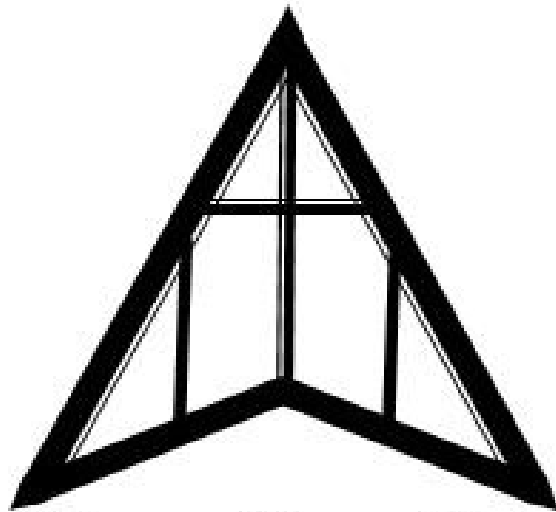


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Announcements

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

*A Stephen Ministry Church*  
*Organized February 19, 1978*  
**September 17, 2023**  
**11:00am**



**Come, Grow, Go!**

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

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**Order for the Public Worship of God**  
**September 17, 2023**  
**16th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**11:00 AM Worship Service**

# WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY    “O Spirit All-Embracing” (THAXTED)  
arr. David Howard Pettit

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 100, responsive*)

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness.

**People: Come before the Lord with joyful songs.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God.

It is He who made us, and we are His.

**People: We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.**

Leader: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise.

Give thanks to Him and praise His name.

**People: For the Lord is good and His love endures forever.**

**His Faithfulness continues through all generations.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

## \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

\*HYMN #33

“Praise the Lord! God’s Glories Show”

LLANFAIR

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

**Dear Lord of Life, we know from your word that our faith in who you are and what you have done in Jesus Christ is a gift. We confess that we are prone to go through the motions of faith and instead seek to be wise in our own eyes. As a result, we miss the love, joy, and peace you have planned and end up living life through the eyes of stress, fear, anger, bitterness, and uncertainty. Loving Lord, forgive our lack of faith and by your grace give us eyes to see what you are doing in our lives and in the world around us. We ask that in the power of your Spirit, you would embolden us to step out in faith to share your redeeming love with others. 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

“Praise! Praise!” G.F.Handel/arr. Liebergen

*Praise, praise! Let every nation give praise to the Lord.  
Rejoice and be glad for the Lord comes to all.  
Praise, praise! Let every nation give thanks to our God,  
Resound joyful praise.*

*The glory and power of God we proclaim,  
and sing with a loud voice the Lord’s holy name.*

## 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 #451**

**“Open My eyes, That I May See”**

OPEN MY EYES

## WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Kings 6:8-20 (NRSV)

John 14:15-24 (NRSV)

SERMON

**“Eyes of Faith”**

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

**\*HYMN #829**

**“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”**

OLIVET

**\*BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY    “Lift High the Cross”    arr. Donald Busarow

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

Stephanie Carson, Music Director; David Furr, Organist