

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...



Sunday, March 29: Patty Adams
Monday, March 30: Donna Bushman
Tuesday, March 31: Lynn Propst
Wednesday, April 1: Ed Lyon
Thursday, April 2: Jackie Kovilaritch
Saturday, April 4: Sue Walker, Jack Mattson

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

Jackie & Jerry Koski
In Loving Memory of Mother, Addline Reimer



Jean Swintek



In Loving Memory of My Dear Husband John

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 & Jenny Carlstedt
 (11:00) Sharon & Ken Carder

Ushers & Greeters



USHERS:

(9:00) Vickie & Curtis Krueger
 (11:00) Carol & Conrad Trunzo



COFFEE SERVERS:

(9:00) PW Sisters in Christ
 (11:00) PW Sisters in Christ

*"Hosanna to the Son of David!
 Blessed is the one who comes
 in the name of the Lord!
 Hosanna in the highest heaven!"*

Matthew 21:9

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 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

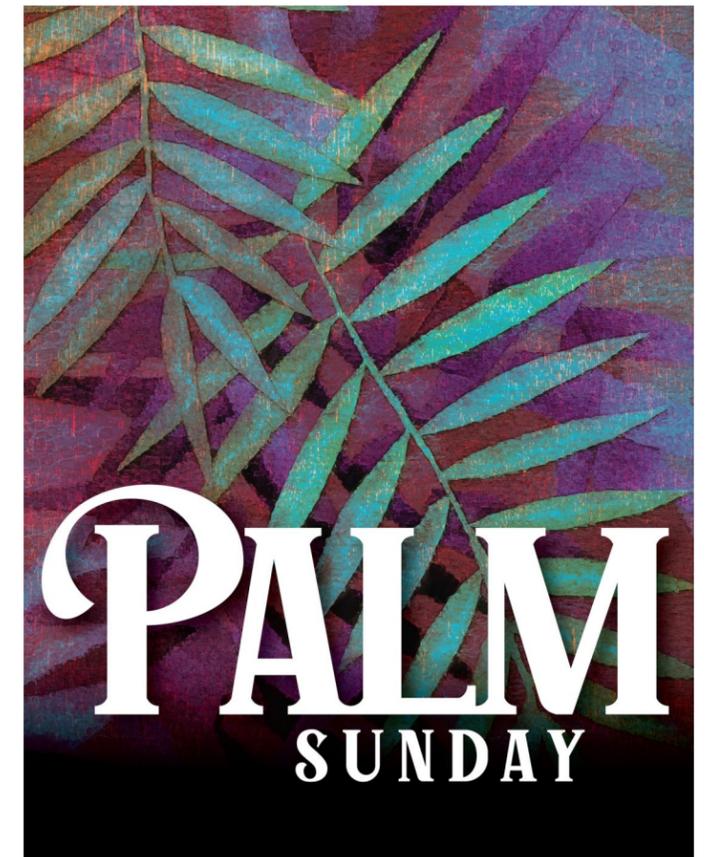
*Staff members are available to answer any questions you might have regarding church related programs through our office phone system. Provided below are the phone extension numbers for our staff. If you don't see a phone extension, other information is listed. If you call the church office when the 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
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 Mark Fettke & Sandy Kallin, Bookkeeper x2005
 Roxane Fineo, Director of Schools x2010
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Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
 Organized February 19, 1978*

March 29, 2026



Ministers: All Members of the Church

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Order for the Public Worship of God
March 29, 2026
Palm/Passion Sunday
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

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

OPENING VOLUNTARY “The Palms” Jean-Baptiste Faure

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

(responsive, Mark 11:9, Psalm 136:1, Psalm 118:25-26, Zechariah 9:9)

Leader: With crowds from ancient times we cry, Hosanna! Save us!

People: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good! God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: We bless you in the house of the Lord!

Leader: Lo, your King comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he,

People: humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

All: Let us worship the living God!

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*HYMN #197 “Hosanna, Loud, Hosanna” ELLACOMBE

CALL TO CONFESSION

When we say, “We don’t sin,” we deny who we are. But when we say, “There’s no way out,” we deny who God is. Trusting that God’s grace is more powerful than our sin, let us confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

Holy Christ, we confess that amidst all the Palm Sunday crowds.

We find ourselves in more turmoil than triumph.

Our faith is unsteady. Our wisdom is eroding.

Our resolve is shaken. Our mercy is hardening.

Our hope is weakening. Come again and save us from these sins.

Give us strength to follow you, our humble Savior,

our King Eternal, our all in all. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear this promise: Jesus has set his face toward the cross. Nothing we can do can deter him. He has shown us the power of God’s great love for us. By the power of the cross, by the power of wondrous love, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. 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 “Festival of Palms” Joseph M. Martin
from Cantata “Festival of Faith”

*Lift up your heads, ye ancient doors! Throw wide the gates and greet the Lord!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna! Prepare the way with palms of praise!
Lay down your garments; clear the way!*

**Refrain: Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!**

*Come, children, wave your palms on high! Lift up your voices to the sky!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna! Rejoice, let the gates of Zion ring!
Each voice raised in grateful offering. Refrain*

*Ride on, ride on, great David’s Son! Great is the work that God has done!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna! Come, long awaited Prince of Peace!
Make every war and conflict cease! Refrain*

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

*HYMN “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus” STORIES OF JESUS

**Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;
things I would ask Him to tell me if He were here:
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.**

**First let me hear how the children stood round His knee,
and I shall fancy His blessing resting on me;
words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,
all in the love-light of Jesus’ face.**

**Into the city I’d follow the children’s band,
waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;
one of His heralds, yes, I would sing
loudest hosannas, “Jesus is King!” Amen.**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 21:1-11 (NRSVUE)

SERMON “When the Cheering Stops”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #196 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”
VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “At the Name of Jesus”
Ralph Vaughan Williams

(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

“Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)”

MEET & GREET

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG

“Jesus Does”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

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.

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OFFERTORY

“What a Beautiful Name”

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21:1-11 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

“When the Cheering Stops”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“The Wonderful Cross”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Taryn Lumia, Director of Contemporary Music

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!