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&
Announcements

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church
A Stephen Ministry Church
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March 17, 2024
11:00am



Ministers: All Members of the Church
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Order for the Public Worship of God
March 17, 2024
5th Sunday in Lent
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Prelude in D Major” J.K.F. Fischer

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(responsive)*

Leader: Happy are the people whose sins are forgiven!

People: God’s forgiveness is poured on them as a healing balm.

Leader: Happy are the people who place their trust in God.

People: God’s presence is their guide and their strength.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who forgives and heals us.

**People: Let us worship God as his dearly beloved children, for
by God’s grace this is who we are!**

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

***HYMN #12** “Immortal Invisible, God Only Wise” ST. DENIO

CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

Almighty God of steadfast love and amazing generosity, in humbleness of heart we come to you, confessing our sin and seeking your cleansing and purifying forgiveness in our lives. Only then can our hearts, our minds and souls be refreshed and renewed; so that we may walk in your ways and worship you in truth and holiness. You do not seek from us a mindless response, but rather, you long for us to return to you in faith, in hope and in love. By your great grace may we live as redeemed and forgiven people whose lives sing forth your praise and glory, through Jesus Christ our 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

“How Deep the Father’s Love For Us”

Townend/

arr. Larry Shackley

*How deep the Father’s love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns his face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.
How high, how wide, how deep the Father’s love for us.*

*Behold the Man upon the cross, my sin upon his shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life. I know it is finished.
How pure, how strong, how deep the Father’s love for us.*

*I will not boast of anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.
How high, how wide, how deep the Father's love for us.
How pure, how strong, how deep the Father's love for us.*

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, forever. 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

THE INSTALLATION/ORDINATION OF DEACONS & ELDERS

ELDER: *Jill Loomis (11:00)

DEACON: *Randy Ball (11:00)

The Statement of Purpose

The Questions to the Candidates

The Questions to the Congregation

The Prayer of Ordination, Installation and Laying on of Hands

The Declaration and Charge * *those being ordained*

*HYMN #213

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

RATHBUN

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 20:17-28 (NRSV)

SERMON “Christ-Centered Ambition in a Me-First Ambitious World”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #738 “O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee” MARYTON

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Toccata in F Major” Buxtehude

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

Stephanie Carson, Music Director; David Furr, Organist