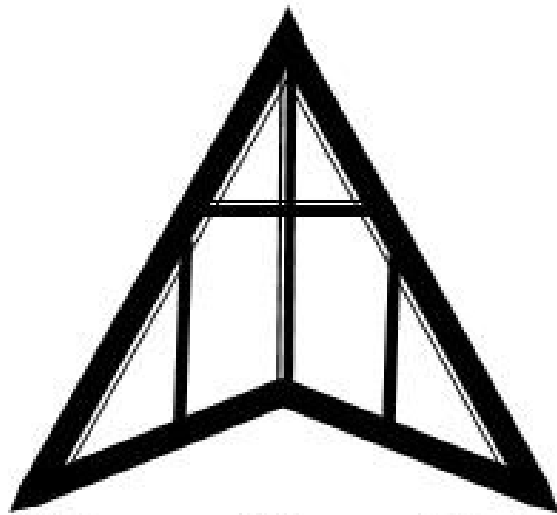


Large Print Bulletin & Announcements

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church

A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978

May 21, 2023
11:00am



Come, Grow, Go!

Ministers: All Members of the Church

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Order for the Public Worship of God
May 21, 2023
7th Sunday of Easter
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”
arr. Dennis Johnson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive, from Psalm 47*)

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples;

People: shout to God with loud songs of joy!

Leader: For God has ascended with shouts of triumph,

People: our God is exalted on high.

Leader: Our God is sovereign over all the nations,

People: and the Lord of our lives. Let us worship together.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*HYMN #630

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

CRUSADERS’ HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,

**O thou of God to earth come down, thee will I cherish, thee will I
honor,**

thou, my soul’s glory, joy and crown.

**Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring. Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry host. Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines
purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.**

**Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

**We confess, O God, that too often we have our head in the clouds.
We are more comfortable with dreaming of the world as we wish it
would be instead of working with you to bring that wish to reality.
At times, we find it difficult to claim the power you have given us.
And so, we continue to gaze heavenwards, forgive our compla-
cency, O God. Remind us we have work to do with you. Give us
your energy, courage, and vision to be your witnesses. 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

“Sign Me Up”

Brandon A Boyd

*Refrain: Sign me up for the Christian Jubilee; write my name on the,
on the roll.*

*I've been changed since the Lord, since the Lord, since the
Lord has lifted me.*

I wanna be, yes I got to be born again.

Roll Jordan, roll. Roll, Jordan, roll,

I wanna go to heaven when I die to hear ol' Jordan roll. Refrain

I got a home in glory; I got to tell my story,

How He brought me over, how He brought me over,

Soon as I get home, soon as I get home, soon as I get home.

*I'm goin' to glory; gonna shout my troubles over.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! 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 #629

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

ST. AGNES

(stanzas 1,3,5)

**Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast.
But sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.**

**O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,
to those who fall, how kind thou art! How good to those who seek!**

**Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be.
Jesus, be thou our glory now, and through eternity.**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 4:1-14 (NRSV)

SERMON

“Recognizable Christianity”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #353 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” SOLID ROCK
(stanzas 1,2,4)

**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.**

Refrain: **On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.**
(*Refrain*)

**When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be
found,
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the
throne.**
(*Refrain*)

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Allegro Vivace from “Water Music” Handel

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

Stephanie Carson, Music Director; David Furr, Organist