

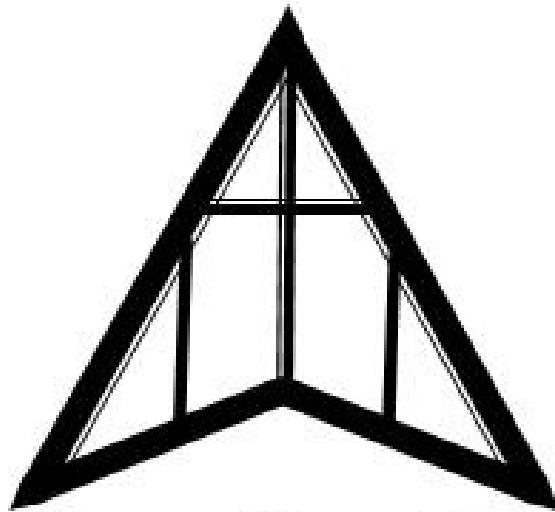
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Bulletin  
&  
Announcements

**Welcome To**  
**Northwood Presbyterian**  
**Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church*  
*Organized February 19, 1978*

**September 3, 2023**

**11:00am**



**Come, Grow, Go!**

***Ministers: All Members of the Church***

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor

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**Order for the Public Worship of God**  
**September 3, 2023**  
**14th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**11:00 AM Worship Service**

**WE COME TO WORSHIP**

OPENING VOLUNTARY    “I Will Sing of My Redeemer”  
arr. Darwin Welford

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive, from Deuteronomy 30:15-20*)

Leader: God has set before us life and death.

**People: We long to choose life.**

Leader: God has set before us blessings and curses.

**People: We long to choose blessings.**

Leader: So we gather this morning around the table—Christ’s table.

**All: Let us drink the cup of blessing and eat the bread of life.**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

**\*HYMN #49**                      “The God of Abraham Praise”                      LEONI  
*(stanzas 1,3,4)*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

**Almighty God, from the very beginning, You have designed us for glorious work. You have given us Your Spirit and spread before us limitless resources to address the needs of the world. Sadly, we confess that we fall into bad habits. We are often lazy and self-centered. We grumble and complain. We tear one another down. Forgive us, we pray, dear God. Help us to work in the world in a way that glorifies You in all that we do. Restore us to our true identity as Your ambassadors. All of this we ask 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**

\*APOSTLES' CREED *(Together)*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

ANTHEM

**“It Is Well With My Soul ”** arr. Mary McDonald  
Michele White, Soloist  
*(see hymn #840)*

## 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

## WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ecclesiastes 3:22(NRSV)  
Colossians 3:16-17;23(NRSV)

SERMON

“Heigh-Ho, Heigh-Ho!”  
Chris Curvin, Pastor

\*HYMN #507

“Come to the Table of Grace”

TABLE OF GRACE

## WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF THE CUP

*(To symbolize our unity in Christ, we hold the bread until the Elders and Deacons are served and then all partake as one body. To symbolize our personal relationship with the Lord, we drink of the cup, as the Spirit leads.)*

# THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN                                      “Forth In thy Name, O Lord”                                      DUKE STREET

**Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my daily labor to pursue;  
Thee, only thee, resolved to know in all I think or speak or do.**

**The task, thy wisdom hath assigned, O let me cheerfully fulfill;  
In all my works thy presence find, and prove thy good and perfect will.**

**Thee may I set at my right hand, whose eyes mine inmost substance  
see,  
And labor on at thy command, and offer all my works to thee.**

**For thee delightfully employ whate’er thy bounteous grace hath given;  
And run my course with even joy, and closely walk with thee to heaven.**

## \*BENEDICTION

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY “When In Our Music God Is Glorified” Wagner

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

Stephanie Carson, Music Director; David Furr, Organist