

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Monday, May 18: Mike Nigels
Tuesday, May 19: Bryce Bullis
Thursday, May 21: Bill Martin, Michele Nigels
Friday, May 22: Tim Beaver, Sandy Estavil
Saturday, May 23: Edna Bartolucci, Bryan Bullis



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

Louise Mylin

In Honor of Bill's 83rd Birthday in Heaven



Sue & Steve Miskiewicz
In Honor of Our Anniversary



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) Barb Forsyth & Edna Bartolucci



USHERS:

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



COFFEE SERVERS:

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

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.

Acts 1:9-10

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

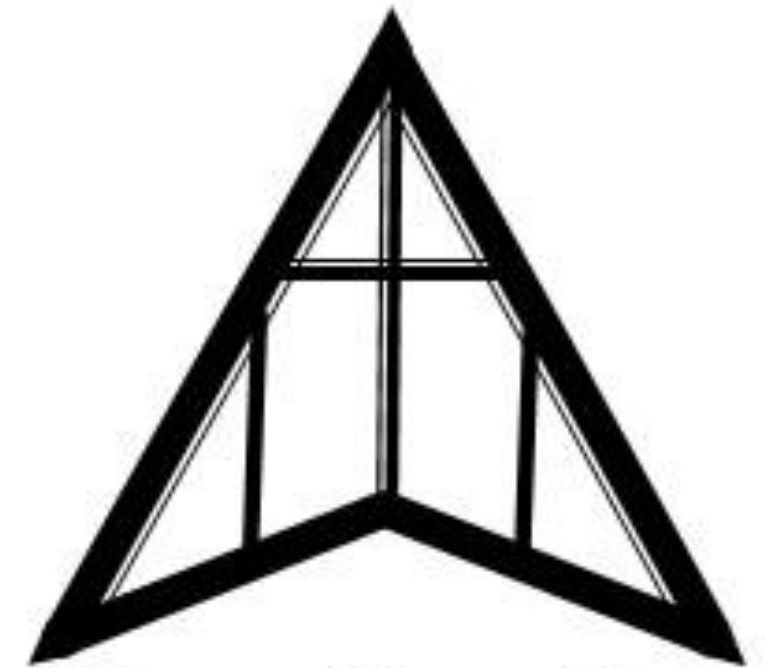
*Staff members are available to answer any questions you might have regarding church related programs through our office phone system. Provided below are the phone extension numbers for our staff. If you don't see a phone extension, other information is listed. If you call the church office when the 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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Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

May 17, 2026



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Ministers: All Members of the Church

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Order for the Public Worship of God
May 17, 2026
7th 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 “This Little Light of Mine” Allan Robert Petker
Celebration Ringers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive, Psalm 47)* Earle Lusk, Worship Leader
Leader: Our God has ascended with a mighty shout.
People: The Lord has ascended with trumpets blaring!
Leader: Come, let’s sing praise to God together,
People: for our God is sovereign over all the earth!
Leader: Let us worship God as we stand and pass the peace of Christ to one another.

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

*HYMN #234 “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain” ST. KEVIN

CALL TO CONFESSION
While we claim to celebrate the ascension of our Lord, the way we live proclaims our lack of faith in his power to deal with the world. Let us confess the incongruity between our faith and practice. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*
We come, O Lord, on this day of glory to confess our lack of trust. While we sing of your lordship over all of creation, we have too often acted as though you are powerless in the face of today’s events. Help us to live with confidence in your presence today and in hope for life with you forever. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(1 Timothy 1:15-17)*
Leader: This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He who is the fullness of God, of life, of truth, of goodness redeems us and sanctifies us, even when our sin feels too great.
People: God alone has saved us through Jesus Christ; to Him be honor and glory forever and ever. 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 “Teach Me Your Way, O Lord” Lloyd Larson
*Teach me your way, O Lord, teach me Your way.
Your guiding grace afford, teach me Your way.
Help me to walk aright, more by faith and less by sight;
Lead me in heavenly light, teach me Your way.*

*When I am sad at heart, teach me your way.
When earthly joys depart, teach me your way.
In hours of loneliness, in times of dire distress,
In failure or success, teach me your way.*

*When doubts and fears arise, when storm clouds fill the skies.
Shine through the wind and rain, make now my pathway plain.*

*Long as my life shall last, teach me your way.
Where'er my lot is cast, teach me your way.
Until the race is run, until the journey's done,
Until the crown is won, teach me your way.*

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 #462 “I Love to Tell the Story” HANKEY

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 1:6-12 (NRSVUE)

SERMON “He Ascended Into Heaven”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

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.

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise” MONKLAND
**Hail the day that sees him rise, to His throne above the skies.
Christ, awhile to mortals given, reascends his native heaven.**

**There the glorious triumph waits, lift your heads eternal gates.
Christ hath conquered death and sin, take the King of glory in.**

**See! The heaven its Lord receives, yet he loves the earth he leaves.
Though returning to his throne, still he calls the world his own.**

**See! He lifts his hands above. See! He shows the prints of love.
Hark! His gracious lips bestow, blessings on his church below.**

*BENEDICTION
CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Rondeau” Henry Purcell

(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.

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
“Thrive”

MEET & GREET

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG
“Graves Into Gardens”

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
“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

SCRIPTURE
Acts 1:6-12 (NRSVUE)

SERMON
“He Ascended Into Heaven”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION
“All the People Said Amen”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Taryn Lumia, Director of Contemporary Music

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!