

Worship/Communion

Due to our very limited participation with the gluten-free (GF) communion kits, along with concerns expressed re: taste and texture and lack of ease to use (sometimes even resulting in spillage), the Worship Committee will phase out the use of the kits as the current supply expires year end. Should the need for a gluten-free option grow and/or product offerings hopefully improve, we can and will certainly reconsider their use. In the meantime, please feel free to bring your bread of choice as you are welcomed to and encouraged to participate in communion during the worship service.

Please send articles for all publications to Emily Cantin at Communications@northwoodpc.org.

- Any submissions for the bulletin and announcements must be emailed by the Sunday before it is to appear.
- Publications for the *Window* newsletter must be received by the 3rd Monday of the month. (Please limit all announcements to 4 lines.)



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.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located in the hallway past the Library and in the hallway across from the kitchen. Hand Sanitizers are conveniently located at each exit.



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NPC Guest



LIVE STREAMING

Now live streaming our 9:00



Announcements— December 29, 2024

WELCOME GUESTS!

Welcome to Northwood and welcome to those watching online! Let us know of prayer requests by filling out the friendship sheet or through the church website, and seek to give online, by text, by mail or through offering boxes located in the narthex. Contact our church office at communications@northwoodpc.org if you are interested in how to do all the above or wish to become a member or learn more about us. **The next Discovering Northwood Presentation to learn more about who we are and consider membership will be held on January 19th at 9:45am. WELCOME!**

Annual Report Deadline—Jan 6

Annual Report deadline to the Session, Committees, Pastors & Staff is Monday, January 6th by noon. Please submit your electronic copy to communications@northwoodpc.org. There are copies of last year's annual report in the church office if needed. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Thanks!

Music Ministry's Annual Garage Sale

YEA! You can finally clear out your garage and spare bedroom of all the items you've been collecting for the garage sale. Drop-off began on December 27, 2024 and will run through January 14, 2025 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. We will be in the back of the church at the Family Life Center and Room 14. Someone will be there to assist unloading your donations. We need oversize bags, wire hangers and wrapping material like newspaper or tissue paper. Please take a card from the narthex and invite your family, friends and neighbors to donate and attend the sale. The Garage Sale is scheduled for January 16, 17 and 18, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Thank you for helping us get the word out to everyone. You are what makes the sale a success. Please call or e-mail if you can help or need a donation pick-up – Susan Curry (727) 709-8237 or susankcurry@verizon.net



Cedarkirk Women's Retreat—Jan. 10-12

It's not too late to register for anyone who is interested in attending the 2025 Women's Retreat. You can pick up a brochure in the church office or register through our website under the Fellowship tab. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne Stephen at jeanneestephen@gmail.com

Livestreaming

If you have technical difficulties viewing the online services please view in the church livestreaming archives the next day as that is working well. You can call the church office and ask for help you if you are having trouble viewing— 727-796-8090. We encourage you to ask for help!

Grief Recovery and God's Grace

Beginning Wednesday, January 8th and continuing through Wednesday, February 12th, Pastor Paul will lead a six-week educational seminar and support group for persons who are experiencing grief due to the death of a loved one or for those who are facing grief from other types of significant loss in their life. The time of the seminar is from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.. This is not a group therapy program, so while active participation is encouraged, it is not required. For more information, please contact Pastor Paul at 727-796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.

NPC Garden Club—Jan. 18

Fellow members and guests, if you are looking for a New Years resolution to help your church, join the NPC Garden Club, January 18th from 9am-Noon. Our focus will be all landscaping areas of the front entry. Potluck lunch to follow. If you have any questions, contact Ritchie & Leslie Henley at leslianne1968@icloud.com or 813-833-1180.

Nursery Care Available

The Nursery is available for childcare during both the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services. Our staff are screened and trained to provide safe, caring and entertaining supervision to your little ones while you attend Worship. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 727-796-8090 or communications@northwoodpc.org

Youth



Every Sunday morning, the youth, which includes middle school, high school and college age students, will meet for Sunday School at 10:00am in the youth room. Wednesday evenings we will have Youth Group meet at 6pm in the youth room. Game night will meet on Fridays from 7pm-10pm in the youth room/FLC. If you have any questions, please contact Dylan Cantin at youthdirector@northwoodpc.org or 727-796-8090 x2008.

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

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes available on the table in the church library. Boxes are not numbered or labeled; you may take any one. Please remember that when making "Cash" contributions, include your first and last name on the envelope to be sure it is accurately recorded. The individual envelopes in the box are marked for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th Sunday of each month rather than being dated. Envelopes for the 5th Sunday, if needed, are at the back of the box.

Per-Capita Apportionment

Every church shares in the administrative costs of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) through the annual per capita assessment. Northwood's per-capita assessment is \$35.61 per every active member and confirmed youth (communicant member). Please consider paying this administrative cost above and beyond your annual pledge/offering. You can contribute to the per-capita apportionment at any time during the year. To do so just write "per-capita" on the memo line of your check or mark an envelope accordingly. Thank you for your gift!

Pledge Cards for 2025

Thank you for your faithful answer to God's call to give freely and wholeheartedly to support the ministry and mission of Northwood Presbyterian Church in 2024. If you have already submitted a pledge card for the coming year, thank you! Pledge cards are available in the narthex and the church office. Thank you again for all God has done in and through your giving back to Him at Northwood Presbyterian in 2024.