

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

October 18, 2026

Stewardship Sermon Series
The Christian Wallet



“Sell your possessions and give to the poor.
Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out,
a treasure in heaven that will never fail,
where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.”

Luke 12:33 NIV

Ministers: All Members of the Church

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor

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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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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Monday, October 19: CJ Nigels, Harrison Turner
Thursday, October 22: Mary Ellen Zeigler, Robert Robicheau
Friday, October 23: Vickie Mills



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



Kay Scheuerman
In Honor of Lois & Mike's Anniversary



Maria Bennett
In Loving Memory of Rachel Bennet

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) Wilai McNay & Edna Bartolucci

Ushers & Greeters



USHERS:

(9:00) Jill Manning & Roxie Swartz
(11:00) Sue Miskiewicz & Marie Purcell

COFFEE SERVERS:

(9:00) Nancy Turner & Jenny Carlstedt
(11:00) Bev Hyden & Mia VanNess



*And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying,
'Master, you handed over to me two talents;
see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him,
'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been
trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of
many things; enter into the joy of your master.'*

Matthew 25:22-23

Order for the Public Worship of God
October 18, 2026
21st 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 “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”
arr. Robert Thompson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)* Linda Feller
Leader: Give thanks to God for the faith we share;
People: be steadfast in hope through Jesus Christ.
Leader: Pray always, and do not loose heart.
People: Being confident of this, that God who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day Christ Jesus appears.
All: Let us worship God as we stand to pass the peace of Christ!

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

*HYMN #49 “The God of Abraham Praise” LEONI
(stanzas 1,3,4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*
Gentle God, trusting in your tender mercy, we confess our sin to you with one another. We are so concerned for our own comfort that we forget our neighbors. We are so pleased with our possessions that we forget that they are yours. We are so aware of our needs, we forget your call to us to serve others and to do more than is just expected. Forgive us, and heal our hearts, restore your Spirit in us and re-create us in your image. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(responsive)*
Leader: “Lo! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye.” Friends receive the victory over sin that Christ has won, and arise to newness of life.
People: Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #630 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 “Yes, My Jesus Loves Me” Warner/McDonald
*Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak but He is strong.
Yes, my Jesus love me!*

*Jesus loves me! He who died heaven’s gates to open wide!
He will wash away my sin, let His little child come in.
Yes, my Jesus loves me.
Jesus love me! Loves me still tho’ I’m very weak and ill;
From His shining throne on high, comes to watch me where I lie.*

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

*Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way;
If I love Him, when I die He will take me home on high.
Yes, my Jesus, yes, my Jesus, Yes, my Jesus loves me!*

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 #693 “The Gift of Love” GIFT OF LOVE

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:14-30 (NRSVUE)

STEWARDSHIP SERMON SERIES: The Christian Wallet
Sermon #2 “The Zimzum of Generosity”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #694 “Great God of Every Blessing” AURELIA

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”
Hubert Parry

(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
“That’s Why I Pray”

MEET & GREET
ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG
“My Story”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

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OFFERTORY
“Take My Life”

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SONG OF DEDICATION
“In the Light”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Taryn Lumia, Director of Contemporary Music

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!