

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

March 22, 2026



FIFTH SUNDAY
in
LENT

Ministers: All Members of the Church

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor

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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
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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...



Sunday, March 22: Mandy Voss
Monday, March 23: Rich Spoenlein
Tuesday, March 24: Mary Corrello, Will Parker, Nicole Bullis
Wednesday, March 25: Mark Smiech, Charlie Wood, Grant Pelham
Thursday, March 26: Fran Newman, Marie Purcell, Evelyn Towns
Lisa Weitz
Saturday, March 28: Jeanette Holloway

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



Terry Steele

In Honor of Peggy Steele'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) Margi Gott & Marti Raiche
(11:00) Nan Robbins & Hazel Vernon



USHERS:

(9:00) Louise Mylin & Roxie Swartz
(11:00) Carol & Conrad Trunzo



COFFEE SERVERS:

(9:00) Georgia rounding & Jill Manning
(11:00) Carol Robertson & Anne Preston

*Then Peter came and said to him,
"Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me,
how often should I forgive?
As many as seven times?"
Jesus said to him,
"Not seven times,
but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.*

Matthew 18:21

Order for the Public Worship of God
March 22, 2026
5th Sunday in Lent
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

(Let us quietly prepare our hearts for worship during the opening voluntary)

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive”
arr. David Hurd

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Linda Feller, Worship Leader

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Shirley Gissiner — Re-Affirmation of Faith
Claire Moser— Re-Affirmation of Faith
Mary Ellen Myers— Re-Affirmation of Faith
Debi Shippee— Re-Affirmation of Faith
Barbara Tramontona— Re-Affirmation of Faith

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive, Psalm 130)*

Leader: Out of the depths we call to you, O Lord.

People: Let your ears hear our supplication.

Leader: We wait for you, O God. In Your word is our hope.

People: We wait for you, O Lord, for with You there is mercy.

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*HYMN #804 “Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart” MARION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Psalm 130 reminds us that our God is loving and merciful. Let us come before God now, together and then privately and silently, to confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

Loving and patient God, we are busy and hurried people. We are so preoccupied with the demands of our own priorities, and the needs of our own families and relationships that we that we tend to fail to see the needs of others. We do that which we should not and fail to do that which we should. We ask for your forgiveness and pray for your guidance to follow the path you have set before us. Hear us now as we humbly pause in silence and privately confess our sins before you in these next few moments.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(Psalm 130, The Message Bible)*

Friends, hear now the good news of forgiveness: “If you, God, kept records on wrongdoings, who would stand a chance? As it turns out, forgiveness is your habit, and that’s why you’re worshiped.” Friends, through the life, death and resurrection of 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.**

ANTHEM “Songs for the Journey” Joseph Martin

*Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more.
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more.
Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care.
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.
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*He leadeth me, He leadeth me, by His own hand He leadeth me.
His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.*

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.

LITANY FOR PIANO DEDICATION Stephanie Carson

SOLO “Morning Has Broken” BUNESSAN
Piano Solo, Joseph Martin

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

*HYMN #442 “Just As I Am, Without One Plea” WOODWORTH

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 18:21-35 (NRSVUE)

SERMON “The Croissant Affair”
Kaaren Nesmith, Guest Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #307 “God of Grace and God of Glory” CWM RHONDDA

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Toccata” Alphonse Maily

(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

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

MEET & GREET

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dan Jeffre

PRAISE SONG

“My Savior, My God”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

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OFFERTORY

“Goodness of God”

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PIANO SOLO

“Morning Has Broken”

Joseph M. Martin

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 18:21-35 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

“The Croissant Affair”

Kaaren Nesmith, Guest Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Blessed Be Your Name”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Taryn Lumia, Director of Contemporary Music