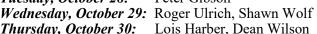
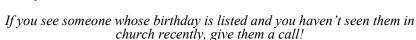
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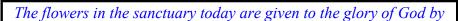
Sunday, October 26: Elaine Rumpel Tuesday, October 28: Peter Gibson



Friday, October 31: Elizabeth Curkan

Saturday, November 1: Ann James







# Friends of Northwood



Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2025 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" and the date on your \$30 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 Raiche

(11:00) Patty Adams & Hazel Vernon

#### **USHERS:**

Louise Mylin & Roxie Swartz (11:00) Kim Blackmore & Barbara Moler

#### COFFEE SERVERS:

(9:00) Georgia Rounding & Marie Ziegler

(11:00) Carol Robertson & Anne Preston





He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

Luke 18:9-14

# **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 worshiping 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

# **Email Scam Alert**



Some of our members and church staff have once again received fraudulent emails that appear to be from Pastor

Chris. These email scams usually say that the pastor does not have time to talk by phone and wants to talk to you by email only. They always end up asking for you to discreetly purchase gift cards to assist the pastor in

Our pastors will never solicit you for gift cards and do NOT send these emails. Our pastors love to talk to you anytime but you do not need to call them to let them know you have received another suspicious email. The best way to deal with this is for you to block the sender and/or forward the email to the church office so that we can collect them for the police. It saddens us when anyone seeks to do harm and prey on the Christian kindness of our members. Be aware of such scams and do not respond to them!

# **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 Paul Means, Associate Pastor x2006

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

Mark Fettke, Bookkeeper x2005

Roxane Fineo, Director of Schools x2010

Dylan Cantin, Assistant Youth Director x2008 (cell 727-723-5984)

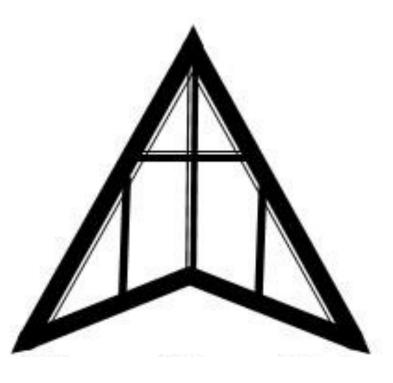
Aidan Murray, Facilities/Maintenance, x2002

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

# **Welcome To** Northwood Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Church Organized February 19, 1978

October 26, 2025



Come, Grow, Go!

Ministers: All Members of the Church

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor

Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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# **Order for the Public Worship of God** October 26, 2025 20th Sunday after Pentecost 11:00 AM Worship Service

#### WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY "How Great Thou Art" arr. Susan Henry Violin, Melanie Cox Schulz

(Let us quietly prepare our hearts for worship during the opening voluntary)

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Jackie Koski

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: Give thanks to God for the faith we share; People: be steadfast in hope through Jesus Christ.

Leader: Pray always, and do not lose heart.

People: Being confident of this, that God who began a good work in

vou will carry it on to completion until the day Christ Jesus

appears.

Leader: Let us praise and worship God!

#### \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

\*HYMN #275

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

EIN FESTE BURG

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)

Almighty and loving God, you invite us to draw near to you, to share our hearts with you, and to live in fellowship with you. Forgive us when we keep you at arm's length. Forgive us when we live according to our own will, relegating you to the margins of our lives. Forgive us when we pursue and prize religious works and activities above a humble and contrite heart that receives and depends wholly upon your saving grace. In your mercy, grant us eyes that see, ears that hear, and hearts that respond to the love and grace you freely bestow upon us in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, for it is in his holy name that we pray. Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### \*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** 

"Come, Christian's, Join to Sing!" Randall Kempton 4-Hand Piano, Stephanie Carson, David Furr Violin, Melanie Cox Schulz; Drum, Jarrett Mattson

Come, Christians, join to sing, Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen! Let all with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice; praise is His gracious choice; Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen! He is our guide and friend; to us He'll condescend; His love shall never end, Alleluia! Amen!

Praise vet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen! Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen! On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore, singing for evermore; Ah, Alleluia! Amen!

#### 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

\*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 #435

"There's a Wideness In God's Mercy" IN BABILONE

## WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:9-14 (NRSVUE)

**SERMON** 

"When God Looks at the Heart" Paul Means, Associate Pastor

# WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN

"I Am Thine, O Lord"

I AM THINE

I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice, and it told Thy love to me; but I long to rise in the arms of faith, and be closer drawn to Thee.

Refrain: Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where Thou hast died; Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to Thy precious, bleeding side.

O the pure delight of a single hour that before Thy throne I spend, when I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend! Refrain

Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine; let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in Thine. Refrain

\*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Gavotte from "Mignon"" Violin, Melanie Cox Schulz A. Thomas

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.

Please ensure all electronic devices are on silent during the service.

Stephanie Carson, Music Director; David Furr, Organist

# GNATE

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** 

"Good God Almighty"

**MEET & GREET** 

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

**MINUTE FOR MINISTRY** 

Jackie Koski

**PRAISE SONG** 

"My Sweet Lord"

#### SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

#### 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.

#### **CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** 

"King of My Heart"

**SCRIPTURE** 

Luke 18:9-14 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

"When God Looks at the Heart" Paul Means, Associate Pastor

**SONG OF DEDICATION** 

"God Is On the Move"

**GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU** 

Taryn Lumia, Director of Contemporary Music

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