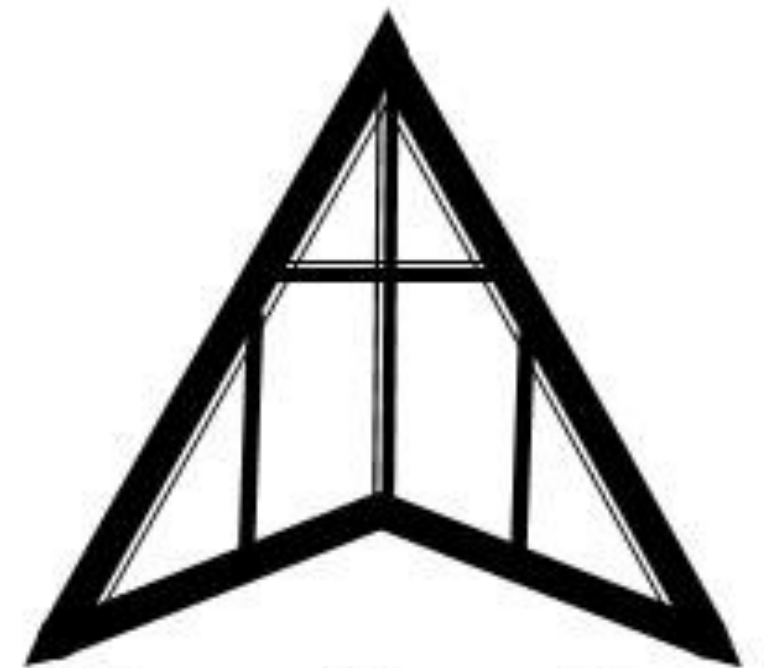


Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

August 16, 2026



Come, Grow, Go!

Ministers: All Members of the Church

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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, August 16: Beverly Field
Monday, August 17: Dan Gipson
Tuesday, August 18: Charlie Rumpel
Wednesday, August 19: Sue Walker, Tom Donnelly, Barbara Henry, Omar Valdes
Thursday, August 20: Dennis Rasmussen, Jeff Voss
Friday, August 21: Margie Gott, Catherine Somers



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 Great-Grandson
Charlie Swintek Bell's 1st 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) Cindy Gamble & Susan Hasell
(11:00) Edna Bartolucci & Wilai McNay

USHERS:

(9:00) Jill Manning & Marie Ziegler
(11:00) Jill Loomis & Kay Scheuerman

COFFEE SERVERS:

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



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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Emily Cantin, Director of Communications x2001
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Aidan Murray, Facilities/Maintenance, x2002
Drew Milano, Sound & Tech, worship@northwoodpc.org

*Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him,
"You of little faith, why did you doubt?"
When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."*

Matthew 14:31-33

Order for the Public Worship of God
August 16, 2026
12th 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 “When Morning Gilds the Skies”
arr. Jason Payne

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Charlie Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: Over the wind and waves, Christ comes to us.

People: We have heard the invitation.

Leader: The storms of life do not have the last word.

People: Our faith keeps us from sinking.

Leader: Our doubts lead to greater faith.

People: Our losses open us to greater possibilities.

Leader: Let us call on God’s name and give thanks.

People: We will sing of God’s works, and share with others
God’s marvelous deeds.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*HYMN #41 “O Worship the King” LYONS

CALL TO CONFESSION (responsive, form Psalm 107:28-29)

Leader: The Psalmist reminds us that when the people of God were in trouble they cried out to the Lord and He brought them out of their distress.

People: He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed.

Leader: Let us now cry out to the Lord in our own distress, confessing our sins before the One who calms every storm.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together, from Proverbs 3:5-6)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not trusted You with all our heart. We have leaned on our own understanding and walked in our own wisdom. We have failed to acknowledge Your sovereignty in all our ways, choosing instead to direct our own paths. Forgive our pride, our self-reliance, and our lack of faith. Turn our hearts back to You, clear our vision, and make our paths straight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news: God does not abandon us to our own foolishness. When we turn to God, God is faithful to forgive and guide. In Christ Jesus, you are forgiven and set upon right paths. 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 “I Believe” arr. Beard/Tucker
with Ave Maria
Duet: Dennis Rasmussen & Stephanie Carson

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

The earth belongs to the Lord, and everything in it. All that we have comes from God’s generous hand. Let us present our tithes and offerings as acts of worship and praise as we stand and 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

Gracious and compassionate God, we praise you with all our inmost beings. You forgive our sins and heal our brokenness and crown our lives with love. May the pledges and offerings we give, bless the lonely, comfort the hurting, and proclaim your good news, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN #720 “Jesus Calls Us” ORA LABORA

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 14:22-33 (NRSVUE)

SERMON “Everybody OUT!”
Kaaren Nesmith, Guest Preacher
Earle Lusk, Elder

Kum ba Yah KUM BA YAH
Kum ba yah my Lord, Kum ba yah,
Kum ba yah my Lord, Kum ba yah,
Kum ba yah, Oh Lord, Kum ba yah.

Be Still My Soul FINLANDIA
Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide,
who through all changes faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN “Far From the Town” ELLACOMBE
Far from the town, the crowds pressed in on Jesus’ prayer retreat’.
He healed their sick, then told his own, “you give them food to eat!”
Five loaves of bread and two small fish were all they found to share,
Yet thousands ate the meal he blessed, with baskets left to spare.

Out on the sea, the winds were strong; the stormy waves were high;
There Jesus’ friends were filled with fear when he came walking by.
“Take heart, for it is I!” he said and helping Peter stand,
He calmed the storm and stirred their hearts, God’s world was in his hand

Lord, we see your wondrous signs and know through faith-filled eyes:
You are new wine that bring us joy, true bread that satisfies.
You give clear vision to your church you make the wounded whole.
You give us hope when seas are rough; for you are in control.
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*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Lead On, O King Eternal” arr. Gilbert Martin

(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

“Whom Shall I Fear”

MEET & GREET

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG

“Trust In God”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORDS PRAYER

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OFFERTORY

“Oceans”

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 14:22-33 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

“Everybody OUT!”

Kaaren Nesmith, Guest Preacher
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(Kum ba yah)

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Child of Love”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Taryn Lumia, Director of Contemporary Music