# Large Print Bulletin & Announcements

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# **Welcome To**

Northwood Presbyterian Church

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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 February 5, 2023 5th Sunday after Epiphany 11:00 AM Worship Service

### WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning" arr. Mike Carson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Curvin, Pastor

MINUTE FOR MISSION — Fellowship Groups

Claudia Alwood

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: We are called to spread God's love in this world.

People: By God's grace, we are salt.

Leader: We purify, we cleanse, we bind, we bring out the best in

people.

People: By God's grace, we are light.

Leader: We allow things to be seen as they are. We point to holiness.

People: By God's grace, we are salt. We are light.

All: Let us worship our God, so full of transformative grace.

#### \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

\*HYMN #32 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" ELLACOMBE I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day. The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food. God formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good. Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,

if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known. And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne, while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care, and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)

Almighty God, you have called us to bring out the best in the world around us, to be bold in our faith, to share your love with those around us. We have failed your command. We choose conflict. We choose laziness. We choose excuses. Forgive us for rejecting the identity that you offer us freely, for rejecting the work of your Holy Spirit in our hearts. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Even when we fail, even when we are not perfect, God still claims us. God still calls us by name. God still places God's Spirit upon us.

People: We are known and loved and forgiven. Amen.

#### \*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

# \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Confession of Belhar)

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells; that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world. Amen.

# ANTHEM "Let Your Light shine" Craig Courtney

You are the light of the world, You are the light of the world.

Let your light shine, before all people, let your light shine, in all the earth,

Let your light shine before all people that they might see your good works

And glorify your Father in heaven.

You are the salt of the earth; but if salt loses its flavor, it is good for nothing.

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. A lamp cannot be covered, but shines for all to see.

You are the light of the world.

#### **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 #498 "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken" BEACHSPRING (stanzas 1,2,3)

Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore, Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven, was their food forevermore. By your body broken for us, by your wine of life out-poured, Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Loaves were broken, words were spoken in the quiet room one night. In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.

By your body broken for us, by your wine of life out-poured, Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here. Jesus speaks across the ages: "I am with you; do not fear!" By your body broken for us, by your wine of life out-poured, Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

#### WE GROW IN THE WORD

**SCRIPTURE READING** 

Matthew 5:13-20 (NRSV)

**SERMON** 

"The Job Description of the Church" Chris Curvin, Pastor

# WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

#### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF THE CUP (To symbolize our unity in Christ, we hold the bread until the Elders and Deacons are served and then all partake as one body. To symbolize our personal relationship with the Lord, we drink of the cup, as the Spirit leads.)

#### THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

#### WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN #401

"Here In This Place"

**GATHER US IN** 

Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of history, called to be the light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, all us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

#### \*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Allegro from Symphony in D" William Boyce

\*Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.

Stephanie Carson, Music Director; David Furr, Organist