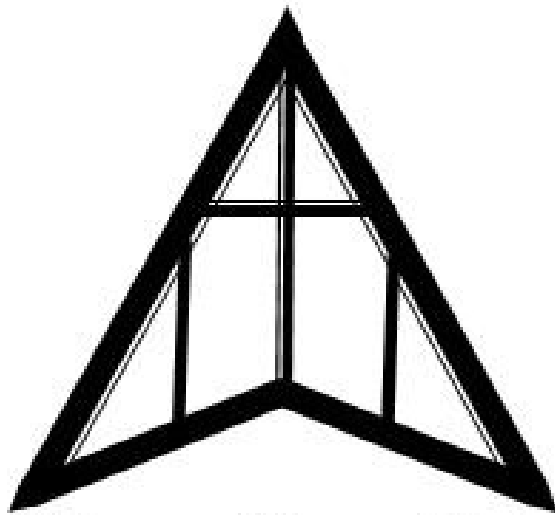


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Bulletin
Hymns
&
Announcements

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church

A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978

July 23, 2023
11:00am



Come, Grow, Go!

Ministers: All Members of the Church

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor

Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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July 23, 2023
8th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Air on the G String” Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

MINUTE FOR MISSION

—Christmas in July

—VBS Report

Sue Miskiewicz

Karlee Wright

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

(from Ephesians 4:15, 1 Corinthians 13:11, 2 Peter 3:18)

Leader: Friends, we are to grow up in all ways into Him who is the head, even Christ.

People: When I was a child, I spoke like a child, thought like a child, reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put away childish things.

Leader: Our Lord is the Sower of the seeds of love, wisdom and hope.

People: Help us to be good soil, O God, always growing in you.

All: Let us worship God as we seek to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever!

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

***HYMN #620 “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” LAUDA ANIMA**
(stanzas 1,2,4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

O God, Master Gardener, we confess that weeds and good plants fill the fields of our lives, yet they grow entangled, and are difficult to distinguish. We have not spent the time we should in prayer and study of your Word to help us discern what is against your will. We excuse our complacency and justify our passive faith. Yet we need your truth. We hunger for your harvest. Deliver us from evil. Help us to grow in faith and the knowledge of your great love. In Jesus' name we pray. 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

“The Commission”

Cain

Stephanie Carson, Jeanne & Larry Stephen

*See my hands and look at my feet. It's okay if it's hard to believe.
I have faith that you will do greater things.*

It's my time to go, but before I leave.

Go tell the world about me; I was dead, but now I live.

I've gotta go now for a little while, but goodbye is not the end.

Don't forget the things that I taught you.

I've conquered death, and I hold the keys.

Where I go you will go too, someday,

but there's much to do here before you leave.

So, go tell the world about me; I was dead, but now I live.

*I've gotta go now for a little while, but goodbye is not the
end of the journey, the end of the road.*

My Spirit is with you wherever you go.

You have a purpose and I have a plan.

I'll make you this promise I'll come back again, but until then,

*Go tell the world about me; for I was dead, but now I live.
Oh, I've gotta go now for a little while, hey, but goodbye is not the end.*

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, for ever. 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 #707
(*stanzas 1,2,4*)

“Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord”

HALL

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ephesians 4:11-16 (NRSV)
Matthew 11:28-30 (NRSV)

MISSION STATEMENT SERIES

The Invitation of Christ
Sermon: “Grow, Christians, Grow!”
(*second in the series: “Come, Grow, Go”*)
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #738 “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee” MARYTON
(*stanzas 1,3,4*)

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Festive Postlude” Paul Fey

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

Stephanie Carson, Music Director; Linda Pointer, Guest Organist

ADORATION

620 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

(Psalm 103)

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his
 3 Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be -

feet your trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for -
 peo - ple in dis - tress; praise him still the same as
 fee - ble frame he knows; in his hands he gent - ly
 hold him face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be -

giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia!
 ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia!
 bears us, res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
 fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

This free paraphrase of Psalm 103 gains much energy and conviction by including the double "Alleluia!" before the final line of text. That repeated four-note figure descending from the tune's highest note gives voice to the praise that the rest of the hymn evokes.

707 Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

1 Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we hum - bly pray;
 2 Take thou our hearts, O Christ; they are thine own;
 3 Take thou our wills, Most High! Hold thou full sway;
 4 Take thou our - selves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;

give us the mind of Christ each pass - ing day;
 come thou with - in our souls and claim thy throne;
 have in our in - most souls thy per - fect way;
 through our sur - ren - dered souls thy plans ful - fill.

teach us to know the truth that sets us free;
 help us to shed a - broad thy death - less love;
 guard thou each sa - cred hour from self - ish ease;
 We yield our - selves to thee: time, tal - ents, all;

grant us in all our thoughts to hon - or thee.
 use us to make the earth like heaven a - bove.
 guide thou our or - dered lives as thou dost please.
 we hear, and hence - forth heed, thy sov - ereign call.

This hymn began with the tune, which the composer hummed to the author with a request for a text that would challenge the hearts and minds of young people. The text of the first three stanzas was written that day, and the fourth stanza later emerged at a youth conference.

738 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience, still with thee
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray

in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;
 by some clear, win - ning word of love;
 in clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,
 far down the fu - ture's broad - ening way;

tell me thy se - cret; help me bear the
 teach me the way - ward feet to stay, and
 in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in
 in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with

strain of toil, the fret of care.
 guide them in the home - ward way.
 trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.
 thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

In honestly admitting the limits of human ability, this prayerful hymn does not seek a sense of God's presence for self-comfort but for strength and companionship in pursuing the tasks that God sets before us. The author specifically chose this tune to accompany his words.