara Moler

COFFEE SERVERS:

(9:00) Linda Granata & Marie Nadig

(11:00) Leslie Henley & Joan Ross



*"For everyone will be salted with fire.
Salt is good, but if salt has lost its saltiness,
how can you season it?
Have salt in yourselves,
and be at peace with one another."*

Mark 9:49-50

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 worshipping 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 and click on the giving tab.
3. Click "Give" under the *ChurchLife app* menu options



Rides Available

Transportation Ministry

Northwood provides transportation for those who need it to and from the 11:00 AM worship service. Call the church office, 796-8090, before noon on Thursdays to reserve a seat on the van.

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.*

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Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

February 1, 2026



Ministers: All Members of the Church
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Order for the Public Worship of God
February 1, 2026
4th Sunday after Epiphany
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Little Prelude & Fugue in B Flat Major”
J.S. Bach
(Let us quietly prepare our hearts for worship during the opening voluntary)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Linda Feller

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*
Leader: Our help is from God, who made heaven and earth.
People: We’ve come to worship the One who answers our prayers.
Leader: In thankfulness, we bring our joyous songs.
People: We rejoice in God’s love and faithfulness.
Leader: We have come, seeking God’s will.
People: We are open to God’s transforming Spirit; let us worship God.

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

*HYMN #15 “All Creatures of Our God and King” LASST UNS ERFREUEN

CALL TO CONFESSION
Leader: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. Please join me in our corporate prayer of confession:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*
Holy God, how easy it is to forget that we are among the richest in the world. We think we are poor when we do not get everything we want. Keep us from misusing the power we have. Keep us from acting in ways that alienate and divide us from one another. So often we are tempted to conform to the world’s standards. Therefore we pray you will set before us the higher model of sacrifice and service that is given to us in Jesus. Receive us now as we humbly come before you with our silent prayers of confession...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
God forgives, and heals, and empowers us with new insights, and an expanded capacity to serve. In humble obedience, we learn the joy of following Jesus, and living for the highest good for all. Let us therefore proclaim to the world, that.... In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen

*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, back panel in 9:00 service)*

ANTHEM “All Are Welcome at the Table” arr. Mary McDonald
*I’m gonna sit at the welcome table;
I’m gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days. Alleluia!
I’m gonna sit at the welcome table;
Gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days.*

*All are welcome at the table. All are welcome at the table of the Lord. Alleluia!
All are welcome at the table; gonna sit with my brothers and sisters one of these days.*

*At the table, come and dine; feast on the bread and drink the wine.
Come and meet us at the table of the Lord!
All of God’s children, come and sit down, and glory to the One who wears the crown!
All are welcome at the table of the Lord!*

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

*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 READING Mark 9:38-50 (NRSVUE)

SERMON “Strange Bedfellows or Dynamic Duo”
Kaaren Nesmith, Guest Preacher

*HYMN “God, Your Gift of Peace is Precious” CWM RHONDDA
**God, your gift of peace is precious in this world of sin and loss:
You have given joy and gladness, making peace through Jesus' cross.
God, in love you came to save us, giving freedom from our sin —
In you, gifts of peace begin.**

**Jesus, you are God's example in the life on earth you lived.
Help us see your face in others, teach us freely to forgive.
When, in all your children's conflicts, hate and violence increase —
Blest are those who work for peace.**

**Spirit, help us work for justice in each challenge that we face.
Each one needs to have the other: righteousness and peace embrace.
Children hungry? People homeless? Missiles flying through the air?
You seek peace with justice there.**

**So we pray and work together toward a world of your shalom.
May all people share your bounty, and all have both feast and home.
Wolf and lamb shall feed together: In your kingdom war shall cease
And your people live in peace.**
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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 #432 “How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord” REPTON

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Let Us With a Gladsome Mind”
arr. Albert Travis

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

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

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

MEET & GREET

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG

“This Is Amazing Grace”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

***APOSTLES’ CREED**

*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 Al-
mighty; 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.*

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OFFERTORY

“Here I Am to Worship”

SCRIPTURE

Mark 9:38-50 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

“Strange Bedfellows or Dynamic Duo”

Kaaren Nesmith, Guest Preacher

HOLY COMMUNION

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Old Church Choir”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Taryn Lumia, Director of Contemporary Music