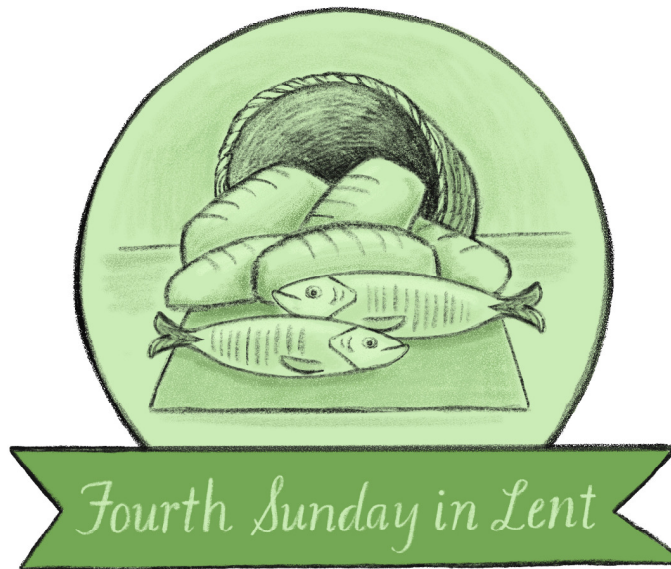


Large Print Bulletin & Announcements

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church

A Stephen Ministry Church
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March 19, 2023
11:00pm



Ministers: All Members of the Church

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Order for the Public Worship of God
March 19, 2023
4th Sunday in Lent
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Londonderry Air” arr. Darwin Wolford

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*from Psalm 27, responsive*)

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation;

All: Whom shall I fear?

One: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

All: Of whom shall I be afraid?

One: Come, let us seek God in this time of worship.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

***HYMN #269** “Lead On, O King Eternal” LANCASHIRE

**Lead on, O King eternal! The day of March has come;
hence forth in fields of conquest your tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong,
and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.**

**Lead on, O King eternal, till sin’s fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords’ loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums;
with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.**

**Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning where’er your face appears;
your cross is lifted o’er us; we journey in its light.
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

Eternal God: you make all things new, and forgive old wrongs we can't forget. We confess we have spent time without loving, and years without purpose or imagination. Daily we have done wrong, and failed to do what you demand. Forgive the past; do not let evil cripple or shame us. Lead us into the future, free from sin, free to love, and ready to work for your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ the 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

“God So Loved the World”

by Lloyd Larson

*God so loved the world that he gave his only Son
That all who believe in him should not perish, should not perish.
God so loved the world, God so loved the world that he gave his Son,
His one and only son.*

*God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world,
But to save the world and grant eternal life.*

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

THE INSTALLATION/ORDINATION OF DEACONS & ELDERS

DEACONS: (Class of 2025)

*Barbara Forsyth
Carol Rathmell (2024)
Nancy Turner (9:00)
*Ellen Williamson (9:00)

ELDERS: (Class of 2025)

*June Arnold (9:00)
*Jim Ferguson
*Dan Gipson (9:00)
*Linda O'Leary

The Statement of Purpose

The Questions to the Candidates

The Questions to the Congregation

The Prayer of Ordination, Installation and Laying on of Hands

The Declaration and Charge ** those being ordained*

*HYMN #69

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

HERE I AM

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Who shall I send?

Refrain: **Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord?**

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 3:1-2; 9-11; 13-15; 20-27 (NRSV)

SERMON

“Called to Be Reckless Dreamers!”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #761 “Called As Partners in Christ’s Service” BEECHER

**Called as partners in Christ’s service, called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God’s chosen end.**

**Christ’s example, Christ’s inspiring, Christ’s clear call to work and
worth,**

let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.

**Men and women, richer, poorer, all God’s people, young and old,
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.**

**So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
that surround each person’s sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.**

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Ebenezer” arr. Anna Laura Page

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

Stephanie Carson, Music Director; David Furr, Organist