

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, November 30: Kelly Tighe
Tuesday, December 2: Michele North
Wednesday, December 3: Bob Redpath, Sue Miskiewicz,
Kerry McDermott
Thursday, December 4: Mary McCauley
Friday, December 5: Carol Sprung, Robert Fehringer,
Mickey Stewart



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

Linda Feller

In Loving Memory of My Brother, Bob Preston



Peggy & Terry Steele

In Honor of Our Sons,

Ryan Steele & Matthew Brauner



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) Georgia Rounding & Jenny Carlstedt
(11:00) Nan Robbins & Gloria Whitfield

Ushers & Greeters



USHERS:

(9:00) Vicki & Curtis Krueger
(11:00) Carol Rathmell & Tim Beaver

COFFEE SERVERS:

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



The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God."

Luke 1:30-35

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

Pledge Cards for 2026

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 2025. If you have already submitted a pledge card for the coming year, thank you! If you have yet to do so, please do so as soon as possible. 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 2025. We look forward to the work God is preparing for us in 2026.

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*

November 30, 2025



**FIRST SUNDAY OF
ADVENT**

Ministers: All Members of the Church

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor
Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

Northwood Presbyterian Church

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Order for the Public Worship of God
November 30, 2025
1st Sunday of Advent
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Meditation on HYFRYDOL” J. Christopher Pardini
(Let us quietly prepare our hearts for worship during the opening voluntary)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Paul Means, Associate Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*
Leader: As Advent begins, we actively wait with hope for God’s promises to be fulfilled.
People: We welcome the God who interrupts our plans with His grace.
Leader: Just as Mary listened and said “yes” to God’s calling,
People: we open our hearts to God’s presence and trust His timing.
All: Come, Lord Jesus—fill our waiting with your light and love, for we worship you.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle.)

*HYMN #93 “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” TRURO

THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE
Lighting the Candle

Peggy and Terry Steele
The reader offers words about the candle of hope.

ALL SINGING
(sung to the tune “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”)
**Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free.
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in thee.**
(“Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus,” Glory to God, #82)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*
Almighty God, you are a God of hope. In Jesus Christ, you have given us a living hope by which to live our lives. Yet we confess that we transfer our trust from you to the empty promises of this world. We grow anxious when you call us to wait. We seek control when you call us to surrender. Like Mary, we ask, "How can this be?" but unlike her, we resist your answer. Forgive us, O Lord. Restore our hope in you alone. Help us trust your timing and your promises, that we may say with the Psalmist, "Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God." Through Christ 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 “He Will Come” arr. Patrick Liebergen
*Prepare for the Lord! Allelu! The child adored! Allelu!
He will come from God above, he will come in peace and love.*

*The angels sing! Allelu! Good news they bring! Allelu!
He will come from God above, he will come in truth and love.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.
The birth is near! Allelu! Loud joy we hear! Allelu!
He will come from God above, he will come in peace and love.
He will come! Alleluia!*

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 “Watchman, Tell Us of the Night” ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR
**Watchman, tell us of the night, what its signs of promise are.
Traveler, what a wondrous sight: see that glory-beaming star.
Watchman, does its beauteous ray news of joy or hope foretell?
Traveler, yes; it brings the day, promised day of Israel.**

**Watchman, tell us of the night, higher yet that star ascends.
Traveler, blessedness and light, peace and truth its course portends.
Watchman, will its beams alone gild the spot that gave them birth?
Traveler, ages are its own; see, it bursts o’er all the earth.**

**Watchman, tell us of the night, for the morning seems to dawn.
Traveler, shadows take their flight; doubt and terror are withdrawn.
Watchman, you may go your way; hasten to your quiet home.
Traveler, we rejoice today, for Emmanuel has come!**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:26-38 (NRSVUE)

SERMON “When Grace Interrupts” Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #88 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” VENI EMMANUEL
(stanzas 1-4)

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Toccata on HYFRYDOL” J. Christopher Pardini
(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

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
THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE
Jim, Lauren & William Warren

PRAISE SONG
“Even So Come”

MEET & GREET
ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG
“O Come, O Come, Emmauel”

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
“Light of the World”

SCRIPTURES
Luke 1:26-38 (NRSVUE)

SERMON
“When Grace Interrupts” Paul Means, Associate Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION
“He Has Come for Us (God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”)

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU
Taryn Lumia, Director of Contemporary Music