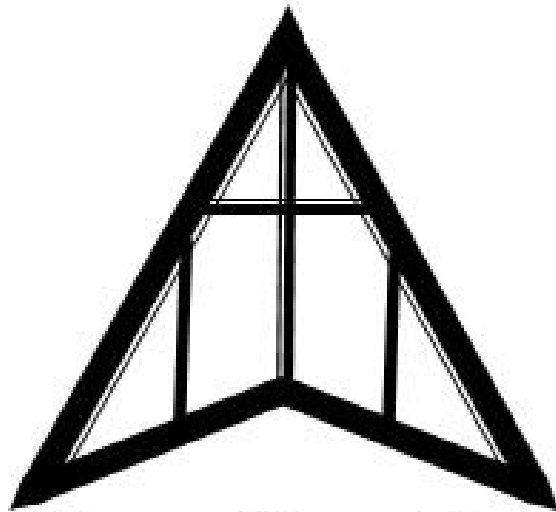


Large Print Bulletin & Announcements

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church

A Stephen Ministry Church
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April 16, 2023
11:00am



Come, Grow, Go!

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Order for the Public Worship of God
April 16, 2023
2nd Sunday of Easter
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Kevin McChesney

“If Thou but Suffer (*Trust in*) God to Guide Thee”

If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hopeful heart through all thy ways... (Hymn #816)

Jubilation Ringers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Leader: Christ is risen! He greets us with a word of peace.

People: We welcome the risen Christ! We worship and adore him!

Leader: Christ is risen! Locked doors and doubting hearts cannot keep him away.

People: We welcome the risen Christ! We worship and adore him!

Leader: Christ is risen! He comes to bless us with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

People: We welcome the risen Christ! We worship and adore him!

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

***HYMN #234**

“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

ST. KEVIN

(stanzas 1,2,4)

Come, you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!

God has brought forth Israel into joy from sadness,

loosed from Pharaoh’s bitter yoke Jacob’s sons and daughters;

led them with un-moistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

**‘Tis the spring of souls today: Christ has burst his prison,
and from three days’ sleep in death as a sun has risen.
All the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying
from the Light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.**

**Neither could the gates of death, nor the tomb’s dark portal,
nor the watchers, nor the seal hold you as a mortal:
but today, among your own, you appear, bestowing
your deep peace, which evermore passes human knowing.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

**Savior God, forgive our doubts and disbelief. You show up in our
lives, yet we fail to notice you and demand more proof. We expect
more when you have already given us enough. Forgive our lack of
faith. Forgive our lack of gratitude. Redeem us. Restore us. Resur-
rect us for life in Christ. 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**

SOLO

**“The Holy City”
Michele White, Soprano**

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 debt-
ors; 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 236

“The Strife is O’er”

VICTORY

(stanzas 1,3,4)

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

**The three sad days are quickly sped; Christ rises glorious from the
dead:**

All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

**Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death’s dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live, and sing to thee: Alleluia! *Refrain***

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31

SERMON

“Doubting — or Something Else?”
Bill Wildhack, Guest Preacher

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #247

“Now the Green Blade Rises”

NOEL NOUVELET

(stanzas 1,2,3)

**Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.**

**In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
thinking that he would never wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.**

**Forth he came at Easter like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.**

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

arr. Jeffrey Honoré

“Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord”

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

Stephanie Carson, Music Director; David Furr, Organist