

Large Print Bulletin & Announcements

**February 12, 2023
11:00am**

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church

A Stephen Ministry Church
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11:00am



Ministers: All Members of the Church

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Order for the Public Worship of God
February 12, 2023
6th Sunday After Epiphany
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Cantique de Jean Racine” Gabriel Faure

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?

People: **The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: Let us remain confident of this: We will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

People: **We will wait for the Lord; we will be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.**

All: **Let us worship God, for God is faithful and has promised to never leave us nor forsake us.**

***PROCESSION OF THE U.S. FLAG & CHRISTIAN FLAG**

***THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG**

(unison)

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands: one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

***THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE CHRISTIAN FLAG**

(unison)

I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag and to the Savior for whose Kingdom it stands: one Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again with life and liberty to all who believe.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

***HYMN #724**

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

ANGEL'S STORY

(stanzas 1,2,4)

**O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.**

**O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle; the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer and shield my soul from sin.**

**O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be,
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

**Generous God, we are baptized as your people, called to live and
serve together as your church. We confess that we have sought to
live for ourselves, not reaching out to others and honoring the di-
vine image in all your children. Forgive us, we pray. In your abun-
dant mercy give us the grace to be your church, confessing our
faults, offering forgiveness and working for reconciliation. Turn
our hearts to your intentions that we may hold fast to one another
and draw near to your presence. In Jesus, we ask it. 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 “In Holy Reverence, Lord, We Come” Lloyd Larson

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 20:1-17 (NRSV)

*HYMN #438

“Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me”

TOPLADY

(stanzas 1,2,4)

**Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.
Let the water and the blood from thy wounded side which flowed
be of sin the double cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.**

**Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law’s demands.
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone. Thou must save and thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to the cross I cling;
naked, come to me for dress, helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:38-48 (NRSV)

SERMON

“Are God’s Standards Set Too High?”

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #415 “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” RESTORATION
(stanzas 1,2,3)

**Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and power.**

**Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome; God’s free bounty glorify,
true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.**

**Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you’re better, you will never come at all.**

**I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten-thousand charms.**

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Toccata in Seven” John Rutter

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

Stephanie Carson, Music Director; David Furr, Organist