

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church
A Stephen Ministry Church
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11:00am



Ministers: All Members of the Church
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EASTER SUNDAY

April 20, 2025 ~ 11:00 AM

WE COME TO WORSHIP

*(Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins.
Please silence electronic devices.)*

OPENING VOLUNTARY “An Easter Celebration” setting by Joel Raney
Brass Quartet & Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

EASTER GREETING *(Responsive)*

Leader: The Lord is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: HE IS RISEN INDEED!

*PASSING THE PEACE OF THE RISEN LORD

*(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET”
and leave it where seated.)*

*HYMN #232 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!

Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!

Sinner to redeem and save. Alleluia!

**But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

Mighty God: by your power is Christ raised from death to rule this world with love. We confess that we have not believed in Him but fall into doubt and fear. Forgive our dread of dying, our hopelessness, and set us free for joy in the victory of Jesus Christ, who was dead but lives, and will put down every power to hurt or destroy, when your promised kingdom comes. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #236

VICTORY

**The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is won;
The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

ANTHEM

“Canonic Processional”

arr. Lon Beery

*I know that my Redeemer lives: What joy the blest assurance gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my everlasting Head!*

*He lives, and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives, my mansion to prepare; He lives, to bring me safely there.*

*He lives, all glory to His Name; He lives, my Savior, still the same;
What joy the blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!
Amen!*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S 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 AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is also received today.)

*HYMN #233

“The Day of Resurrection”

LANCASHIRE

**The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.**

**Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own “All hail!” and hearing, may raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin;
the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:1-12 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

“From an Idle Tale, Hidden Easter Life Revealed”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #238

“Thine Is the Glory”

JUDAS MACCABEUS

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled in stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.**

*Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.*

**Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. *Refrain***

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *Refrain***

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Hallelujah”

G.F. Handel

(No. 44 Chorus *from Messiah*)

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

Stephanie Carson, Traditional Worship; David Furr, Organist

Brass Quintet:

Trumpet: Ben Tobin & Brandon Desoto

Trombone: Dylan Cantin & David Sardina