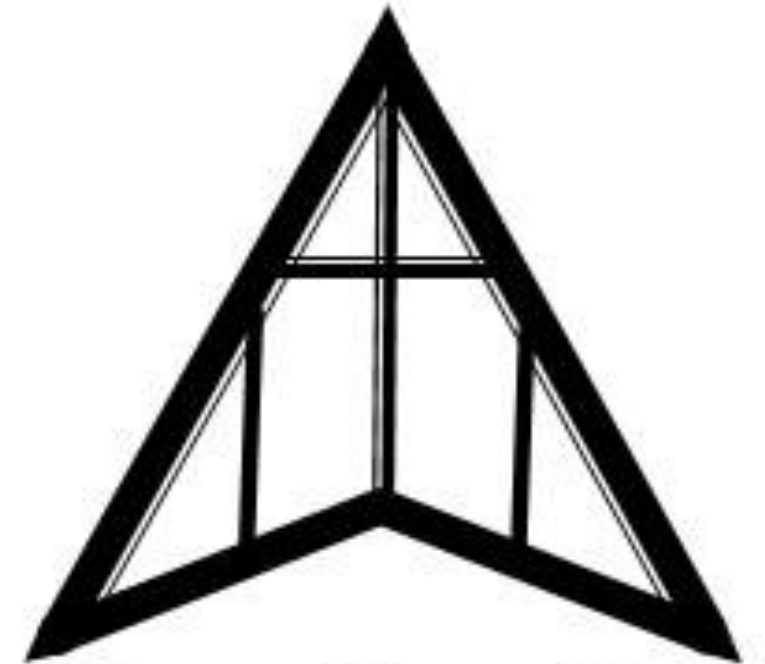


# Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church  
Organized February 19, 1978*

## April 26, 2026



# Come, Grow, Go!

*Ministers: All Members of the Church*

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor

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### BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

**Sunday, April 26:** Jessie Lusk, Eli Jeffre, Isaac Jeffre,  
Colbie Somers  
**Monday, April 27:** Shaun Flaherty, Olivia French  
**Tuesday, April 28:** Burnell Hoekstra, Judy Hood  
**Wednesday, April 29:** Wayne Rodewald, Jarrett Mattson  
**Thursday, April 30:** Sarah Flaherty



*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](mailto: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) Marti Raiche & Margie Gott  
(11:00) Patty Adams & Hazel Vernon

Ushers & Greeters



#### USHERS:

(9:00) Louise Mylin & Roxie Swartz  
(11:00) Mary Kreuziger & Tim Beaver

#### COFFEE SERVERS:

(9:00) Georgia Rounding & Linda Granata  
(11:00) Carol Robertson & Anne Preston



*"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers."*

*John 10:1-5*

### 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](http://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](mailto:taryn@northwoodpc.org)  
David Furr, Organist, [dmfurr35679@gmail.com](mailto:dmfurr35679@gmail.com)  
Emily Cantin, Director of Communications x2001  
Sandy Kallin, 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](mailto:worship@northwoodpc.org)

Order for the Public Worship of God  
April 26, 2026  
4th Sunday of Easter  
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

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

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“The Lord’s My Shepherd” arr. David Christensen

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Curvin, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive, adapted from Glory to God #93)*

Leader: Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold!

**People: The Savior of the world is risen!**

Leader: Fling wide the portals of your hearts:

**People: Let us feel the presence of the God’s grace and love.**

Leader: O Holy Spirit, lead us on in worship;

**People: Call us each by name, that we may give God glory!**

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

\*HYMN #238

“Thine Is the Glory”

JUDAS MACCABEUS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus said, “I am the Good Shepherd; I know my own, and my own know me” (John 10:14). In confession, we trust God to know us fully: the good and the bad, the faithful and the sinful. But we also know God’s faithfulness, God’s mercy, and God’s power to redeem us and lead us into new life. Trusting in this promise, let us confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

**Gracious God, from before the foundation of the world, you called us by name and pledged your steadfast love. But like ornery sheep, we stray from the fold. You offer to lead us, but we prefer to lead ourselves. Christ laid down his life, yet we refuse to lay down our phones, our plans, our pride. Forgive us, O God. Call us back to the open gate of Christ’s redeeming love that we may enter your Beloved Community and find restoration for our souls, reconciliation with our enemies and the glory of abiding with you forevermore. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The proof God’s amazing love is this: while we were yet sinners, Christ came to us; Christ died for us; and Christ rose from the dead so that the gates of hell and heaven may be thrown open wide and all of creation renewed. So believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and restored to new, abundant life.

**People: Alleluia! 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

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

John Rutter

*For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,*

*over and around us lies:*

*Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For the beauty of each hour, of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,  
Sun and moon and stars of light:*

*Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,  
For all gentle thoughts and mild:*

*Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,  
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven,  
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven:*

*Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

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 #802

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

ST. COLUMBIA

*(stanzas 1-4)*

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:1-10 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

“Shepherd Sunday”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN #267

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

MADRID

\*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Toccata for a Joyful Day” Emma Lou Diemer

*(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**

“Marvelous Light”

**MEET & GREET**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAISE SONG**

“My Story”

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORDS PRAYER**

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**OFFERTORY**

“How Great Thou Art”

**SCRIPTURE**

John 10:1-10 (NRSVUE)

**SERMON**

“Shepherd Sunday”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

**SONG OF DEDICATION**

“Trading My Sorrows”

**GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU**

Taryn Lumia, Director of Contemporary Music

*Sermon notes...*

*that Ignite Action!*