

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

March 15, 2026



FOURTH SUNDAY
in
LENT

Ministers: All Members of the Church

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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, March 15: Jerry Sturm
Monday, March 16: Erin O'Leary
Tuesday, March 17: Robin MacLennan, Mike Wood, Nyden Rodewald
Wednesday, March 18: Margaret Lewis, Lyn Booth
Thursday, March 19: Annette Adams, Tammy Connolly
Friday, March 20: Jessica Curtain
Saturday, March 21: Elaine Cornillaud, Peggy Steele



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



Jean Swintek



In Honor of My Grandson Jonathan'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) Cindy Gamble & Susan Hasell
(11:00) Elaine & Charlie Rumpel & Edna Bartolucci

USHERS:

(9:00) Marie Ziegler & Jill Manning
(11:00) Carol & Conrad Trunzo



COFFEE SERVERS:

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



I do not understand my own actions.

For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh.

For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do.

Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

Romans 7:15-20

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



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.

Rides Available

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
Taryn Lumia, Director of Contemporary Music, taryn@northwoodpc.org
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

Order for the Public Worship of God
March 15, 2026
4th Sunday in Lent
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “In Paradisum” Gabriel Fauré
from ‘Requiem’
(Let us quietly prepare our hearts for worship during the opening voluntary)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

MINUTE FOR MISSION Stephanie Carson

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive, Psalm 146*)

Leader: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

People: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to God all my life long.

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose help is in the Lord.

People: Who made heaven and earth, and all that is in them.

Leader: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.

People: The Lord watched over the strangers and upholds the orphan and the widow,

Leader: but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

People: The Lord will reign forever. Praise the Lord!

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*HYMN #475 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” NETTLETON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*together*)

Most Merciful Father, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. Lord, we feel the struggle that Paul wrote of—the good that I want to do, I do not do; but the very evil I do not want to do, I keep on doing. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, forgive us. By the power of your Holy Spirit help us to walk in Your ways, and help us to overcome the evil within us. In Jesus' name, 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 “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” arr. Larry Shackley
*How deep the Father’s love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns his face away
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.
How high, how wide, how deep the Father’s love for us.*

*Behold the Man upon the cross, my sin upon his shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life. I know it is finished.
How pure, how strong, how deep the Father’s love for us.*

*I will not boast of anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.
How high, how wide, how pure, how strong.
How deep the Father’s love for us.*

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 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

THE INSTALLATION OF ELDER

Jackie Koski

*HYMN #435 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” IN BABILONE

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 7:15-20, 24-25 (NRSVUE)

SERMON “When Truth Is Stranger Than Fiction”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #418 “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling” SOFTLY/TENDERLY

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Menuet” Gabriel Fauré

(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

WELCOME

PRAISE SONG

“I’m So Blessed”

MEET & GREET

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIDEO

“How to Invite Your Neighbor to Easter”

PRAISE SONG

“Graves Into Gardens”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORDS PRAYER

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OFFERTORY

“Above All”

SCRIPTURE

Romans 7:15-20, 24-25 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

“When Truth Is Stranger Than Fiction”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“My Redeemer Lives”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Taryn Lumia, Director of Contemporary Music