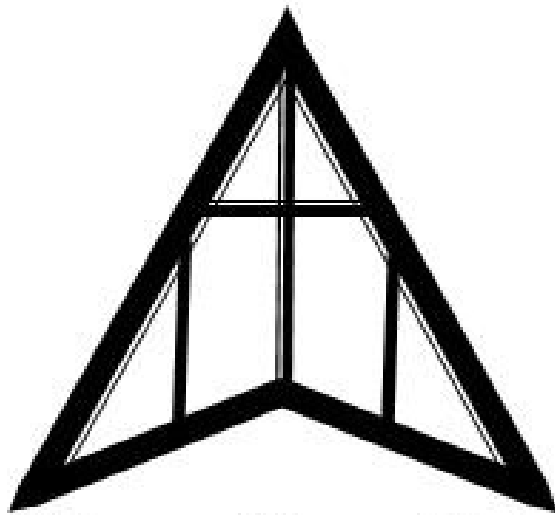


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Announcements

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

*A Stephen Ministry Church*  
*Organized February 19, 1978*  
**November 19, 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**  
**November 19, 2023**  
**25th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**11:00 AM Worship Service**

**WE COME TO WORSHIP**

OPENING VOLUNTARY “We Gather Together” arr. Neil Harmon

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

MINUTE FOR MISSION Angel Tree

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Leader: The Lord is the gracious Giver of every good gift.

**People: The Lord is the generous Author of every blessing we receive.**

Leader: Hold fast to your hope without wavering,

**People: for God who has promised is faithful.**

Leader: Surely God is our rock and our salvation;

**People: trust in the Lord and do not be afraid.**

**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 #37 “Let All Things Now Living” ASH GROVE

CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

**Dear Lord, you have been faithful in meeting our daily needs. In your grace, you have blessed us in so many wonderful and surprising ways. Sadly, we fall into the trap of comparing ourselves and what we have with other people and the lifestyles they live. And in so doing, we oftentimes live with a sense of restlessness and discontent, always wanting more and more. Joy and gratitude are swallowed up in a demanding sense of entitlement. Forgive us dear Lord. By your grace, may we truly find the abundant life that is found in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. 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

“All Thy Gifts of Love!”

David Brunner

*For food in a world where many walk in hunger,  
for peace in a world where many walk in fear,  
For friends in a world where many walk alone,  
We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks, O God.*

*For health in a world where many walk in sickness,  
for joy in a world where many walk in grief,  
For friends in a world where many walk alone,  
We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks, O God.*

*For love in a world where many walk in anger,  
for light in a world where many walk in darkness,  
Friends in a world where many walk alone, we give your thanks, O God.*

*For these and all the many things unspoken,  
for gifts unknown or, as of yet, unseen,  
For these and all thy gifts of love,  
we give thee thanks, O God. We give thee thanks, O 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

\*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 #647

“Give Thanks”

GIVE THANKS

## WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4:4-13 (NRSV)

SERMON

“The Gift of Contentment”  
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN #643      “Now Thank We All Our God”      NUN DANKET ALLE GOT

\*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY      “For the Beauty of the Earth”      John Rutter

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

Stephanie Carson, Traditional Worship; David Furr, Organist