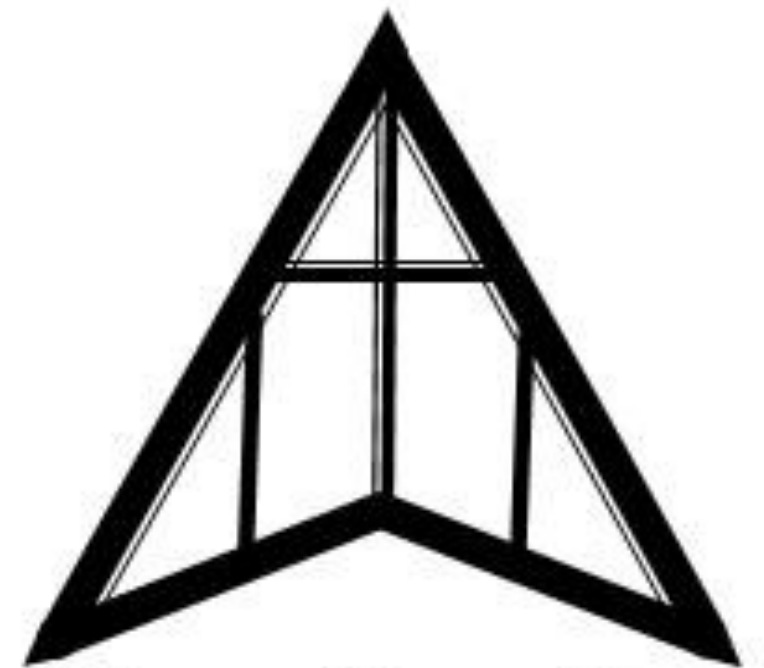


Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

September 20, 2026



Come, Grow, Go!

Ministers: All Members of the Church

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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, September 20: Sharon Carder, Mitchell Johnston
Monday, September 21: Alyssa Long, Hannah Gipson
Tuesday, September 22: Steve Lang, David Nelson, Rachel Granata
Wednesday, September 23: Carol Trunzo, Phil Ventrella, Roxane Fineo, Faye Mackie, Tanya Adkisson
Friday, September 25: Cecelia Turner, Leah Dipolito



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 Grandson, Mark Patrick
and Scott's Birthdays—also Misug 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) Susan Hasell & Cindy Gamble
(11:00) Edna Bartolucci & Jessie Loy

Ushers & Greeters



USHERS:

(9:00) Georgia Rounding & Marie Ziegler
(11:00) Wilai McNay & Barbara Moler

COFFEE SERVERS:

(9:00) Louise Mylin & Nancy Turner
(11:00) Bev Hyden & Anne Preston



But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way but not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair, persecuted but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed, always carrying around in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For we who are living are always being handed over to death for Jesus's sake, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us but life in you.

2 Corinthians 4:7-12

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 Leader, youthdirector@notthwoodpc.org
Aidan Murray, Facilities/Maintenance, x2002
Drew Milano, Sound & Tech, worship@northwoodpc.org

Order for the Public Worship of God
September 20, 2026
17th 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 “As the Deer” Martin Nystrom

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

MINUTE FOR MISSION Stephanie Carson

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive, from Luke 9:23-25) Sue Miskiewicz
Leader: Jesus says, “Take up your cross daily and follow me.”
People: For those who lose their life for Christ’s sake will save it.
Leader: What does it profit us to gain the world, yet forfeit our very selves?
People: We come to worship the eternal God and find true life in Him.
Leader: Let us 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 #826 “Lift High the Cross” CRUCIFER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)
Merciful God, we confess that when our hearts are troubled, we are slow to trust. When life is heavy, we rely on our own strength rather than Yours. We let fear quiet our faith and discouragement dim our hope. Forgive us for our anxieties, our quiet despair, and the times we have questioned Your goodness. Forgive us and renew a steadfast spirit within us and lift our eyes to the life and hope of Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive, from Genesis 1)
Leader: Hear the good news: The same God who commanded light to shine out of darkness has shone in our hearts through Jesus Christ to give us life and hope!
People: The old has passed away; behold, the new creation has come! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new. 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 “Down By the Riverside”/”Standing in the Need of Prayer”
arr. Mary McDonald
*Gonna lay down my burden down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside, down by the riverside. (repeat)
I ain’t gonna study war no more, ain’t gonna study war no more,
Ain’t gonna study war no more, no more (repeat) Down by the riverside.*

*It’s me, it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. (repeat)
Not my brother, not my sister, but it’s me,
O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.
Not my mother, not my father, but it’s me,
O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.*

*Gonna lay down my sword and shield down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside, down by the riverside. (repeat)
Down by the river, down by the river, down by the river.
It’s me, it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer!
It’s me, it’s me, O Lord!*

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 #735 “I Need Thee Every Hour” NEED
(stanzas 1,2,3)

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 42 (NRSVUE)
2 Corinthians 4:7-12; 16-18 (NRSVUE)

SERMON “Treasure in Clay Jars”
Doug McMahon, Guest Preacher

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #39 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” FAITHFULNESS

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Trumpet Tune” Connor Licharz
(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
“O Praise Him”

MEET & GREET

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG
“Be Alright”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORDS PRAYER
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OFFERTORY
“O Come to the Altar”

SCRIPTURES
Psalm 42 (NRSVUE)
2 Corinthians 4:7-12; 16-18 (NRSVUE)

SERMON
“Treasure in Clay Jars”
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SONG OF DEDICATION
“You Are Holy”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Taryn Lumia, Director of Contemporary Music

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!