

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 26, 2023
5th Sunday in Lent
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Amazing Grace” arr. Lloyd Larson
Celebration Ringers; Piano, David Furr

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Barbara & Bob Fincher— Transfer of Letter

Lois Harber— Transfer of Letter

Nick Hodson— Affiliate

Marion Homer— Affiliate

Claudia Mitcham— Re-Affirmation

Jan Spalding— Transfer of Letter

Carol & Conrad Trunzo

Hazel Vernon— Re-Affirmation

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*based on Psalm 23, responsive*)

Leader: The Lord leads us like a shepherd.

People: God nourishes our lives and restores our souls.

Leader: The Lord is with us, even in the darkest valley.

People: God’s goodness and mercy are always close.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

***HYMN #465** “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” CONVERSE

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

**O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!**

**Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(based on Psalm 130, together)*

Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord. Hear our voices and let your ears be attentive to our prayers. We come into your presence confessing our sins, aware we have behaved in ways that are contrary to your desire for our living. We come into your presence aware that too often we allow lifelessness to gain the upper hand. We come into your presence aware that we put our trust in our own abilities. Forgive us, O God. Breathe into us with your life-giving spirit and make us alive. 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

"My Life, My All"

Paris/Sorenson

*When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled
down'*

*Did e're such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a
crown?*

Refrain: Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God;

All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood! Refrain

Amazing love! How can it be, that Thou my God shouldst die for me? My chains fell off! My heart was free, for God, You found out me! Refrain

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 #472**

“Kum ba Yah”

KUM BA YAH

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!

Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's crying Lord, kum ba yah! Someone's crying Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's crying Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's singing Lord, kum ba yah! Someone's singing Lord, kum ba yah!

Someone's singing Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

**Someone's praying Lord, kum ba yah! Someone's praying Lord,
kum ba yah!
Someone's praying Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6:5-21 (NRSV)

**SERMON Lenten Prayer — “The Key to Our Treasure”
Chris Curvin, Pastor**

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN “Prayer Is the Soul’s Sincere Desire ” ST. AGNES**

**Prayer is the soul’s sincere desire, unuttered or expressed;
the motion of a hidden fire that trembles in the breast.**

**Prayer is the burden of a sigh, the falling of a tear,
the upward glancing of an eye, when none but God is near.**

**Prayer is the contrite sinner’s voice, returning from his ways,
while angels in their songs rejoice and cry, “behold, he prays!”**

**Prayer is the Christians vital breath, the Christians native air,
his watch-word at the gates of death; he enters heaven with prayer.**

**O thou, by whom we come to God, the Life, the Truth, the Way;
the path of prayer thyself hast trod: Lord, teach us how to pray!**

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “In the Garden” arr. Don Hustad

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

Stephanie Carson, Music Director; David Furr, Organist