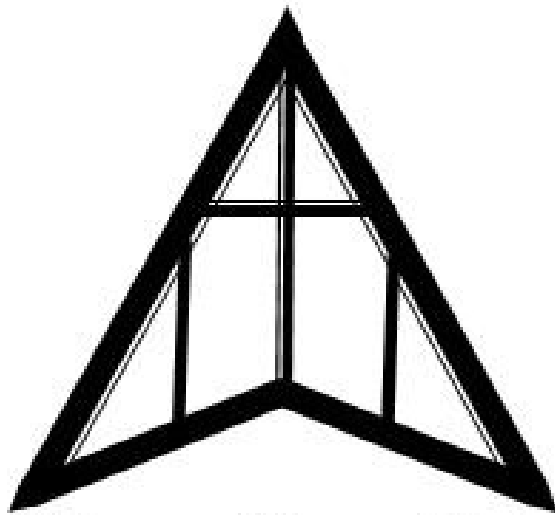


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Bulletin  
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Announcements

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

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

**October 29, 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 29, 2023**  
**22nd Sunday after Pentecost**  
**11:00 AM Worship Service**

**WE COME TO WORSHIP**

OPENING VOLUNTARY “The Church’s One Foundation”

Celebration Ringers arr. Karissa Dennis

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Curvin, Pastor

MINUTE FOR MISSION - Stephen Ministry, Earle Lusk

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Leader: How beautiful are the places where you dwell, O Lord!

**People: This house cannot contain your glory; even the heavens  
are bursting with the goodness of your presence!**

Leader: Happy are those who find their strength in you.

**People: Hear our prayers this day, Holy God, as we proclaim your  
praises to all the earth!**

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

\*HYMN #275

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

EIN’ FESTE BURG

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

**Gracious God, you shower us with so many blessings, yet we confess that we struggle to share them with others. You love a cheerful giver, but we sometimes give grudgingly. We forget that all we have is yours, and that you can use our gifts to bless others. Give us generous hearts which long to share our bounty, giving extravagantly and loving at great risk. Forgive us for clutching too tightly what has always been yours in the first place. Pardon us for this and all of our sins, 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.**

ANTHEM

**"Hymn of Devotion"  
(based on Ruth 1:16-17)  
Lyle Lamboley, Cello**

Mary McDonald

*Where you go I will go; Where you stay, there I will stay.  
Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God!*

*Where you go there I will go; Where you stay there I will surely stay,  
Where you die, there I will surely die; where you lie, there I will lie.*

*Where you go I will go; Where you stay, there I will stay.  
Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God!*

## 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

**\*TAKE MY LIFE—#697**

HENDON

**Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of my love.  
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.  
Swift and beautiful for thee.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN #700 “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” I’M GONNA LIVE**

## WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ruth 2:1-16 (NRSV)

Luke 12:41-48 (NIV)

STEWARDSHIP SERMON SERIES

Take My Life

Sermon #2 “What’s Your Generosity Story?”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

**\*HYMN #321**

*(stanzas 1,2,4,5)*

**“The Church’s One Foundation”**

AURELIA

**\*BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Arioso”  
Lyle Lamboley, Cello

J.S. Bach

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

Stephanie Carson, Traditional Worship; David Furr, Organist  
Taryn Lumia, Contemporary Worship