Large Print Bulletin & Announcements

Welcome To

Northwood Presbyterian Church

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November 5, 2023 11:00am



Ministers: All Members of the Church

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

Northwood Presbyterian Church

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Order for the Public Worship of God November 5, 2023 23rd Sunday after Pentecost/All Saints Day 11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY "Shall We Gather at the River" arr. Elliot

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Curvin, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

People: let us also lay aside every weight, and the sin that clings so closely.

Leader: As partners in Christ, let us run with perseverance the race

that is set before us,

People: looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Leader: Let us worship God!

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*HYMN #326 (stanzas 1,2,3,5) "For All The Saints"

SINE NOMINE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)

Merciful God, forgive us when we invest all our energies into increasing our personal prosperity rather than enriching people's lives with the good news of Jesus Christ. Forgive us when we fail to be adventurous in spreading the gospel around. Increase our capacity to proclaim the good news even if this means taking risks. This we pray 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 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" arr. Larry Shackley

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise my soul, the King of heaven; to His feet thy tribute bring. Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore His praises sing. Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favor to His people in distress.

Praise Him, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness!

Fatherlike He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows. In His hand He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia, Alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore Him; you behold Him face to face. Sun and moon, bow down before Him, dwellers all in time and space. Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

CALL TO OFFERING

*TAKE MY LIFE—#697

HENDON

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord to thee; Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR THE OFFERING AND BLANKETS PROVIDED FOR BETH-EL

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 5:1-10,14 (NRSV)

STEWARDSHIP SERMON SERIES

Take My Life Sermon #3 "Our Response to His Love!" Chris Curvin, Pastor

*HYMN #516 "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" KINGDOM

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor gives thanks appropriate for All Saints Sunday, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, God of power and God of might! Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed, blessed is the one who comes in the name of God. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest.

The pastor continues the thanksgiving, recalling the institution of the Lord's Supper.

Jeri Heycock (1/11/23

The pastor concludes:

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

The prayer continues, recalling the names of members of Northwood who have died between November 1, 2022 and October 31, 2023. (We also pause in silence to remember all those who have lost loved ones and friends.)

Suzanne Rimmler (11/20/22)

Marge Vander Slik (11/25/22)

Robert Stone (11/29/22)

Linda Diamond (12/16/22)

Marie Elliot (12/16/22)

Art Callan (12/20/22)

Pat Callan (1/5/23)

Helene Zalay (1/6/23)

Sue GaVette (1/20/23)

JoAnn Bruno (2/20/23)

Lloyd Kimball (3/7/23)

Jane Sumwalt (4/23/23)

Robert Adams(6/18/23)

Carl Corrello (7/13/23)

Bill Lewis (7/18/23)

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 #714

"God of the Fertile Fields"

ITALIAN HYMN

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY "All Glory Be to God on High" arr. Michael Burkhardt

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

Stephanie Carson, Director of Traditional Music; David Furr, Organist Taryn Lumia, Director of Contemporary Music