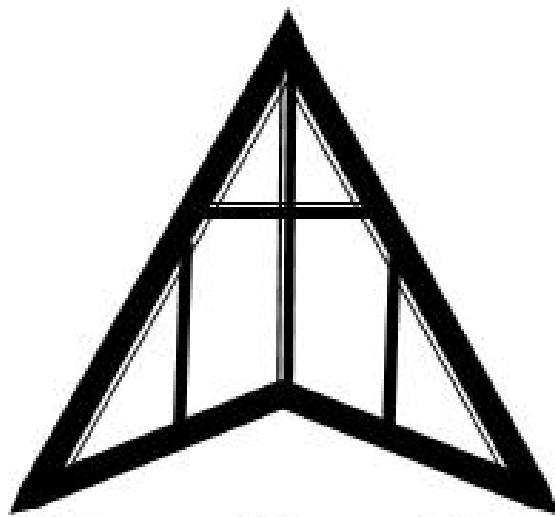


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Announcements

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church

A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978

May 18, 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
May 18, 2025
5th Sunday of Easter
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Jerusalem the Golden” arr. James Pethel

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Responsive)*

Leader: We gather to worship as God’s dearly beloved children.

People: By God’s grace that is who we are!

Leader: Let us love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength,

People: and let us love our neighbors as ourselves.

All: In faith and joy, let us praise and worship God who first loved us.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

***HYMN #81** “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” AUSTRIAN HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

Almighty God, in Jesus, you have shown us that your love for bent and broken people knows no limit. Time and again You have demonstrated your unfailing love for us and have stretched out your arms to draw us close. Yet we so often fail to show that love in the way in which we live. Be merciful, dear Lord, when we have little regard and little love for our neighbors. By your grace, quicken our hearts with your love and give us eyes to see and hands to reach out and share your love with those you bring into our lives. We ask all of this for the glory of your name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, the One who knows us the best and loves us the most. 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

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

Stan Pathel

*Rejoice, the Lord is King, your Lord and King adore,
Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, rejoice, I say, rejoice.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

*Jesus, the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love,
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, rejoice, I say, rejoice.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

*Rejoice in glorious hope, Our Lord and judge shall come,
And take His servants up to their eternal home:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, rejoice, I say, rejoice.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

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**

***HYMN #687**
(stanzas 1-4)

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

ST. ANNE

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 21:1-6 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

“The New Heaven and New Earth”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN**

“Marching to Zion”

MARCHING TO ZION

**Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord
And thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.**

Refrain: **We’re marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
We’re marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.**

**Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;
But children of the heavenly King, but children of the heavenly King
May speak their joys abroad, may speak their joys abroad. Refrain**

**Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;
We're marching through Emmanuel's ground,
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,
To fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high. *Refrain***

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY	“Carillon” (Op. 31)	Louis Vierne
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(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, Director of Traditional Music; David Furr, Organist