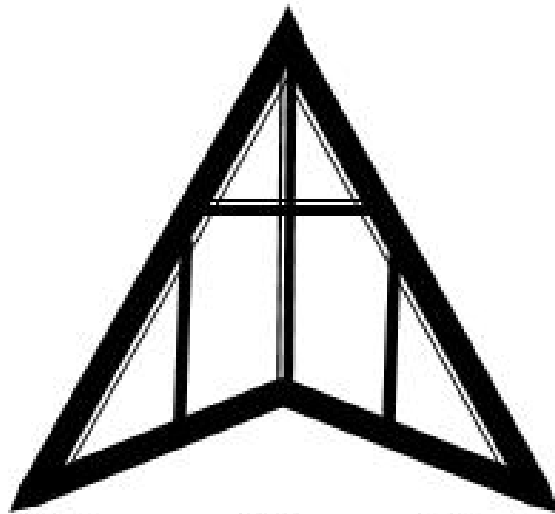


Large Print  
Bulletin  
&  
Announcements

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

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

**August 31, 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**  
**August 31, 2025**  
**12th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**11:00 AM Worship Service**

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY      “Gather Us In”      arr. John Behnke

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS      Chris Curvin, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Leader: Jesus shared meals with saints and sinners, outcasts and leaders.

**People: He welcomed everyone to the table.**

Leader: Today, that same table stretches wide.

**People: There is a place for each of us here.**

Leader: So come in joy, come in honesty,

**People: and worship the One who invites us all.**

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

\*HYMN #33      “Praise the Lord! God’s Glories Show”      LLANFAIR

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

**Holy God, we compare ourselves with others, wondering if we are better than them. We judge one another, trying to justify ourselves. We seek to establish our superiority by assuming positions of honor. Forgive us, we pray. Free us to see ourselves truthfully and to love one another with humble, gracious spirits. In Jesus' 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

“Lord, Here Am I”

John Ness Beck

Soloist, Michele White

*Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey; only direct me,  
and I'll find Thy way.*

*Teach me the mission appointed for me,  
what is my labor, and where it shall be.*

*Master, Thou callest and this I reply,  
“Ready and willing, Lord, here am I.”*

*Willing, my Savior, to take up the cross;  
willing to suffer reproaches and loss;  
Willing to follow, if Thou will but lead;  
only support me with grace in my need.  
Master, Thou callest, and this I reply,  
“Ready and willing, Lord, here am I.”*

*Living or dying, I still would be Thine,  
yet I am mortal while Thou art divine.  
Pardon, whenever I turn from the right,  
pity and bring me again to the light.  
Master, Thou callest and this I reply,  
“Ready and willing, Lord, here am I.”*

## 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 #722**

**“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”**

CANONBURY

## WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hebrews 13:1-8 (NRSVUE)  
Luke 14:16-24 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

**“Blessed Are Those Invited to the Great Banquet”  
Chris Curvin, Pastor**

## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

**\*HYMN #69**

**“Here I Am, Lord”**

HERE I AM

**I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

**Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? Refrain**

**I, the Lord, of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? Refrain**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY                      "Fanfare"                      Paul Dukas**

*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**