

Large Print Bulletin & Announcements

**February 22, 2023
11:00am**

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church

A Stephen Ministry Church
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February 22, 2023
6:45pm



Ministers: All Members of the Church

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor

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ORDER OF WORSHIP ASH WEDNESDAY

February 22, 2023, 6:45 PM

OPENING VOLUNTARY “There Is a Balm In Gilead”
arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Paul Means, Associate Pastor

GATHERING AROUND GOD’S WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(based on Psalm 51: 1-17)*

Leader: O God, have mercy on us, we pray.

People: In your mercy, make us clean from our sins.

Leader: Wipe away every failing and make us new in your sight.

People: Restore us, deliver us, and re-create us, O Lord.

Leader: Today is the day of salvation. Let us worship God!

*HYMN #166 “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” st. flavian
(stanzas 1,3,4)

**Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray,
teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.**

**And through these days of penitence, and through this Passiontide,
yes, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.**

**Abide with us, till when this life of suffering shall be past,
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.**

CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty Lord, we confess that we are lost without you. Forgive us. So often we forget that without you we are but dust and ashes with no hope beyond this life. Forgive us. In our assembly and in our daily lives keep our hearts and minds fixed on the cross of Christ and the study of God's Word to us; remembering that our hope rests in his death and resurrection. May our journey these forty days be one of faith in you, study of the Gospels and service to your world, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*Responsive, from Ezekiel 36:25-27*)

Leader: Hear the promise of God: “I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you will be clean from all your uncleanness, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances.” Friends, the promises of God are true:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good. Amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 6:38-40 (NRSV)

MEDITATION

“Dining Alfresco”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Those who wish to participate and receive ashes are asked to come forward at this time. Ashes acknowledge our mortality; the Sign of the Cross signifies the eternal life of those who believe in Jesus as Savior.

“O Man, Thy Grievous Sin Bemoan”

J.S. Bach

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

*HYMN

“Sing Out! We’re Made of Common Dust”
(*Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*)

CANONBURY

**Sing out! We're made of common dust;
One day, to dust we shall return!
Yet, God, you've placed your mark on us
And so for you our spirits yearn.**

**This gift of ashes we receive
Reminds us we belong to you.
You call us to repent, believe,
and seek your Way in all we do.**

**We sing, O God, of what you give:
This ash reminds us we are yours.
In life we're claimed, in death we live!
In Christ our life, your love endures.**

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*BENEDICTION

**Please stand if you are able.*

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
David Furr, Organist