

Large Print Bulletin & Announcements

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church

A Stephen Ministry Church
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11:00am



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Order for the Public Worship of God
April 9, 2023
Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Day
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

*(Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins.
Please silence electronic devices.)*

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Jesus Christ Is Risen Again”
(tune: LLANFAIR, by Robert Williams)
Stephen Walters

***EASTER GREETING** *(Responsive)*

Leader: The Lord is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed!**

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: **HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

***HYMN** “Fanfare for Easter Day/Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”
arr. Benjamin Harlan

**“Christ the Lord is risen today!” Alleluia! All creation, join to say:
Alleluia!**

**Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens,
and earth reply, Alleluia!**

**Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now
thy sting? Alleluia!**

**Dying once, He all doth save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O
grave? Alleluia!**

**Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the
battle won, Alleluia!**

Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Curvin, Pastor

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Together*)

Mighty God: by your power is Christ raised from death to rule this world with love. We confess that we have not believed in Him but fall into doubt and fear. Forgive our dread of dying, our hopelessness, and set us free for joy in the victory of Jesus Christ, who was dead but lives, and will put down every power to hurt or destroy, when your promised kingdom comes. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #236

VICTORY

**The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is won;
The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

ANTHEM

“Christ Is Alive”

Jane Holstein

(based on “Tossata” from Symphony V,
Charles-Marie Vidor, see hymn #246)

TRURO

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death shall
never die.*

*Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
But saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.*

Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call,

And find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

*Christ is alive and comes to bring good news to this and every age;
Till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and
praise.*

Christ is alive! Christ is alive! Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S 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

(The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is also received today.)

*HYMN #233

"The Day of Resurrection!"

LANCASHIRE

**The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.**

**Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin;
the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 28:1-10 (NRSV)

John 11:21-27 (NRSV)

SERMON

“Christ Has Risen to Easter In Us”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #238

“Thine Is the Glory”

JUDAS MACCABEUS

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled in stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.**

*Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.*

**Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. *Refrain***

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *Refrain***

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Hallelujah”

G.F. Handel

(No. 44 Chorus *from Messiah*)

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

Stephanie Carson, Music Director; David Furr, Organist

