

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

- Sunday, May 3:** Melissa Schultz, Ali Lambur
- Tuesday, May 5:** Analee Greff
- Wednesday, May 6:** Joyce Curvin, Trish Cole
- Thursday, May 7:** Jenny Carlstedt
- Friday, May 8:** Carol Hopkins
- Saturday, May 9:** Lauren Warren, Kristen Williamson



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

Peggy & Terry Steele
In Loving Memory of Our Mothers
Zella Morris & Maxine Steele



Beth Linville

In Loving Memory of Raymond Linville'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) Louise Mylin & Jill Manning
- (11:00) Lois Harber & Barb Bozinski



USHERS:

- (9:00) Carol Zieres & Cindy Gamble
- (11:00) Carol & Conrad Trunzo



COFFEE SERVERS:

- (9:00) Linda Granata & Marie Nadig
- (11:00) Polly Brown & Joan Ross

*"Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Believe in God; believe also in me.*

*In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.
If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare
a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come again and will take you to myself,
so that where I am, there you may be also.
And you know the way to the place where I am going.*

John 14:1-4

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
- 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

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

May 3, 2026



Ministers: All Members of the Church
E. Chris Curvin, Pastor

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Order for the Public Worship of God
May 3, 2026
5th 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 “Prelude on ‘O FILII ET FILIAE’” Healy Willan

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive, from Psalm 31)*

Leader: In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame.

People: Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.

Be my refuge and strong fortress.

Leader: I trust in you, O Lord; I say, “You are my God.”

My times are in your hand.

People: Be strong, and let your heart take courage,

all you who wait for the LORD.

**All: Blessed be the LORD, for he has wondrously shown his
steadfast love to us; let us worship God.**

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*HYMN #511 “Come, Behold the Feast of Heaven” LLANFAIR

CALL TO CONFESSION *(Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16)*

The proof of God’s amazing love is this: While we were still sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and humility, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

God of compassionate mercy, your grace and love extend to all people. We are called to forgive others, as you forgive us. Far too often however, we call out the sins of the powerful but fail to notice our own power. We become narrow in our quest for truth, and ignore other people, in other rooms, crying out for your justice. Help us search ourselves and seek forgiveness from those we have not extended mercy. Forgive us when we hold others to a standard that is higher than we expect of our selves. Connect us to others and help us explore new ways of being your people. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus promised his followers there are many rooms in a world filled with God’s justice. This is the good news: God raised Jesus from death and made room for us, calling us to live out of God’s forgiveness by making sure there is room for all. 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.**

*APOSTLES’ CREED *(Together, back panel in 9:00 service)*

ANTHEM “Rise Up! Rejoice!” Joseph M. Martin

Rise up! Rejoice, ye children of Jehovah! Rise up! Rejoice, ye people of the Lamb.

Rise up! Rejoice and sing an alleluia.

Let the people proclaim and rejoice in the name of the Lord!

Sing out! Rejoice! Give praise unto Jehovah.

Sing out! Rejoice! Bring honor to the Lamb. Sing out! Rejoice and shout an alleluia.

Let the people proclaim and rejoice in the name of the Lord!

Singing, “Alleluia.” Great are the works of the Lord!

God is worthy, worthy, worthy of honor and praise.

Is this the Christ, the Promised One, this man of peace and love?

Behold the glory of the Son.

“Faithful, come. Seekers, come. All people, come.

Come unto Me, all you who are weary and heavy laden.

Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me.

Take My yoke upon you, for I am gentle and I will give you rest.”

Rise up, ye lame and dance. Come let the celebration start.

Look up, ye blind and see. Come let the celebration start.

Come and let the celebration start and never end.

Let the praise begin. Let the celebration now begin!

Rise up! Rejoice, ye children of Jehovah. Rise up!

Rejoice, ye people of the Lamb.

Rise up! Rejoice and sing an alleluia.

Let the people proclaim and rejoice in the name of their God.

Rise up, rise up! Sing out! Rejoice! Give praise unto Jehovah.

Sing out! Rejoice! Bring honor to the Lamb. Sing out!

Rejoice and shout an alleluia.

Let the people proclaim and rejoice in the name of their God.

Rise up! Rejoice! Rise up! Rejoice!

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

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:1-4 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

“For Troubled Hearts”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

*HYMN #525

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

LET US BREAK BREAD

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF THE CUP

(To symbolize our unity in Christ, we hold the bread until the Elders and Deacons are served and then all partake as one body. To symbolize our personal relationship with the Lord, we drink of the cup, as the Spirit leads.)

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

HYFRYDOL

(stanzas 1,3,4)

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Postlude in G”

Charles Stanford

*Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.

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 Sermons.

WELCOME

PRAISE SONG

“Less Like Me”

MEET & GREET

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG

“No Longer Slaves”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

***APOSTLES’ CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

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OFFERTORY

“Simple Kingdom”

SCRIPTURE

John 14:1-4 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

“For Troubled Hearts

Chris Curvin, Pastor

HOLY COMMUNION

SONG OF DEDICATION

“I Cannot Tell It All”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Taryn Lumia, Director of Contemporary Music