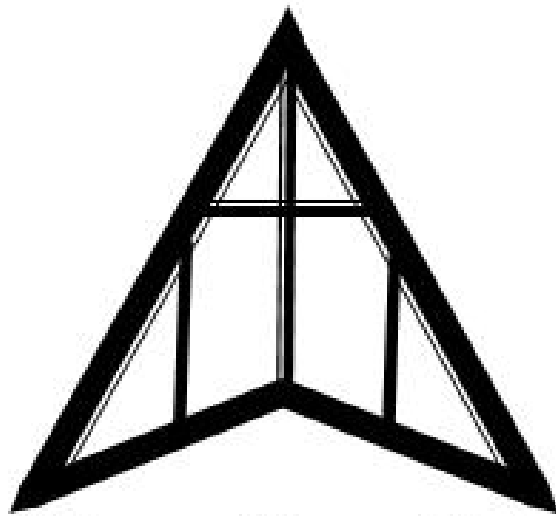


Large Print  
Bulletin  
&  
Announcements

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

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

**March 30, 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 30, 2025  
4th Sunday in Lent  
11:00 AM Worship Service**

**WE COME TO WORSHIP**

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

arr. Joel Raney

**“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”**

Revelation Youth Ringers; David Furr, Piano

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chris Curvin, Pastor

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Responsive, Psalm 27*)

**Leader:** God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

**People:** **God is the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?**

**Leader:** We have come to worship God and seek God’s wisdom, to find shelter and help amid life’s storms.

**People:** **God lifts us from our doubts and fears, giving us confidence and courage.**

**All:** **Let us offer sacrifices of joy and thanksgiving, we will sing and make melody to our God.**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

**\*HYMN #804**

**“Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart”**

MARION

*(stanzas 1,2,3,5)*

**Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

**Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.**

*Refrain:* **Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

**With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise,  
send forth the sturdy hymns of old, the psalms of ancient days.**

*Refrain*

**Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go,  
from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe.**

*Refrain*

**Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king!**

*Refrain*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

**Holy God, we confess that too often we have not been open to the rhythms of life you offer. The melodies of our world confuse us. We have allowed ourselves to be put off your pace and we have sung songs which teach the values of this world. Pull us back into your rhythms and assure us that when we trust in you, O Lord, you will put a new song on our lips, and our voices and lives will show forth your praise. In Christ's 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 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" arr. Craig Courtney

*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand:  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more,  
Feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through:  
Strong Deliverer, Strong Deliverer, be my strength and my shield,  
Be thou still my strength and shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side:  
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee.  
I will ever give to thee.*

#### 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

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 15:1-2 (NRSVUE)  
Psalm 149:1-4 (NRSVUE)

\*HYMN #700      “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”      I’M GONNA LIVE

## WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4:3-7 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

“The Test of Faith: Singing a New Song”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN #641

“When In Our Music God Is Glorified”

ENGELBERG

\*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

arr. Craig Courtney

“Theme and Three Variations on Fairest Lord Jesus”

*(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