

Large Print  
Bulletin  
&  
Announcements

**Welcome To**  
**Northwood Presbyterian**  
**Church**  
*A Stephen Ministry Church*  
*Organized February 19, 1978*  
**May 25, 2025**  
**11:00am**



***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 25, 2025**  
**6th Sunday of Easter**  
**11:00 AM Worship Service**

**WE COME TO WORSHIP**

OPENING VOLUNTARY “My Country Tis of Thee” arr. Joel Raney  
Revelation Youth Ringers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Paul Means, Associate Pastor

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Marilyn Mandakis—Re-Affirmation of Faith (11:00)

Judy Rodriguez—Re-Affirmation of Faith (11:00)

Samantha Wilson—Re-Affirmation of Faith  
(11:00 *introduced on June 1st*)

Maggie Hall—Re-Affirmation of Faith (9:00)

Daniel Rounding—Re-Affirmation of Faith (9:00)

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES Dylan Cantin, Youth & Families  
(*Names are listed on the contemporary worship bulletin*)

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

Leader: “For I have plans for you” declares the Lord!

**People: Plans for a future with hope.**

Leader: We put our trust in the Lord,

**People: for he who promised is faithful.**

**All: Let us rejoice and worship God!**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

**\*HYMN #338**

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

MATERNA

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

**Holy and patient God, we confess that we are slow to remember and quick to forget. You have been faithful through every season, but we doubt you in the next one. You have carried us, but we act as though we walk alone. We hold tightly to control, even when you've asked us to trust. We silence the parts of our story that still hurt, even though healing requires remembering. We rush past grief, dress it up, or bury it, afraid that if we speak it out loud, it will undo us. But you are not undone by our sorrow. You do not flinch at our questions. We confess that we often ignore your voice when it comes softly, and resent your hand when it redirects us. We compare, we compete, we hide—when all you've asked is that we come close. And still, you call us beloved. So, Lord, have mercy on us. Redeem what we have buried. Uncover what needs healing. Remind us that you are the God who brings light out of darkness, life out of death, and hope out of every ending. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the one who remembers us even when we forget ourselves. 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      “God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand”  
(*Congregation sing vs. 1, 2, 4*)

arr. Hal Hopson

*God of our fathers, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the  
starry band.*

*Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.*

*Thy love divine hath lead us in the past; in this free land by Thee our  
lot is cast;*

*Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay:  
thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.*

*Choir only: From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence.  
Be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;  
Thy true religion in our hearts increase.  
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.*

*Refresh thy people on their toilsome way. Lead us from night to  
never-ending day.  
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
and glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.*

#### 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 debt-  
ors; 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 #340 (stanzas 1,3)

“This Is My Song”

FINLANDIA

#### WE GROW IN THE WORD

##### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hebrews 11:8-16 (NRSVUE)  
Psalm 77:7-15 (NRSVUE)

##### SERMON

“What’s Next?”  
Eli Jeffre, Summer Ministry Intern

## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN

“Onward Christian Soldiers”

ST. GERTRUDE

**Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,  
with the cross of Jesus going on before.  
Christ the royal master, leads against the foe;  
forward into battle see his banners go!**

*Refrain:* **Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,  
with the cross of Jesus going on before.**

**Like a mighty army moves the church of God;  
brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod.  
We are not divided, all one body we,  
one in hope and doctrine, one in charity. *Refrain***

**Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane,  
but the church of Jesus constant will remain.  
Gates of hell can never ‘gainst that church prevail;  
we have Christ’s own promise, and that cannot fail. *Refrain***

**Onward then, ye people, join our happy throng,  
blend with ours your voices in the triumph song.  
Glory, laud, and honor unto Christ the King,  
this through countless ages men and ages sing. *Refrain***

\*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Postlude in C”

Paul Fey

*(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.*

Stephanie Carson, Director of Traditional Music; David Furr, Organist