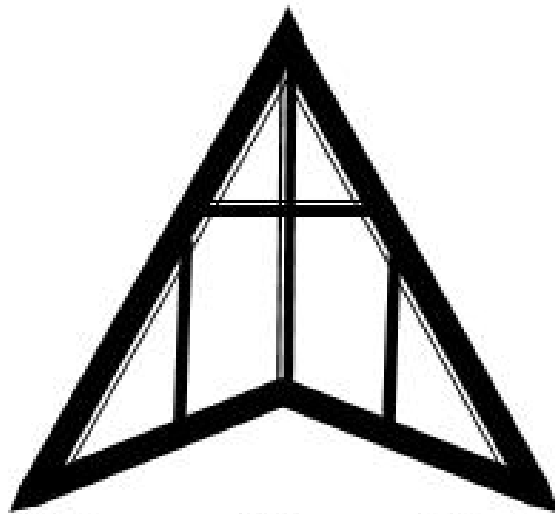


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Bulletin  
&  
Announcements

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

*A Stephen Ministry Church*  
*Organized February 19, 1978*

**October 27, 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  
October 27, 2024  
23rd Sunday After Pentecost  
Reformation Sunday  
11:00 AM Worship Service**

**WE COME TO WORSHIP**

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Andante from Concerto No. 3”

William Felton

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*)**

Leader: Give thanks to God for the faith we share;

**People: be steadfast in hope through Jesus Christ.**

Leader: Pray always, and do not loose heart.

**People: Being confident of this, that God who began a good work  
in you will carry it on to completion until the day Christ  
Jesus appears.**

**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 #275**

**“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”**

**EIN’ FESTA BURG**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

**Dear Lord, we confess that it is still all too easy for us to sacrifice our convictions for convenience, your standards for status, your principles for promotion, your absolutes for our ambition, our souls for shallow and unsatisfying success. How easily we are seduced by wealth, power, prestige, pleasure, or possessions. Forgive us when we are lazy and irresponsible stewards of the gifts you have entrusted to us. By your grace, may we experience the freedom and joy of being found faithful in serving others in Christ's name. 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

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” arr. Hal H. Hopson

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation.  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; Join me in glad adoration.*

*Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
granted in what he ordaineth.*

*Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if with his love he befriend thee.*

*Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him.  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.  
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.  
Amen.*

## 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

\*HYMN #708

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

SCHUMANN

## WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6:19-24 (NRSV)

SERMON

“Faithful Giving From an Eternal Mindset”  
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN #450

“Be Thou My Vision”

SLANE

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord;  
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;  
thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O ruler of all.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

**“Gavotte”**

**Samuel Wesley**

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

**Stephanie Carson, Music Director; David Furr, Organist**