

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, July 26: Eric Gajentan, Lauren Mackie
Monday, July 27: Missy Turner
Tuesday, July 28: Bill Nelms
Wednesday, July 29: Carol Robertson, Richard Cargill
Friday, July 31: Carolyn Rickrode



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



Jean Swintek In Honor of My Son-in-Law, Russ Baer'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" in the memo line of your 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 & Gloria Whitfield
(11:00) Patty Adams & Hazel Vernon



USHERS:

(9:00) Louise Mylin & Roxie Swartz
(11:00) Carole & John Fabriele



As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

Matthew 9:9-13

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

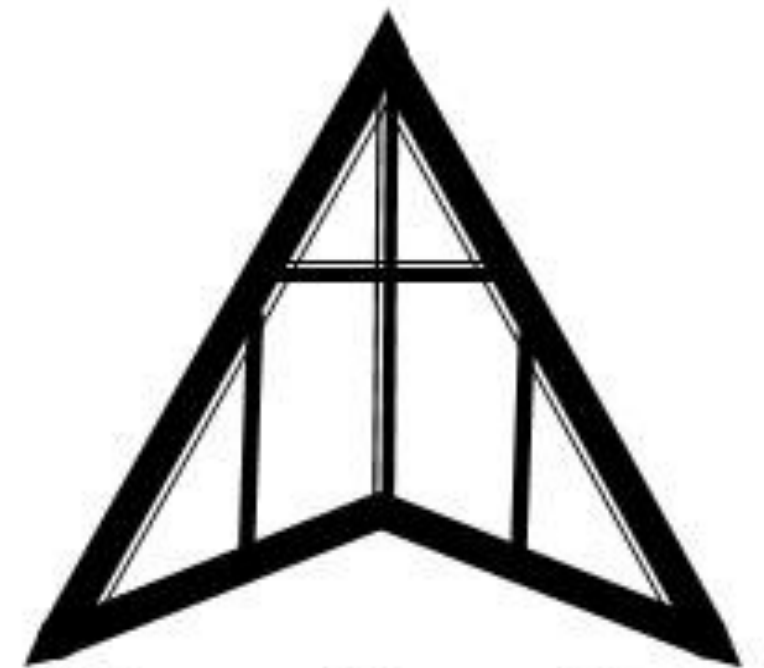
*Staff members are available to answer any questions you might have regarding church related programs through our office phone system. Provided below are the phone extension numbers for our staff. If you don't see a phone extension, other information is listed. If you call the church office when the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

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Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

July 26, 2026



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Ministers: All Members of the Church

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Order for the Public Worship of God
July 26, 2026
9th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

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

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Prelude, Op.31” Louis Vierne

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Mike Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: Jesus sees us in our daily routines and says, “follow me”.

People: We hear his voice and gather in His presence.

Leader: He does not call the perfect; he calls the broken to be healed.

People: He welcomes us into His presence exactly as we are.

Leader: Let us worship God as we stand to 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 #634 “To God Be the Glory” TO GOD BE THE GLORY

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our Lord Jesus does not look for perfect people, but for honest hearts. He invites us to step out of our hidden shame and walk with Him today. Knowing that the Great Physician is ready to heal rather than condemn, let us confidently confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)

Merciful God, we admit that we often live like the pharisees, judging others while ignoring our own brokenness. You call us to follow you, yet we cling to our comfortable routines and past mistakes. Forgive us, Great Physician. Heal our souls, welcome us back to your table, and transform our hearts so that we may extend your grace to a hurting world. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)

Leader: Let us affirm the good news of the gospel!

People: Jesus did not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Leader: In Jesus Christ, your sins are completely forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God! We are healed, restored and free to follow Him!

*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 “His Eye Is On the Sparrow” C. Martin/C. Gabriel

Soloist, Claudia Ferguson; Piano, Jim Ferguson

Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,

Why should my heart be lonely, and long for Heaven and home,

When Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is He:

His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

Refrain: I sing because I’m happy, I sing because I’m free,

For His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.

“Let not your heart be troubled, “ His tender word I hear,
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;
Though by the path He leadeth, but one step I may see;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
When songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him, from care He sets me free;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me. 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

Out of gratitude for all that God has provided for us, we bring our tithes and offerings for God’s work among us in this time and place. Let us dedicate our offerings to God by standing to sing glory to God. (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 give you thanks, O God, for the many blessings that you have planted in our lives. From even the smallest of seeds, your kingdom grows in our lives. Bless the offerings we give, that we might be ever more faithful in your work of reconciliation, love and joy. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN #465 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” CONVERSE

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 (NRSVUE)

SERMON “Messengers of Faith”
Kaaren Nesmith, Guest Preacher

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #761 “Called As Partners in Christ’s Service” BEECHER

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Sinfonia from ‘Solomon’” G.F. Handel

(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

“Start a Fire”

MEET & GREET

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG

“Perfectly Loved”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

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OFFERTORY

“Lead Me”

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

“Messengers of Faith”

Kaaren Nesmith, Guest Preacher

SONG OF DEDICATION

“He Reigns”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Taryn Lumia, Director of Contemporary Music

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!