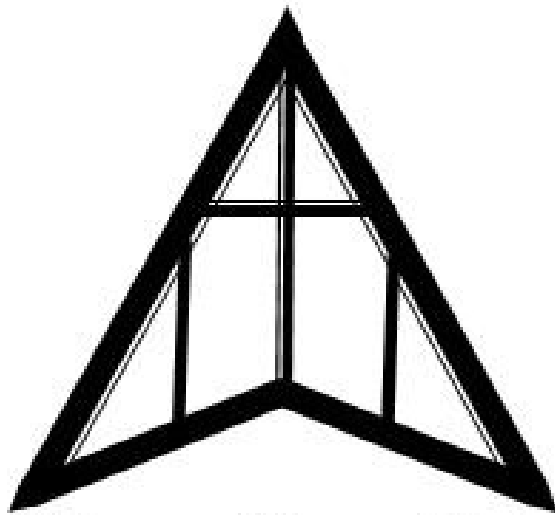


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Announcements

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church

A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978

October 22, 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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Order for the Public Worship of God
October 22, 2023
21st Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Prelude and Fughetta” Healey Willan

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Paul Means, Associate Pastor

MINUTE FOR MISSION - Blanket Sunday, Keith Nadig

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Leader: Faith is a gift from God to those who will receive it.

People: Such faith calls us to give ourselves in trust to God.

Leader: The faith which God gives inspires us to believe and enables us to trust God even as we bring our questions and doubts to him.

People: May God’s revelation in Christ stir us to faith in God’s salvation and obedience to God’s leading.

All: In faith let us worship God!

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

***HYMN #20** “All Things Bright and Beautiful” ROYAL OAK

CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*together*)

Almighty and loving God, when it comes to following you, our hearts are often divided, our resolve can be shaken, and our loyalty easily waxes and wanes—for we are a sinful people. In your mercy and grace, forgive our sins, cleanse our hearts, fill us with your Spirit, and restore to us the joy of our salvation, through Jesus Christ, the Fount of every blessing, in whose 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

“Kum Ba Yah”
(Come By Here)

arr. Michael Larkin

*Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah. Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah.
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah. Oh, Lord, kum ba yah.*

Someone’s crying, Lord, kum ba yah. Someone’s crying, Lord, kum ba yah.

Someone’s crying, Lord, kum ba yah. Oh, Lord, kum ba yah.

Someone’s singing, Lord, kum ba yah. Someone’s singing, Lord, kum ba yah.

Someone’s singing, Lord, kum ba yah. Oh, Lord, kum ba yah.

Someone’s praying, Lord, kum ba yah. Someone’s praying, Lord, kum ba yah.

Someone’s praying, Lord, kum ba yah. Oh, Lord, kum ba yah.

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 #318**

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

ST. PETER

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 16:16-34 (NRSV)

SERMON “The Credibility of Faith in the Crucible of Adversity”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #339**

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

LIFT EVERY VOICE

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee”
arr. Anna Laura Page

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

Stephanie Carson, Traditional Worship; David Furr, Organist