

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, August 9: Mary Ellen Myers
Monday, August 10: Pat Gravatt, Lyn Sawers, Kelly Miller, Ben Cernansky
Wednesday, August 12: Mary Filipiak, Pete Zirpoli
Thursday, August 13: Madelyn McCutcheon
Friday, August 14: Shawn Davis, Mason Tighe

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. 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) Ann & Spencer Briggs
 (11:00) Carol & Conrad Trunzo

USHERS:

(9:00) Nancy Turner & Georgia Rounding
 (11:00) Jill Loomis & Kay Scheuerman

COFFEE SERVERS:

(9:00) Susan Hasell & Marie Ziegler
 (11:00) Edna Bertolucci & Lois Harber




*He put before them another parable:
 "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;
 it is the smallest of all the seeds,
 but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs
 and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come
 and make nests in its branches."*

Matthew 13:31-32

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

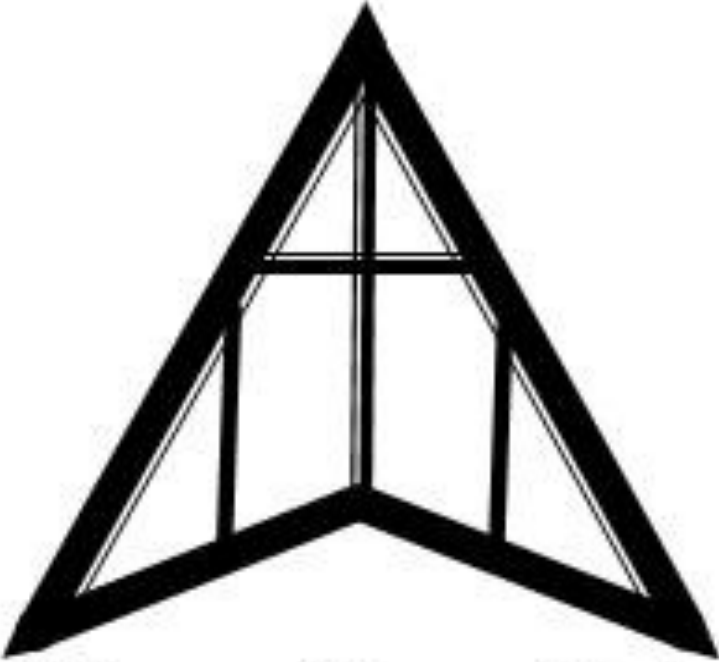
*Staff members are available to answer any questions you might have regarding church related programs through our office phone system. Provided below are the phone extension numbers for our staff. If you don't see a phone extension, other information is listed. If you call the church office when the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

August 9, 2026



Come, Grow, Go!

Ministers: All Members of the Church

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Order for the Public Worship of God
August 9, 2026
11th 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 “Ride the Chariot”
Barbershop Quartet, Skirt & Ties
Mike Wood, Lead; Megan Clark, Tenor; Gary Raulerson, Bari; Les Weiss, Bass

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Charlie Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive, from Psalm 1)
Leader: Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord!
People: God’s ways are just, merciful, and full of life.
Leader: Let us praise the One who provides living water, in Him the faithful flourish.
People: Like trees planted by the streams, we place our trust in You, O God.
Leader: Let us sink our roots deep into His truth and bear good fruit as we worship God and pass the peace of Christ to each other.

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

*HYMN #321 “The Church’s One Foundation” AURELIA

CALL TO CONFESSION
Friends, God’s love is wider than our failures, and His mercy is always ready to receive us. Let us come before Him in honesty, knowing that when we confess our sins, His forgiveness washes us clean and restores our joy. Let us pray together our prayer of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)
Holy God, you plant good seed, but we confess that weeds of sin grow within us. We judge others while ignoring our own brokenness. Forgive our impatience and our failure to trust you. Forgive us when we miss the small moments of your grace, and when we value the world's treasures above your Kingdom. Purify our hearts, Lord. Remove our sin and nurture Your good seed, so we may shine with your love. In Jesus' name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Hear the good news: God does not leave us to choke among the weeds, but God patiently nurtures us each and every day. Through Jesus Christ, your sins are completely forgiven, and you are made new to shine as a star in God’s Kingdom. 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 “No More Sorrow”
Barbershop Quartet, Skirt & Ties
Mike Wood, Lead; Megan Clark, Tenor; Gary Raulerson, Bari; Les Weiss, Bass

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
God’s abundance cannot be matched. Still, we are inspired to be generous by a generous God. We are inspired to give by the greatest of givers. In gratitude to God today and this week, we present our tithes and offerings through the giving stations in the hallway, online and by mail. I invite you to stand now as we sing praises to God through the doxology.
(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
Gracious God, the gifts we offer reflect only a portion of all that you have given us. Take these offerings, we give and multiply them for your use. May our offerings be a blessing to those most in need, to those most vulnerable, for we give them in Christ’s name, Amen.

*HYMN #724 “O Jesus, I Have Promised” ANGEL’S STORY

WE GROW IN THE WORD
SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 13:24-33, 36-53 (NRSVUE)

SERMON “Matt’s Seedy Centerfold!”
Kaaren Nesmith, Guest Preacher

WE GO OUT TO SERVE
*HYMN “To What Can the Kingdom of God Be Compared”
TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To what can the kingdom of God be compared?
A mustard seed falls where a field's been prepared,
And there, where predictable plantings should be,
There grows up a wild bush — as big as a tree!
God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:
Loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives.
Your reign is amazing, your ways still astound,
Just like that new life springing forth from the ground.

A small bit of leaven will change the whole bread:
A poor woman sees that her neighbors are fed,
A church reaches out to the youth in the town,
A man shares his faith and God's blessings abound.
God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:
Loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives.
Your reign is among us, creation is blessed,
When even a few faithful lives change the rest.

While some look for treasure or one priceless pearl,
God's reign is the gift wise ones seek in this world.
A girl sells possessions to help those in need;
A boy chooses faithfulness rather than greed.
God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:
Loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives.
Your reign is a treasure that wise ones pursue;
May we seek your kingdom in all that we do.

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Let There Be Peace on Earth”
Barbershop Quartet, Skirt & Ties
Mike Wood, Lead; Megan Clark, Tenor; Gary Raulerson, Bari; Les Weiss, Bass

(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
“Only King Forever”

MEET & GREET

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRaise SONG
“Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)”

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
“You Are My King (Amazing Love)”

SCRIPTURE
Matthew 13:24-33, 36-53 (NRSVUE)

SERMON
“Matt's Seedy Centerfold!”
Kaaren Nesmith, Guest Preacher

SONG OF DEDICATION
“The Only Name (Yours Will Be)”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Taryn Lumia, Director of Contemporary Music

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!