

Large Print Bulletin & Announcements

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church

A Stephen Ministry Church
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11:00am



Ministers: All Members of the Church

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Order for the Public Worship of God
May 28, 2023
Day of Pentecost
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”
arr. Richard Elliott

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Patty & Robert Adams— Transfer of Letter
Michael Elza— Transfer of Letter
Marilyn Olson— Transfer of Letter

CALL TO WORSHIP

(responsive, from Acts 2:17; Rom. 8:26, Ps.104:30)

Leader: Brothers and sisters, remember the promise of the Lord:

People: God will pour out the Spirit on all flesh.

Leader: The Spirit helps us in our weakness,

People: Interceding with sighs too deep for words.

Leader: The Spirit of God renews the earth.

People: Bless the name of the Lord! Let us worship God.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

***HYMN #2** “Come, Thou Almighty King” ITALIAN HYMN
(stanzas 1,2,3)

**Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing;
Help us to praise: Father, all glorious, o’er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.**

Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord, our prayer attend.

**Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.**

**Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Holy Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(responsive)*

Leader: Through Christ, God has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us for the forgiveness of sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

***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

David W. Music

“Introit for Pentecost/A Rushing, Mighty Wind”

*A rushing, mighty wind roars through a crowded room,
And tongues of fire upon their heads disperse the people's gloom.*

*God's Spirit blows the wind and lights the blood-red flame;
A Pentecost of tongues explodes in praise of Jesus' name.*

*Three thousand souls that day in mind and heart were stirred;
And these were added to the church as they believed the Word.*

*Lord, make our breath a wind and let our tongues be fire,
And as at that first Pentecost your people's lives inspire. Amen!*

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 #288

“Spirit of the Living God”

LIVING GOD

(sing twice)

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (NRSV)

Acts 2:1-4 (NRSV)

SERMON

“We Answer to a Higher Authority”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #280 “Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us” EBENEZER

**Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; come with Pentecostal power;
Give the church a stronger vision; help us face each crucial hour.
Built upon a firm foundation, Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,
Still the church is called to mission that God’s love shall be made
known.**

**We would raise our alleluias for the grace of yesteryears;
for tomorrow’s unknown pathway, hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.
In the Church’s pilgrim journey you have led us all the way;
still in presence move before us, fire by night and cloud by day.**

**Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; give us words of fire and flame.
Help our feeble lips to praise you, glorify your holy name.
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One: what mystery!
We would sing our loud hosannas now and through eternity.**

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Veni, Creator Spiritus” arr. David Cherwien

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

Stephanie Carson, Music Director; David Furr, Organist