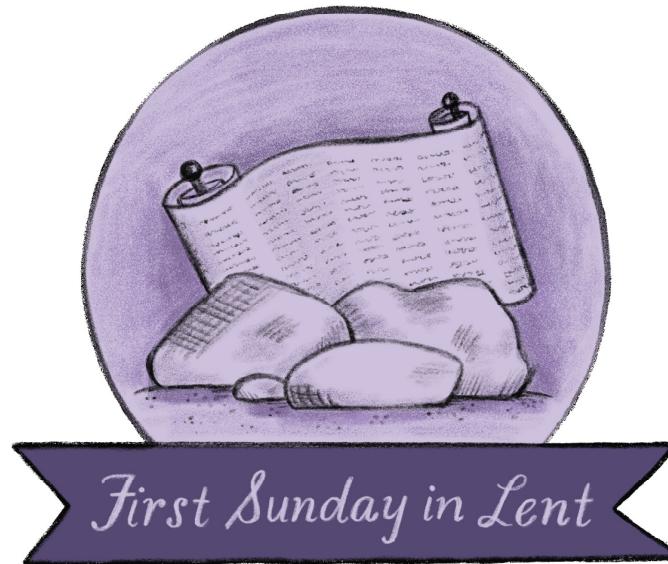


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Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church

A Stephen Ministry Church
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February 26, 2023
11:00pm



Ministers: All Members of the Church

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Order for the Public Worship of God
February 26, 2023
1st Sunday in Lent
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Grazioso” Arnold B. Sherman
Westminster Youth Ringers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Psalm 46, responsive*)

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a present help in trouble.

People: Therefore, we will not fear though the earth should change.

Leader: Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea. though the waters roar and foam,

People: Though the mountains tremble with tumult, God’s love endures forever.

Leader: Let us worship God!

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

***HYMN** “Precious Name” PRECIOUS NAME

**Take the name of Jesus with you, child of sorrow and of woe;
It will joy and comfort give you; take it then, wher-e’er you go.**

Refrain: **Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.**

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**Take the name of Jesus ever, as a shield from every snare;
If temptations round you gather, breathe that holy name in
prayer. *Refrain***

**O the precious name of Jesus! How it thrills our souls with joy,
When his loving arms receive us, and his songs our tongues em-
ploy! *Refrain***

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

**God of Grace, we confess our sins before you. Sometimes our lives
are a mess, because of choices we have made or because of choices
others have made. Sometimes our lives are great, and we're kind
and generous but sometimes our lives are so good and we forget to
be grateful and humble. We trust that in the jumble of all of this,
you are present. We trust in faith that you walk beside us, nudging
us back to the right path, and waiting for us when we lag behind.
So we thank you, and ask for your forgiveness in Jesus' name,
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 Love, Christ Came Among Us" by Joseph M. Martin

*In love, Christ came among us, coming not as king,
but as a tiny baby born in Bethlehem; and we knew Him not.*

*With grace, He walked among us, showed us how to love:
Giving, teaching healing, calling us to God; and we followed not.*

*Ah, holy Jesus, who brought this upon Thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus hath undone Thee!
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied Thee. I crucified Thee.
In love, Christ came among us and went to Calvary. The perfect
Lamb of God
Died to set us free, and still we loved Him not, and we followed not,
and we knew Him not. Kyrie eleison.*

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

*HYMN

“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

SPIRITUAL

**Jesus walked this lonesome valley, He had to walk it by Himself;
O nobody else could walk it for Him; He had to walk it by Him
self.**

**Jesus went to stand His trial, He had to stand it by Himself;
O nobody else could stand it for Him; He had to stand it by him
self.**

**Now in every lonesome valley, the trials and sorrows we must face,
O Jesus Himself will be there with us, to fill the shadows with His
grace.**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:1-11 (NRSV)

SERMON

“The Testing of Jesus”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #165 “The Glory of These Forty Days” O WALY WALY

**The glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise;
For Christ, by whom all things were made,
himself has fasted and has prayed.**

**Alone and fasting Moses saw the loving God who gave the law;
And to Elijah, fasting, came the steeds and chariots of flame.**

**So Daniel trained his mystic sight, delivered from the lions’ might;
and John, the Bridegroom’s friend, became
the herald of Messiah’s name.**

**Then grant that we like them be true,
consumed in fast and prayer with you;
our spirits strengthen with your grace, and give us joy to see your
face.**

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Rondeau” *from Abdelazer Suite*
Henry Purcell

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

Stephanie Carson, Music Director; David Furr, Organist