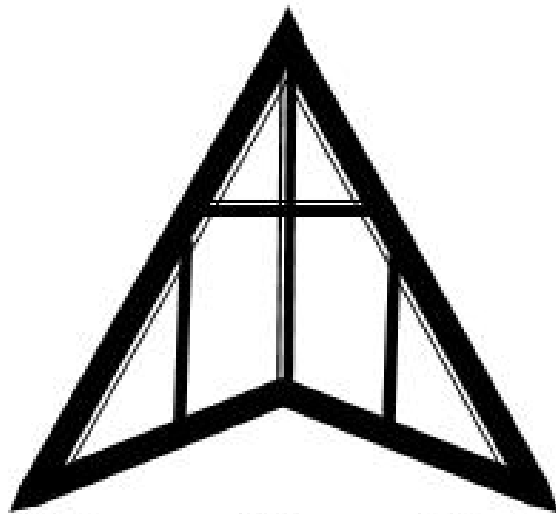


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Announcements

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

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

**November 3, 2024**  
**11:00am**



**Come, Grow, Go!**

***Ministers: All Members of the Church***

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor

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**Order for the Public Worship of God**  
**November 3, 2024**  
**24th Sunday after Pentecost/All Saints' Day**  
**11:00 AM Worship Service**

# WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY     “Andante from Concerto No. 3”  
William Felton

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Leader: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

**People: let us also lay aside every weight, and the sin that clings so closely.**

Leader: As partners in Christ, let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

**People: looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

*HYMN #326 ( <i>stanzas 1-4</i> )	“For All the Saints”	SINE NOMINE
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**For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(Together)*

**Merciful God, forgive us when we invest all our energies into increasing our personal prosperity rather than enriching people's lives with the good news of Jesus Christ. Forgive us when we fail to be adventurous in spreading the gospel around. Increase our capacity to proclaim the good news even if this means taking risks. This we pray in Jesus' 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.**

**\*APOSTLES' CREED** *(Together)*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**CALL TO OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**ANTHEM**

**"I'll Fly Away"**

arr. Craig Courtney

*Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away;  
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.*

*Refrain: I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.  
When I die hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.*

*When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away.  
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away. Refrain*

*Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away;  
To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away. Refrain*

## LITANY FOR ALL SAINTS

*The following names are from the membership roll of Northwood.  
November 1, 2023—October 31, 2024*

Everlasting God and Lord of life: You have created this wonderful world with beauty and with an abundance of life. For this universe with its heavens and the earth;

**We praise you, God Our Creator.**

For the gifts of Christ our Lord, whose death and resurrection gives promise of life abundantly and eternally;

**We praise you, God Our Savior.**

For the Spirit, whose presence gives us hope and the strength to endure the hardships of life;

**We praise you, God Our Sustainer.**

For all the saints, whose lives provide continuous examples of faith and whose efforts sustained the Church;

**We praise you, God Our Resurrection Hope.**

For those in our fellowship who having lived this life in faith now live eternally with you.

Ed Puschmann (11/17/23)	Darrough Diamond (4/26/24)
Mary Duffey (11/17/23)	Lauren Preston (5/19/24)
Barbara Schlerf (12/25/23)	Kay Ferguson (5/14/24)
Shirley Gleason (1/16/24)	Kerry Elwood (5/22/24)
Donald Faulkner (2/16/24)	Raymond Linville (6/2/24)
Violet Lawrence (4/21/24)	Loisanne Bilka (9/1/24)
Don Hamilton Jr. (4/25/24)	

*(Together)* **We praise you God of our mothers and fathers, of our sisters and brothers in faith. Give us faith and true hope that we may, without fear, trust those who are dear to us to your never failing love. For the glory of Christ and Your name we pray, Amen.**

HYMN #326

“For All the Saints”

SINE NOMINE

*(stanza 5, remain seated)*

**From earth’s wide bounds, from ocean’s farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 3:1-10 (NRSV)

STEWARDSHIP SERMON SERIES: PORTRAITS OF GENEROSITY

Sermon #2 “Saints: Mediators of Faith”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

\*HYMN #375

“Shall We Gather at the River”

HANSON PLACE

*(stanzas 1,4)*

**Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,  
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?**

*Refrain:* **Yes, we’ll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of  
God.**

**Soon we’ll reach the shining river; soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. *Refrain***

### WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 AND THE SHARING OF THE CUP

*(To symbolize our unity in Christ, we hold the bread until the Elders and Deacons are served*

*and then all partake as one body. To symbolize our personal relationship with the Lord, we*

*drink of the cup, as the Spirit leads.)*

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN #610

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

AZMON

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer’s praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God’s grace!**

**The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease,  
sings music in the sinner’s ears, brings life, and health, and peace.**

**Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive;  
the mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.**

**My gracious Master and my God, assist ne to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.**

**To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.**

\*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Poco Vivace”

Hermann Schroeder

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

Stephanie Carson, Music Director  
David Furr, Organist