

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church
A Stephen Ministry Church
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7:00pm



Ministers: All Members of the Church
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**Maundy Thursday Service
Northwood Presbyterian Church
Thursday, March 28, 2024 7:00PM**

OPENING VOLUNTARY “My Song Is Love Unknown”
Ralph Vaughan Williams

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*)

Leader: What shall we render unto the Lord for all God’s blessings to us?

People: We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Leader: Jesus said, “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”

People: Let us worship God and rejoice in His love as we come together sharing the love of Christ with one another.

*HYMN #216 “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” ST. CHRISTOHER

**Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.**

**Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times
can see the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;
and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess:
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.**

**I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Together*) Paul Means, Associate Pastor

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we

will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. In Jesus' name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(Responsive)*

Leader: May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

CALL FOR THE OFFERING AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

The Offering this evening is for Hope Villages of America (formerly RCS Pinellas), a mission project supported by Northwood and eighty other Christian and Jewish congregations. "The mission of Hope Villages of America is to feed the hungry, help homeless families return to self-sufficiency, and empower survivors of domestic violence." (You may give your gift through our website or mail it to the church office or you may place it in one of the Giving Stations in the hallway as you leave.)

ANTHEM

"In Remembrance"

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*In remembrance of me, eat this bread. In remembrance of me, drink this wine.
In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done.*

*In remembrance of me, heal the sick. In remembrance of me, feed the poor.
In remembrance of me, open the door and let your brother in, let him in.*

*Take, eat and be comforted, drink, and remember too,
that this is my body and precious blood, shed for you, shed for you.*

*In remembrance of me, search for truth. In remembrance of me, always love.
In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart, in your heart.
Look in your heart for God.*

*Do this in remembrance of me. Do this in remembrance of me.
In remembrance of me.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (NRSV)

COMMUNION MEDITATION “Do This In Remembrance of Me” Paul Means, Associate Pastor

*HYMN “On the Night He Was Arrested” BEACH SPRING

**On the night he was arrested, Jesus took a loaf of bread.
He gave thanks to God in heaven, then he shared it and he said,
“Here’s My body; it is broken. Now I give it; taste and see!
When you share at God’s good table, eat the bread! Remember me!”**

**When they’d finished eating supper, Jesus gave them something new.
As he took the cup he told them, “Drink this wine; it is for you.
It’s the promise of salvation. In my blood, God sets you free.
When you share at God’s good table, drink the wine! Remember me!”**

**God, we thank you for your blessings – for your gifts of bread and wine.
By your Spirit, Christ is present in the fruit of grain and vine.
With these gifts of earth we’re given, we proclaim Christ’s sacrifice.
We receive a taste of heaven, as we share his death and life.**

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SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER Chris Curvin, Pastor *(If watching through livestream, please plan to celebrate communion during this service by preparing a small portion of juice—or something to drink and bread for your use at home.)*

INVITATION AND THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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 & THE SHARING OF THE CUP

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #215

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

WONDROUS LOVE

(stanzas 1,2,3)

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!**

**What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!**

**When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down beneath God’s righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!**

**To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme, I will sing!**

STRIPPING OF THE CHANCEL

*The service concludes in silence after the closing hymn. There is no
benediction as our worship service continues at Noon tomorrow, Good Friday.*

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