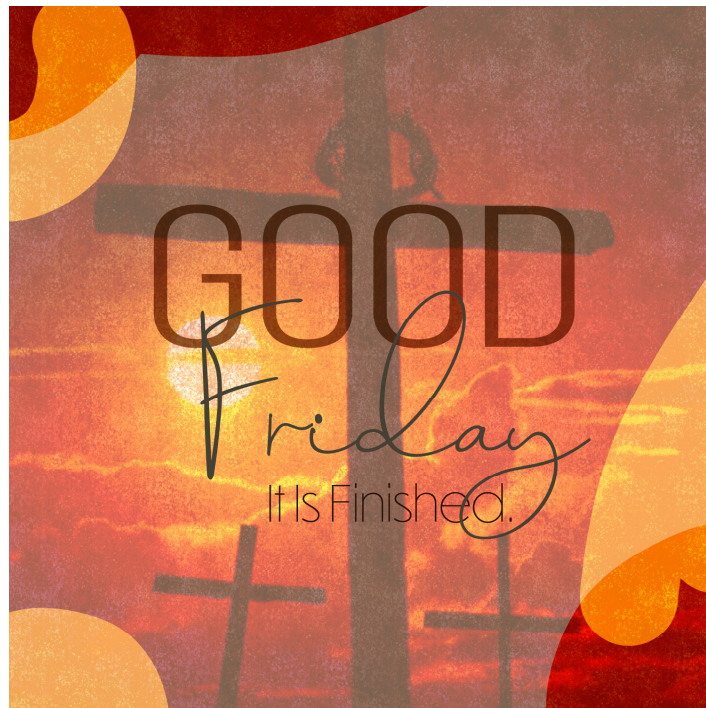


Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church
A Stephen Ministry Church
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12:00pm



Ministers: All Members of the Church
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Good Friday Service
Northwood Presbyterian Church
March 29, 2024 Noon

“But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has the iniquity of us all.”
Isaiah 53:4-5, NRSV

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Curvin, Pastor

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Ave Verum Corpus”

Mozart

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Who believes what we’ve heard and seen? Who would have thought God’s saving power would look like this?

People: Surely, he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we account him stricken, struck down by God and afflicted.

Leader: But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole,

People: and by his wounds we are healed.

*HYMN #221

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

PASSION CHORALE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

Gracious, heavenly Father, time and again we turn to the shadows of sin, and away from the light of your love. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to turn away from the paths of darkness, and cling forever to the cross on which our Savior suffered and died for our salvation. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

May Almighty God who is holy and just grant you through the death of his sinless Son true repentance, forgiveness of all your sins and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

SOLO

“There Is a Green Hill Far Away”
Soloist, Barbara Jordan

Cecil F. Alexander

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

HYMN #228

“Were You There”

WERE YOU THERE

(stanzas 1,2,3,5)

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**

**Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?**

**Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 23:32-49 (NRSV)

MESSAGE

“The Three Crosses”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

**“Father, forgive them! Jesus, you prayed;
Even at death, your love was profound.
You were rejected, you were betrayed –
yet in your word here, mercies abound.**

**Two hung beside you, dying in pain;
one saw, in faith, your love’s sacrifice.
You told that man who called on your name,
“You will be with me in Paradise.”**

**You cried, “I’m thirsty!” suffering Lord.
Who would give comfort? What would they do?
Teach us again: When we serve the poor,
we too are giving water to you.**

**“It is completed!” All was fulfilled.
You had been faithful, living God’s way.
You knew the truth: Love could not be killed;
there would be triumph on the third day.**

**“Father!” You cried out, praying to God,
“Into your hands my spirit I give.”
Then on the cross, as love’s final Word,
You died so all God’s children might live.**

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