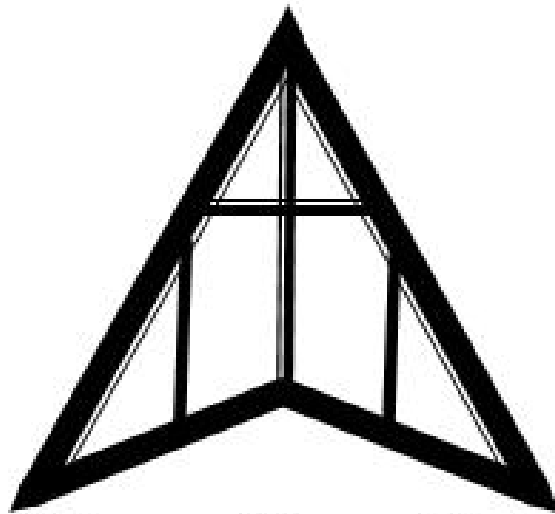


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Bulletin  
&  
Announcements

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

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

**July 6, 2025**  
**11:00am**



**Come, Grow, Go!**

*Ministers: All Members of the Church*

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor

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**Order for the Public Worship of God**  
**July 6, 2025**  
**4th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**11:00 AM Worship Service**

**WE COME TO WORSHIP**

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”  
arr. Jan Mulder

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Paul Means, Associate Pastor

MINUTE FOR MISSION Babs Bailey, Women's Retreat

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

Leader: We draw near to the one, true God who rules over all  
nations.

**People: Righteousness and compassion exalt a nation,  
but sin and oppression bring misery and shattered  
dreams.**

Leader: Bless the Lord your God for the good land He has given you.

**People: We will celebrate the goodness of God and proclaim the  
good news that in Jesus Christ we have been set free.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

**\*HYMN #331 “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”** NATIONAL HYMN

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

**Almighty and loving God, your word makes it clear that “it is for freedom that Christ has set us free.” Yet we confess that far too often we do not live out the reality of that freedom in our lives. Instead, we too easily embrace the illusion that true freedom is doing what we want, when we want. In your grace, forgive us and free us to obey your life-giving commands and to faithfully do your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**

\*APOSTLES' CREED *(Together)*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

ANTHEM “My Country, ‘Tis of Thee” arr. Mary McDonald

*My Country ‘tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing:  
land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims’ pride,  
from every mountainside let freedom ring.*

*My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills;  
my heart with rapture thrill like that above.*

*Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees sweet freedoms  
song.*

*Let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake;  
let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.*

*Our Fathers' God to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing.  
Long may our land be bright with freedoms holy light;  
protect us by thy might, great God, our King.*

## 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

## WE GROW IN THE WORD

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Galatians 5:1 (NRSVUE)  
2 Corinthians 3:17-18 (NRSVUE)  
John 8:31-36 (NRSVUE)

SERMON “Set Free to Live Free: The Freedom You Were Made For”  
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

\*HYMN #340  
(stanzas 1,3)

“This Is My Song”

FINLANDIA

## WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

#### 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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF THE CUP  
*(To symbolize our unity in Christ, we hold the bread until the Elders and Deacons are served and then all partake as one body. To symbolize our personal relationship with the Lord, we drink of the cup, as the Spirit leads.)*

## THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN                      “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”                      MESSAGE

**We’ve a story to tell to the nations  
that shall turn their hearts to the right,  
A story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light,  
a story of peace and light.**

*Refrain:* **For the darkness shall turn to dawning,  
and the dawning to noonday bright,  
and Christ’s great Kingdom shall come to earth,  
the Kingdom of love and light.**

**We’ve a song to be sung to the nations  
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord;  
A song that shall conquer evil and shatter the spear and sword,  
and shatter the spear and sword. *Refrain***

**We’ve a message to give to the nations,  
that the Lord who reigneth above  
Hath sent us His Son to save us, and show us that God is love,  
And show us that God is love. *Refrain***

## \*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY      “The Stars and Stripes Forever”                      Sousa

*(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