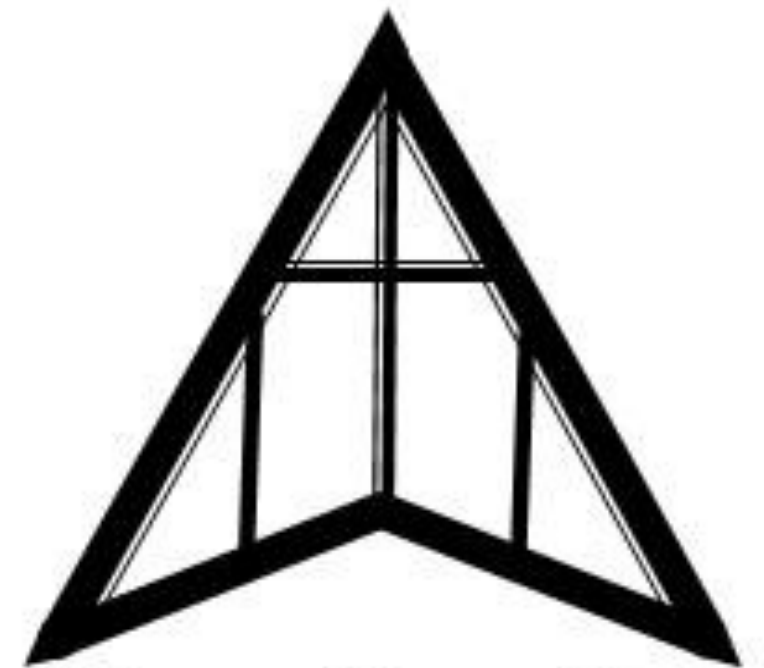


Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

August 30, 2026



Come, Grow, Go!

Ministers: All Members of the Church

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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, August 30: Aaron McDermott
Monday, August 31: Kathleen Meyer
Tuesday, September 1: Janet Dudley
Thursday, September 3: Dee Rivers, Drew Bryant
Friday, September 4: Ken Carder, Carol Hildebrandt, Scott Curkan
Saturday, September 5: Toby Shugart, Michael Turner



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



**Eleanor Cicerchi
In Memory of Fred Heider**



**Linda & Mike O'Leary
In Loving Memory of Dorthea O'Leary**

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) Jenny Carlstedt & Georgia Rounding
(11:00) Sue Miskiewicz & Chris Stitzel

USHERS:

(9:00) Vickie & Curtis Krueger
(11:00) Patty Adams & Bobbie Spotora

COFFEE SERVERS:

(9:00) PW Sisters in Christ
(11:00) PW Sisters in Christ



...for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:11-13

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.*

Chris Curvin, Pastor/Head of Staff x2007
Stephanie Carson, Director of Music x2009
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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

Order for the Public Worship of God
August 30, 2026
14th 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 “Like a River Glorious” arr. Gene Roberson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive, Psalm 34)*

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times.

People: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Leader: May our souls make their boast in the Lord.

People: Let the humble hear and be glad!

Leader: Leave behind the worries of the world,

People: for God shows us the path of life.

All: We stand together now to pass the peace of Christ to one another, for in His presence there is fullness of joy!

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*HYMN #20 “All Things Bright and Beautiful” ROYAL OAK

CALL TO CONFESSION

The story of God’s creation is a story of movement—from night into day, from chaos into order. We learn from God creating all things that God does not leave us in the dark. Let us step into the light of God’s mercy and confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(responsive, Philippians 4:10-13 adapted)*

Leader: Gracious God, you call us to live lives of contentment, but we confess we look elsewhere to satisfy our hearts.

People: When we have plenty, we forget our dependence on You. When we face need, we grumble and give in to anxiety and worry.

Leader: We rely on our own strength instead of turning to You. Forgive our foolish ways.

People: Teach us the secret of trusting you in every changing circumstance, so that we may find our true sufficiency in Christ alone. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news, our joy does not depend on our perfection, but on God’s unchanging mercy, in Christ. Therefore, rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say rejoice! 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 “Near the Cross” arr. Bolks/Fettke
Trio: Rachelle Cox, Stephanie Carson, Barbara Jordan

*Jesus, keep me near the cross. There, a precious fountain,
free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary’s mountain.
In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever.
Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.*

*Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day with its shadows o’er me.
In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever.
Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.*

*Near the cross I’ll watch and wait, hoping, trusting, ever,
Till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river.
In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever.
Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.*

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 #840 “It Is Well with My Soul” VILLE DU HAVRE
(stanzas 1,3,4)

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 4:10-13 (NRSVUE)

SERMON “Inner Contentment”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #643 “Now Thank We All Our God” NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “How Majestic Is Your Name” arr. Linn/Fettke
Trio: Rachelle Cox, Stephanie Carson, Barbara Jordan

(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, Director of Traditional Music; 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

“The Lord Will Provide”

MEET & GREET

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG

“Rest On Us”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORDS PRAYER

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OFFERTORY

“I Speak Jesus”

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4:10-13(NRSVUE)

SERMON

“Inner Contentment”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“This Is Amazing Grace”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Taryn Lumia, Director of Contemporary Music

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!