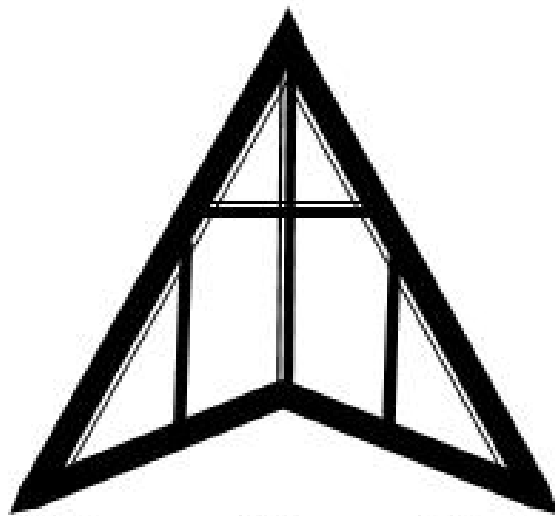


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Bulletin  
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Announcements

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

*A Stephen Ministry Church*  
*Organized February 19, 1978*  
**September 14, 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  
September 14, 2025  
14th Sunday after Pentecost  
11:00 AM Worship Service**

**WE COME TO WORSHIP**

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini”  
*Var. 18: Andante Cantabile*  
Rachmaninoff

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Paul Means, Associate Pastor

MINUTE FOR MISSION Stephanie Carson, New Piano

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

Leader: God has planted seeds of grace in our hearts,  
calling us to live by the Spirit.

**People: We come, acknowledging our need for His transforming  
power in our lives.**

Leader: Though we may grow weary, God promises a harvest in due  
season if we do not give up.

**People: We will walk with God who strengthens our hearts,  
sustains our faith, and renews our hope this day.**

Leader: As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people,  
especially our brothers and sisters in faith.

**People: Come, let us worship the God who calls us to sow seeds  
of His love in the world. Amen.**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

**\*HYMN #13** “The Mighty God with Power Speaks” **KINGSFOLD**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

**Gracious God, You have sown seeds of grace in our hearts and called us to live by Your Spirit. Yet we confess that too often we have sown to please ourselves rather than to please You. We confess that we have been deceived, thinking we could plant seeds of selfishness and reap a harvest of joy. We have sown anger and expected peace, dishonesty and expected trust, pride and expected love. Forgive us for sowing to our flesh when You have called us to sow to the Spirit. Create in us hearts that sow love, kindness, patience, and faithfulness—not to earn Your favor, but because we have already received it through Christ. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose perfect life we find our righteousness and in whose faithful service we find our example. 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

“And the Father Will Dance”

Mark Hayes

*And the Father will dance over you in joy!*

*He will take delight in whom he loves.*

*Is that a choir I hear singing the praises of God?*

*No, the Lord God Himself is exulting o’er you in song!*

*And He will joy over you in song; and He will joy over you in song!*

*My soul will make its boast in God, for He has answered all my cries.*

*His faithfulness to me is as sure as the dawn of a new day.*

*Awake, my soul! Awake my soul! Awake, my soul and sing!*

*Let my spirit rejoice, let my spirit rejoice, let my spirit rejoice in God!*

*Sing, O daughter of Zion with all of your heart.*

*Cast away fear for you have been restored!*

*Put on the garment of praise as on a festival day.*

*Join with the Father in glorious jubilant song.*

*And He will joy over you in song! God rejoices over you in song!*

## 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 #649 “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” **AMAZING GRACE**  
(*stanzas 1,2,3,5*)

## WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 6:7-10 (NRSVUE)

SERMON      Sowing and Growing: God’s Grace and the Human Heart  
Part 2: “Sowing and Reaping”  
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN      “Sing to the Lord of Harvest”      WIE LIEBLICH DER MAIEN

**Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise;  
With joyful hearts and voices Your alleluias raise.  
By Him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;  
Sing to the Lord of harvest a joyous song of love.**

**God makes the clouds rain goodness, the deserts bloom and spring.  
The hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing.  
God fills them with His fullness, all things with large increase;  
He crowns the year with blessing, with plenty and with peace.**

**Bring to this sacred altar the gifts His goodness gave.  
The golden sheaves of harvest, the souls Christ died to save.  
Your hearts lay down before Him when at His feet you fall,  
And with your lives adore Him who gave His life for all.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Bringing In the Sheaves” arr. Elmo Mercer**

*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**