

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, September 6: Aimee McDermott
Monday, September 7: Gene Henriksen, Curtis Krueger
Tuesday, September 8: Wally Ericson
Wednesday, September 9: Anne Preston
Friday, September 11: Heather Stark, Brian Schultz
Saturday, September 12: Dale Goodman, Logan Bullis



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) Louise Mylin & Jill Manning
(11:00) Barb Bozinski & Barb Forsyth



USHERS:

(9:00) Carol Zieres & Cindy Gamble
(11:00) Nancy & Wayne Rodewald



COFFEE SERVERS:

(9:00) Marie Nadig & Linda Granata
(11:00) Lyn Sawers & Joan Ross

*And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit
that had crippled her for eighteen years.
She was bent over and was quite
unable to stand up straight.*

*When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said,
"Woman, you are set free from your ailment."
When he laid his hands on her, immediately she
stood up straight and began praising God.*

Luke 13:11-13

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



Rides Available

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.

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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Stephanie Carson, Director of Music x2009
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Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

September 6, 2026



Ministers: All Members of the Church
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Order for the Public Worship of God
September 6, 2026
15th 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 “Ciacona in A Minor” Dieterich Buxtehude

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION Cedarkirk Women’s Retreat, Babs Bailey

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive, Psalm 103)* Charlie Wood
Leader: Come, let us praise the One who meets us in our brokenness.
People: We worship the God who forgives us and heals all our diseases.
Leader: Look upon your life and see the goodness of the Lord. He rescues you from the darkest night.
People: He crowns us with steadfast love and surrounds us with tender mercies.
Leader: Let us worship the Lord with joyful hearts as we stand and 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 #336 “We Gather Together” KREMSER

CALL TO CONFESSION
As God’s chosen people, we are called into marvelous light. Yet, we often choose to hide from God in the shadows. Let us instead confess our sins together trusting in God’s kindness and power to heal and forgive.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*
Merciful God, we confess that we value rules over relationships. We choose rigid order and judge by the letter of the law. We forget the spirit of your love and the wideness of your amazing grace. Forgive us when our strictness replaces compassion. Loosen the legalism binding our hearts. Teach us to love boldly and freely. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Leader: Hear the good news from Psalm 71: God's saving acts are beyond our ability to count. You are not measured by perfect law-keeping, but by divine grace and in the name of Jesus Christ, you are for given and set free. 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.

*APOSTLES’ CREED *(Together)*
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM “Light Dawns On a Weary World” Michael Burkhardt
Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to see all people’s dignity. Light dawns on a weary world: the promised day of justice comes.

Refrain: *The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs; The hills and mountains shall break forth with singing! We shall go out with joy, and be led forth in peace, As all the world in wonder echoes shalom.*

Love grows in a weary world when hungry hearts find bread and children’s dreams are fed. Love grows in a weary world: the promised feast of plenty comes. Refrain

Hope blooms in a weary world when creatures, once forlorn, Find wilderness reborn. Hope blooms in a weary world: The promised green of Eden comes. Refrain

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

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Luke 13:10-17 (NRSVUE)

SERMON “Bent Woman”
Kaaren Nesmith, Guest Preacher

*HYMN #498 “Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken” BEACH SPRING
(stanzas 1-3)

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF THE CUP
(To symbolize our unity in Christ, we hold the bread until the Elders and Deacons are served and then all partake as one body. To symbolize our personal relation ship with the Lord, we drink of the cup, as the Spirit leads.)

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #611 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” HYMN TO JOY

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices”
arr. Paul Manz

**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

“Open Up the Heavens”

MEET & GREET

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Cedarkirk Women’s Retreat, Babs Bailey

PRAISE SONG

“Graves Into Gardens”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

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OFFERTORY

“Oceans”

SCRIPTURE

Luke 13:10-17 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

“Bent Woman”

Kaaren Nesmith, Guest Preacher

HOLY COMMUNION

SONG OF DEDICATION

“I Thank God”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Taryn Lumia, Director of Contemporary Music