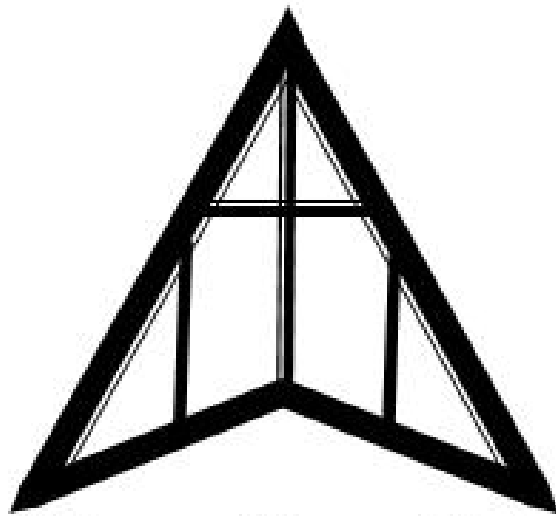


Large Print  
Bulletin  
&  
Announcements

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

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

**March 9, 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**  
**March 9, 2025**  
**1st Sunday in Lent**  
**11:00 AM Worship Service**

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “It Is Well With My Soul”

arr. Linda R. Lamb

Celebration Ringers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Curvin, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*)

Leader: God calls us to follow Jesus.

**People: But following Jesus isn’t easy.**

Leader: God’s call to us requires our energy, intelligence, imagination and love.

**People: If we follow in faith, it will transform our whole lives.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God and learn to follow our Lord.

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

\*HYMN #620 “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” LAUDA ANIMA

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

**Merciful God, on this first Sunday in Lent we remember Jesus who was tempted in every way but yet remained steadfast and without sin. We are tempted continually as we live our lives. We struggle with petty jealousies; we focus our lives on material goods and crave to have power that no one needs. O God, be with us in our struggles and help us to draw close to you. Give us strength to stay on the upward path. And when we do stray, grant us forgiveness if we turn to you. We pray in the name of Christ. 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

“Be Still”

arr. Mary McDonald

*Refrain: Be still and know that I am God.  
Be still and know that I am with you.  
Be still and know that I will comfort you  
when you come to Me in your hour of need.  
Be still and know that I am God.  
Be still and know that I am here for you;  
And I will wipe your tears; you will be renewed.*

*Come unto Me, My child, be still,  
and know that I will give you rest, will give you rest.  
I am present in your pain,  
and I always will remain your Comforter and Friend. Refrain  
My peace I leave with you;  
My peace, I give unto you. Peace. Peace. Peace.  
Be still and know that I am God.  
Be still and know that I am God. Be still. Be still. Be still.*

## 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**

## THE INSTALLATION/ORDINATION OF DEACONS & ELDERS

### DEACONS:

**\*Pat Donnelly (9:00)  
\*David Hamilton, Jr. (11:00)  
\*Georgia Rounding (9:00)**

### ELDERS:

**Marti Huff (2025, 11:00)  
\*Beth Linville (11:00)  
John Sutphin (11:00)  
\*Christine Wolf (9:00)  
Louise Mylin (9:00)**

The Statement of Purpose

The Questions to the Candidates

The Questions to the Congregation

The Prayer of Ordination, Installation and Laying on of Hands

The Declaration and Charge      *\* those being ordained*

**\*HYMN #69**

**“Here I Am, Lord”**

**HERE I AM**

## WE GROW IN THE WORD

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Hebrews 11:4,8,39-40 (NRSVUE)**

SERMON

“Faith and Leadership”  
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN #757      “Today We Are Called to Be Disciples”      KINGSFOLD  
(stanzas 1,2,4)

\*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY      “Come Thou Fount”      arr. Diane Bish

*(You are invited to reflect on the worship service during the closing voluntary. If you must leave before the end of the service, please respect those who remain and leave quietly.)*

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

*Please ensure all electronic devices are on silent during the service.*

Stephanie Carson, Music Director; David Furr, Organist