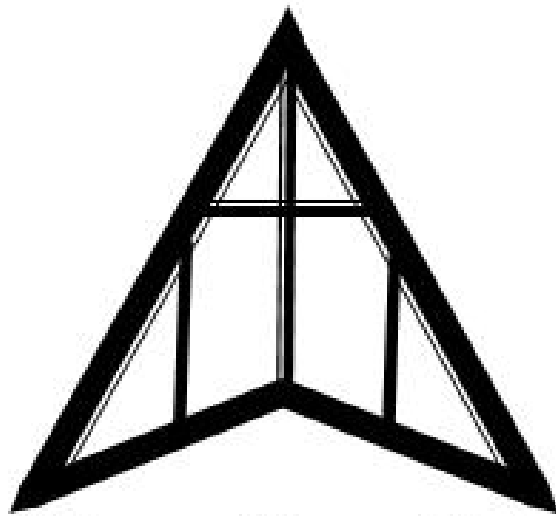


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Announcements

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church

A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978

March 16, 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 16, 2025
2nd Sunday in Lent
11:00 AM Worship Service**

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Thy Holy Wings” Richard Webster

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*)

Leader: Happy are the people whose sins are forgiven.

People: God’s forgiveness is poured on them as a healing balm.

Leader: Happy are the people who place their trust in God.

People: God’s presence is their guide and their strength.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who forgives and heals us.

**People: Let us worship God as his dearly beloved children, for by
God’s grace this is who we are!**

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

*HYMN #269 “Lead On, O King Eternal” LANCASHIRE

CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*together*)

**Almighty God of steadfast love and amazing generosity, in hum-
bleness of heart we come to you, confessing our sin, and seeking
your cleansing and purifying forgiveness in our lives. Only then
can our hearts, our minds and souls be refreshed and renewed;
so that we may walk in your ways and worship you in truth and**

holiness. You do not seek from us a mindless response, but rather, you long for us to return to you in faith, in hope and in love. By your great grace may we live as redeemed and forgiven people whose lives sing forth your praise and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

“Grace”

Carolyn Hamlin

*Lord, as I seek your guidance for the day,
I find my thoughts unyielding,
Confusion crowds my way;
But then when I bow to you, the challenges you guide me through,
Your promises are ever new, I claim them for today.*

*Refrain: Your will cannot lead me where your grace will not keep me,
Your hand will protect me,
I rest in your care.
Your eyes will watch over me, your love will protect me,
and when I am faltering, I still will find you there.*

*Each new day's design is charted by your hand
and graciously revealed as I seek your Master plan.
Keep my footsteps faithful when from you I go.
Return me to the joy that your blessings can bestow. Refrain*

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

(Offering Plates are not passed during worship. Offering boxes are located in the hallways or giving can also be made online or through the mail – see announcements for details)

*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

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

SWEET HOUR

**Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father’s throne
make all my wants and wishes known!
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter’s snare,
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer.**

**Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
thy wings shall my petition bear
To Him, whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to
bless.
And since He bids me seek His face,
believe His word and trust His grace,
I’ll cast on Him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of
prayer.**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 27 (NRSVUE)

SERMON “The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation—Whom Shall I Fear?”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #837 “Leaning On the Everlasting Arms” SHOWALTER

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “The Lord is My Light” arr. Harold DeCou

(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