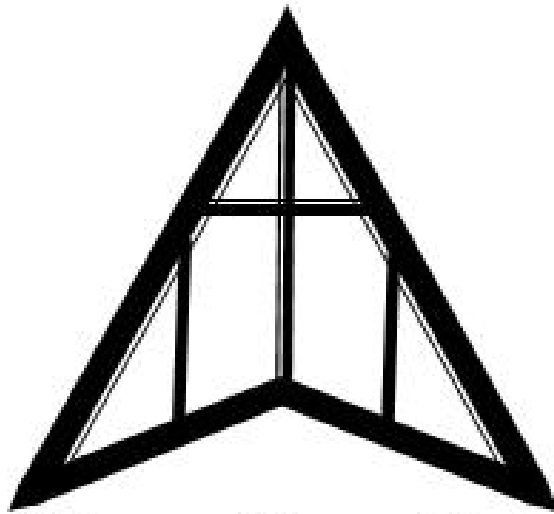


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Bulletin
&
Announcements

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church

A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978

January 12, 2025
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
January 12, 2025
Baptism of the Lord
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Let All Together Praise Our God”
arr. Paul Manz

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

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

Leader: Friends, we know what God desires from us:

**People: that we do justice, and love kindness,
and walk humbly with God.**

Leader: We gather this morning to remind each other about that,

People: to remember that now is always the right time to do these things.

Leader: So with thanks in our hearts, let us worship God.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*HYMN #327 “From All that Dwell Below the Skies”

LAST UNS ERFREUEN

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

God, you call us to beloved community with you and with each other. But we exclude and reject those we deem different. You claim us as beloved, but we turn against each other in anger and hate. You liberate us and lead us in Christ's path of peace, but we build walls between us and others and dismiss peace as impractical and unrealistic. Redeeming God, forgive our worldly ways. Call us and claim us once again for the work of building your beloved community. In Jesus' name we pray. 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

“Sing Unto the Lord”

Charles Yannerella

Sing, sing, sing unto the Lord.

Let your heart rejoice and your soul fill with gladness.

Sing, sing, sing unto the Lord, let us bless His Holy Name.

Sing, sing, sing unto the Lord.

Let your voice proclaim His excellent greatness.

Sing, sing, sing unto the Lord, let us bless His Holy Name.

Fill your hearts with praises and thanksgiving.

Let us go before the Lord and bless His Name forever.

Sing, sing, sing unto the Lord.

Let your voices join in praise to the Father.

Sing, sing, sing unto the Lord, let us bless His Holy Name.

Sing, sing, sing unto the Lord. Let us praise the Son and Holy Spirit;

Sing, sing, sing unto the Lord. Let us bless His Holy Name.

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**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 36:16-36 (NRSV)

***HYMN #688** “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” MORECAMBE
(*stanzas 1,4,5*)

**Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,
and make me love thee as I ought to love.**

**Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh.
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh.
Teach me the patience of an unanswered prayer.**

**Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame;
the baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,
my heart an altar, and thy love thy flame.**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:1-2 (NRSV)

SERMON

“Faith In a World of Change”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #697
(stanzas 1,2,5,6)

“Take My Life”

HENDON

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered”
arr. Jacob Weber

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

Stephanie Carson, Music Director; David Furr, Organist