

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...



Sunday, February 22: Susan Fuoco
Tuesday, February 24: Jane Kirkpatrick, James Mertz
Thursday, February 26: Beth Brinkman
Friday, February 27: Cookie Roffey, David Furr, Alex North, Jeremy Stephen, Erik Johansen
Saturday, February 28: Sharon Zirpoli, Carol Justice, Emily Sutphin, (29th) Kay Rath

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



Margaret Lewis In Loving Memory of Husband, Bill Lewis

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:
(10:00) Margie Gott & Patty Adams



USHERS:
(10:00) Barbara Moler & Wilai McNay

COFFEE SERVERS:
(10:00) Georgia rounding & Jill Manning



*I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?
 My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
 He will not let your foot be moved;
 he who keeps you will not slumber.
 He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
 The LORD is your keeper;
 the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
 The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night.
 The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
 The Lord will keep you going out and your coming in
 from this time on and forever more.*

Psalm 121 (NRVSUE)

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

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
 Emily Cantin, Director of Communications x2001
 Mark Fettke, Bookkeeper x2005
 Roxane Fineo, Director of Schools x2010
 Dylan Cantin, Assistant Youth Director x2008 (cell 727-723-5984)
 Aidan Murray, Facilities/Maintenance, x2002
 Drew Milano, Sound & Tech, worship@northwoodpc.org

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

February 22, 2026

Kirkin' o' the Tartan

Ministers: All Members of the Church

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor

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**Order for the Public Worship of God
February 22, 2026
1st Sunday in Lent
10:00 AM Worship Service**

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Scotland the Brave” arr. John Scott
(Let us quietly prepare our hearts for worship during the opening voluntary)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

PREPARATORY DECLARATION

One: Bring forth the Tartans!

PROCESSION OF THE TARTANS

“Colin’s Cattle”
Gemma Briggs, Jarrett Mattson & Lukas Keller

*LITANY OF BLESSING OF THE TARTANS AND CLANS OF THE KIRK

One: Thank you O Lord, for your Holy Word which has ordained a rich heritage of faith and sacrifice from our ancestors: from Adam and Eve to the incarnation of Jesus Christ, to the establishment of his church everywhere. Never let us forget that our heritage of faith is a gift to be shared and celebrated with others, not a treasure to be hoarded.

All: Bless us that we may be a blessing, O Lord.

One: We praise you, O Lord, for those who have lived and died in Christ that we might have the freedom to dwell in a community of faith. Never let us forget that the days of sacrifice are not yet over, that we too, have lives to live in faith.

All: Bless us that we may be a blessing, O Lord.

One: Raise the Tartans! *(a pause as all lift high their tartans)*

All: On behalf of all clans, families, and nations, we raise these tartans before Almighty God in gratitude for our heritage and pray God’s blessing on his servant people in all lands.

One: Place the tartans. Eternal God, our Father, bless these symbols of heritage and grant that those who bear them, and the families they represent, may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you; through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle.)

*HYMN “From Highland Peaks” BROTHER JAMES’ AIR

**From Highland peaks of chill and mist to warm and sandy plains,
you led your parents in the past, with love that still remains,
and through our present joys and fears, your spirit lives and reigns.**

**By skirling pipes’ exalting notes, our hearts are deeply stirred.
In tears and laughter, praise and prayer your grace is felt and heard.
In questions and in quietness, you speak your living word.**

**O God of past and future years, and source of all we own,
our peace and plenty, health and hope, our spirits’ true shalom,
in mist and sun, you light our path, and gently leads us home.**

(text written by Mary Louise Bringle, used by permission)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

All: Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You adorn us with the armor of light, but we hide ourselves in darkness. You trust us with the message of grace, but we bury that treasure in fear. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne.

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.**

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.

ANTHEM

“Marching to Zion”

Gemma Briggs, Bagpipes

*Come ye that love the Lord and make your joys be known.
Join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord,
And thus surround the throne and thus surround the throne.
We’re marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion,
We’re marching upwards to Zion the beautiful city of God.*

*Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry.
We’re marching through Immanuel’s ground,
We’re marching through Immanuel’s ground,
To fairer worlds on high to fairer worlds on high,
We’re marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion,
We’re marching upwards to Zion the beautiful city of God.*

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 God, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #664

“Morning Has Broken”

BUNESSAN

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 121 (NRSVUE)
John 10:11-16 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

“I Will Lift Up My Eyes to the Hills”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #687

“O God, Our Help in ages Past”

ST. ANNE

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.**

**Beneath the shadow of Thy throne, Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.**

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.**

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING PROCESSION “Atholl Highlanders”

Gemma Briggs, Jarrett Mattson & Lukas Keller

*(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, Director of Traditional Music; David Furr, Organist

Our thanks to the congregation of Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church for loaning the tartans displayed in the chancel area today.

Our annual Kirkin’ o’ the Tartan service this morning celebrates that 48 years ago on February 19th, 1978, just over 100 people gathered to officially organize Northwood Presbyterian Church. Today, Northwood is a thriving church family reaching out to all ages. If you are viewing us online today, we invite you to join us as a member. While we are proud of our distinctive history as Presbyterians, we celebrate today the oneness of the Christian family across the world. Presbyterians are people of Christ; and this comes first and foremost in all that we do! Praise be to God!

If you are a guest today, we invite you to join us as a member as we seek to follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. While we are proud of our distinctive history as Presbyterians, we celebrate today the oneness of the Christian family across the world. Presbyterians are people of Christ; and this comes first and foremost in all that we do! Praise be to God!