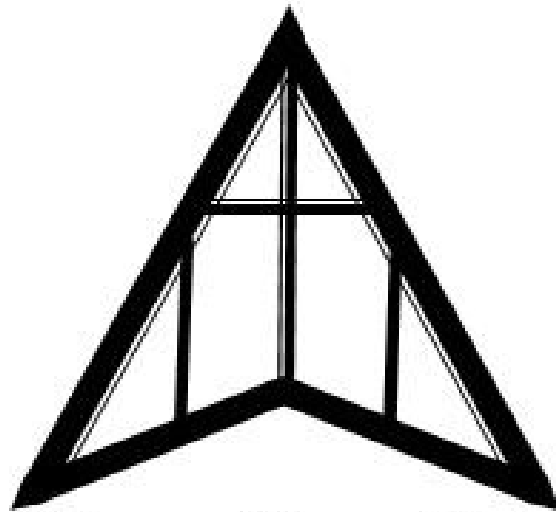


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Bulletin
&
Announcements

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church

A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978

January 28, 2024
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
January 28, 2024
4th Sunday after Epiphany
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Trio No. 7” Joseph Rheinberger

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

MINUTE FOR MISSION Children’s Ministry, Jennifer McManus

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

(11:00) Rollie Haugen— Re-Affirmation of Faith

(11:00) Kristin Ingram—Transfer of Letter, Peace Memorial, FL.

(9:00) Mia VanNess—Profession of Faith

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Leader: The Creator has planted seeds in all of us.

People: May we nurture good deeds and loving-kindness.

Leader: Jesusu is calling us to bear spiritual fruit.

People: May we bless and build up other for the reign of God.

Leader: The Holy Spirit moves in us, encouraging us to grow.

All: May we be nurtured, may we be blessed, and may we grow in this time of worship.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

***HYMN #307 “God of Grace and God of Glory” CWM RHONDDA**

CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

Merciful God, in Jesus, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people you would us be. In Christ's 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

“Lord Lead Us On”

Joseph M. Martin

(Incorporating “He Leadeth Me” by William B. Bradbury)

*Come, seekers of the light, the morning breaks with song.
Hope is shining like a candle, now the night is gone.
God is raising up his people, waking them to praise.
With a vision for the future, he leads his church with grace.*

Refrain: *Lord, lead us on. Guide us by your mighty hand.
Lord, lead us on. Lead us to the Promised Land.
Give us strength to follow in your way; faith to trust you and obey.
Lord, give us grace to live each day. Lord, lead us on.*

*Come, all who love the Lord, the time for truth has come.
Boldly share the word of God, the works that he has done.
God of wonders, speak again and teach to us your song.
Give us unity of purpose. Lord, make our spirits strong! Refrain*

*Lord, lead us on. Lord, lead us on. By your own hand, Lord lead us on.
We would be faithful, true and strong. Lord, raise us up and lead us on!*
Refrain

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 #299 “You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim” HANOVER

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Galatians 5:22-26 (NRSV, The Message Bible)

SERMON

“The Importance of Connecting”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From *The Declaration of Faith*)

In forming his people and sending them into the world Jesus called individuals to be disciples. They were to share the joy of his companionship, to understand and obey his teachings, and to follow him in life and death. We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship. Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ is God’s undeserved gift to each of us. It is also God’s demand upon every one of us, never perfectly fulfilled by any of us. Forgiven by God and supported by our siblings in Christ, we strive to become more faithful and effective in our daily practice of the Christian life. Amen.

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #309 “Come, Great God of All the Ages” ABBOT’S LEIGH

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Carillon” (Op. 31) Louis Vierne

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

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

Stephanie Carson, Traditional Worship; David Furr, Organist