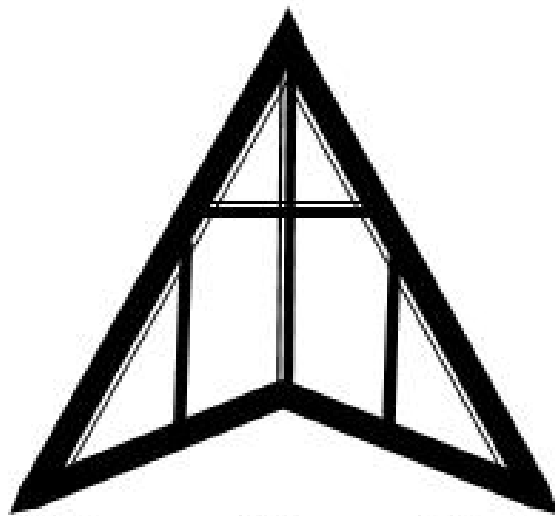


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Bulletin
&
Announcements

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church

A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978
September 21, 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 21, 2025
15th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Prelude from Violin Sonata No. 7” Vivaldi
(Let us quietly prepare our hearts for worship during the opening voluntary)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Leader: Turn us, O God,

People: away from the world’s temptations and distractions.

Leader: Return us, O God,

People: to the quiet calm of your presence.

Leader: Restore us, O God,

People: to the path you call us to follow.

Leader: Orient us, O God,

People: to the hope of all that is possible through you.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

***HYMN #846**

“Fight the Good Fight”

DUKE STREET

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

God, our refuge and strength, you lift up the lowly and hold out hope to the hopeless. Yet we who receive your grace so freely do not follow your example. We are quick to judge, eager to criticize, slow to show mercy. We gather and keep for ourselves what was meant to be shared. We diminish and dehumanize those around us. God of us all, hear this confession. Receive it. We ask for your forgiveness, in Jesus' name. 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

“Ubi Caritas”

Audrey Snyder

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
(Where there is charity and love, God is there)
Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur
(Let us rejoice and be glad in it)
Simul ergo cum in unum congregamur.
(Likewise, therefore, when we come together)
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero
(And from a sincere heart let us love one another.)*

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**

“And Can It Be That I Should Gain”

SAGINA

**And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood!
Died he for me? Who caused his pain!
For me? who him to death pursued.
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God,
shouldst die for me?
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God,
shouldst die for me?**

**He left his Father's throne above (so free, so infinite his grace!),
Emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for O my God, it found out me!**

**No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine;
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Genesis 45:1-8 (NRSVUE)
Romans 8:28,31-39 (NRSVUE)**

SERMON

**“Lessons From a Taxi Driver!”
Chris Curvin, Pastor**

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #703 “Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me” ST. CATHERINE

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Sinfonia from *Solomon*” Handel

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