

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Monday, August 24: Dylan Cantin, Rachelle Cox

Tuesday, August 25: Hayley Parker

Wednesday, August 26: Steve Schultz, Katie Williams, Haley Stark, Jayla Davis

Thursday, August 27: Chris Hurst, Fred McQuown, Christine Wolf

Friday, August 28: Gene Baker, Earle Lusk, Melissa Long

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



Missy Wolf
In Memory of My Parents



Jean Swintek
In Honor of Riley, My 4-Footed Favorites 15th B-day

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 Raice & Gloria Whitfield

(11:00) Patty Adams & Hazel Vernon

USHERS:

(9:00) Louise Mylin & Roxie Swartz

(11:00) Patty Adams & Bobbie Spotora

COFFEE SERVERS:

(9:00) Georgia Rounding & Jill Manning

(11:00) Dee Rivers & Anne Preston



Ushers & Greeters



Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

Hebrews 12:1

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

Dianna Burpee, Director of Schools x2010

Roxane Fineo, Business Administrator x2003

Jarrett Mattson, Interim Youth Team Leader, jzmattson1@gmail.com

Aidan Murray, Facilities/Maintenance, x2002

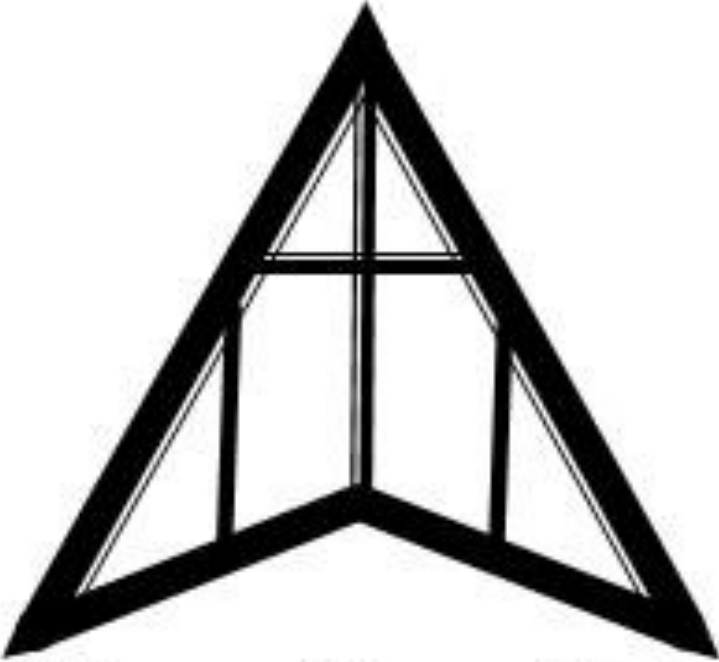
Drew Milano, Sound & Tech, worship@northwoodpc.org

Welcome To

Northwood Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978

August 23, 2026



Come, Grow, Go!

Ministers: All Members of the Church

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor

Northwood Presbyterian Church
2875 State Road 580, Clearwater, FL 33761
(727) 796-8090 Fax (727) 797-8276
www.northwoodpc.org



Like us on Facebook!
facebook.com/npc.clearwater

Order for the Public Worship of God
August 23, 2026
13th 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 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
arr. Don Phillips

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: Hear O Isreal! I am calling! Are you listening?

People: We are here and we are ready.

Leader: Beloved children, who do you say that I am?

People: You are our rock and our redeemer. Our trust is in you. Our hearts, minds and souls belong to you!

Leader: I created you, named you and have a calling for your life.

People: We give thanks with our whole hearts for your steadfast love!

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*HYMN #327 “From All That Dwell Below the Skies” LASST LINS ERFREUEN

CALL TO CONFESSION

You call out to us, Lord, but we struggle to listen. As we come before you with our hearts open, quiet the noise of our pressing thoughts and fears, so that we may hear your Spirit fully as we make our confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)

God of truth, like a moth that gnaws at wool, our brokenness eats away at our souls. We allow the cacophony of greed, selfishness, apathy and ignorance to drown out your voice as you call us respond to the needs of the suffering around us. In our busy lives, we convince ourselves that there is no time to help, no space for prayer, and that we are all alone. Forgive us. Remind us to breathe deeply of your Holy Spirit and Holy Word to hear your voice. Inspire us to greater love for you and for one another. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive, Isaiah 51:4, Matthew 16:19)

Leader: The prophet Isaiah wrote, “Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me.” Jesus promised, “I will give you the keys to the kingdom.” We know love and forgiveness because God first loved us. Friends, hear the good news, God declares to you today, “You are my beloved!” May we respond to such abundant grace with deep gratitude.

People: God loves me, heals me, strengthens me and calls me by name. Through Jesus I am made whole! Thanks be to God!

*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 “God and God Alone” Phil McHugh
Soloist, Randy Ball

God and God alone created all these things we call our own.
From the mighty to the small, the glory in them all is God’s and God’s alone.
God and God alone reveals the truth of all we call unknown.
And all the best and worst of man won’t change the Master’s plan;
It’s God’s and God’s alone.
God and God alone is fit to take the universe’s throne.
Let everything that lives reserve its truest praise for God and God alone.

God and God alone will be the joy of our eternal home.
He will be our one desire; our hearts will never tire of God and God alone.
God and God alone is fit to take the universe’s throne.
Let everything that lives reserve its truest praise for God and God alone.

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

Paul wrote that we are the body of Christ with many members, each with a different function. Our gifts are many and varied, yet our calling is common: to return to God that which we have received according to God’s grace. (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

God of Abundance, we have received blessings from you and today we hear your call to share our time, our talent and our treasure with your beloved community. May these gifts bring your light, love and hope to all who need them. In Christ’s name. Amen.

*HYMN #846

“Fight the Good Fight”

DUKE STREET

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hebrews 12:1-2 (NRSVUE)

James 1:12 (NIV)

SERMON

“Stick To It!”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #275

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

EIN’ FESTE BERG

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Gavotte in G”

J.S. Bach

(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 Sermons.

WELCOME

PRAISE SONG

“O Praise Him”

MEET & GREET

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

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.

CALL TO OFFERING

(Church offerings are given through the giving stations in the hallway, online or through the mail.)

OFFERTORY

“Shout to the Lord”

SCRIPTURES

Hebrews 12:1-2(NRSVUE)

James 1:12 (NIV)

SERMON

“Stick To It!”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Alive Again”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Taryn Lumia, Director of Contemporary Music

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!