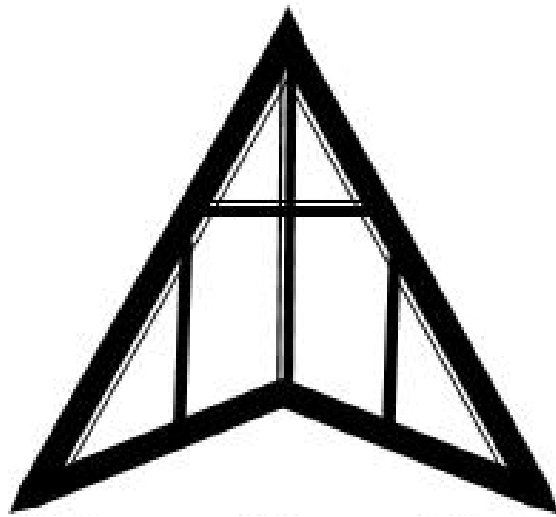


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Bulletin
&
Announcements

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church

A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978

March 23, 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 23, 2025
3rd Sunday in Lent
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Traumerei” Robert Schumann

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Jim Mertz— Re-Affirmation of Faith
Nancy Mertz— Re-Affirmation of Faith
Wendy Rigdon—Transfer of Letter, Bryn Mawr, PA.
Wilson Rigdon— Transfer of Letter, Bryn Mawr, PA.
Christine Stitzel— Re-Affirmation of Faith
Dean Wilson— Transfer of Letter, Seminole, FL.

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive, inspired by Luke 13:6-9*)

Leader: The season of Lent can be barren and lonely.

People: God is with us through the wilderness.

Leader: We live in seasons of transitions and transformations.

People: We come to ponder God’s providence and persistence.

Leader: Together, we seek fruitfulness, for the barrenness of Lent
will give way to the fruitfulness of Easter.

**People: We gather to wait for the Lord with strength and
courage. Let us worship God!**

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

*HYMN #829

“Faith Looks Up to Thee”

OLIVET

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

Holy God, we confess that we have grown complacent in our response to You. You set before us a rich feast of blessing for our lives, but we are drawn to things that cannot satisfy. You call us to attend to needs in the world, but we indulge our own desires. For give us when we fall short of Your claim upon us. Disturb our complacency and increase our desire for a more fruitful life. Change who we are, in the hope of becoming who You intend us to be. 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

“The Wonder of it All” George Beverly Shea/Kirkland

*There’s the wonder of sunset at evening, the wonder as sunrise I see.
But the wonder of wonders that thrills my soul is the wonder that God
loves me.*

Refrain:

*O, the wonder of it all, the wonder of it all, just to think that God loves me.
O, the wonder of it all, the wonder of it all, just to think that God loves me.*

*There’s the wonder of springtime and harvest, the sky, the stars, the sun;
But the wonder of wonders that thrills my soul is a wonder that’s only
begun. 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 #822

“When We Are Living”

SOMOS EL SENOR

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 13:1-9 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

“A Fruitful Life”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #442

“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”

WOODWORTH

**Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou biddest me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come; I come!**

**Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!**

**Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, parson, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!**

**Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!**

***BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”
arr. David Cherwien**

*(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