

Large Print Bulletin & Announcements

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church

A Stephen Ministry Church
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11:00pm



Ministers: All Members of the Church

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Order for the Public Worship of God
March 12, 2023
3rd Sunday in Lent
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “How Great Thou Art” arr. Joel Raney
Jubilation Ringers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION Northwood’s Got Talent Babs Bailey

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*responsive*)

Leader: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;

People: his greatness no one can fathom.

Leader: The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.

People: The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

All: In spirit and in truth, let us worship God!

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

***HYMN #829** “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” OLIVET

**My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray;
take all my guilt away; O let me from this day be wholly thine!**

**May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!**

**While life’s dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide; bid darkness turn today;
wipe sorrow’s tears away; nor let me ever stray from thee aside.**

**When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold,
sullen stream shall o'er me roll; blest Savior then, in love,
fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

Faithful and loving God, we desire to live with a robust, life empowering faith that is expressed in love for you and for our neighbors. Sadly, we confess it is all too easy for us to live lives with complacent, luke-warm faith, which is seen in how we disregard your ways, and how we focus on our wants and ignore and dismiss the needs of others. Forgive us, God of grace. Remove the burden of sin that so easily entangles us, so that we may run with faith and love the race that you have set before us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

"Is He Worthy"

Dan Forrest

Sarah Flaherty & David Hamilton

*Do you feel the world is broken? We do. Do you feel the shadows
deepen? We do.*

*But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting
through? We do.*

Do you wish that you could see it all made new? We do.

Is all creation groaning? It is. Is a new creation coming? It is.

Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? It is.

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? It is.

*Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal
and open the scroll?*

*The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave, He is David's Root,
and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.*

Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy of this? Worthy is the Lamb.

Does the Father truly love us? He does. Does the Spirit move among us? He does.

And does Jesus, our Messiah, hold forever those He loves? He does. Does our God intend to dwell again with us? He does. He does.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

*The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave,
He is David's root, and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.*

From ev'ry people and tribe, ev'ry nation and tongue.

He has made us a kingdom and priests to God, to reign with the Son.

Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this? He is!

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**

“Take Time to Be Holy”

LONGSTAFF

**Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;
abide in him always, and feed on his word.
Make friends of God's children; help those who are weak;
forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.**

**Take time to be holy, let him be thy guide,
and run not before him, whatever betide;
in joy or in sorrow, still follow thy Lord,
and looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 12:1-3 (NRSV)

SERMON

“Running the Race of Faith”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #846

“Fight the Good Fight”

DUKE STREET

(stanzas 1,2,3)

Fight the good fight with all thy might.

**Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right. Lay hold on life, and it shall
be thy joy and crown eternally.**

**Run the straight race through God’s good grace;
lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ’s face. Life with its way before us
lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.**

**Cast care aside; lean on thy guide. God’s boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.**

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Oh Love, How Deep”

arr. Healey Willan

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

Stephanie Carson, Music Director; David Furr, Organist