

Large Print Announcements

Announcements– November 2, 2025

WELCOME GUESTS!

Welcome to Northwood and welcome to those watching online! Let us know of prayer requests by filling out the friendship sheet or through the church website, and seek to give online, by text, by mail or through offering boxes located in the narthex. Contact our church office at communications@northwoodpc.org if you are interested in how to do all the above or wish to become a member or learn more about us. **Mark your calendar for the next Discovering Northwood Presentation, Sunday, November 16th at 9:45am.** Welcome!

Today is Blanket Sunday!

Please place your blankets for Beth-El Ministries in the designated bins located in the hallway. Thank you for your participation and contribution. Please contact Paul Means with any questions 727-796-8090 x2006.

WAY (Wednesday and You) Dinners

Wednesday dinners will continue **November 5, 12 & 19**. The dinners begin at 6:00pm in the CE building. Reservation forms are located in the church hallway bulletin board across from the kitchen. Following the Wednesday meals, the topic of the program will be *Stories From Our Pastors*. Don't forget to invite a friend. For more information on any of our Wednesday programs contact the church office at 727-796-8090.

An Invitation to a Special Celebration– November 2

We invite our church family and friends to celebrate 20 years of service to Northwood of our Pastor, Rev. Dr. Chris Curvin. The celebration will be held between services TODAY in rooms 5&7 of the Christian Education building from 10:00-11:00am and 12:00-1:00pm. This is a special opportunity to say "Thank you" for 20 years of faithful preaching, teaching, prayer and caring. A continental breakfast buffet will be served. Please plan to attend and bring a friend. Cards and letters of appreciation are encouraged!

Northwood Photo Group—November 11

Would you like to start taking better pictures, and use photography as a way of exploring God's beauty? Please join us for the regular monthly meeting of the Northwood Photo Group on Tuesday, November 11th at 7:00pm in rooms 11 & 13. All are invited, whether you're a beginner or an expert! If you have any questions, please contact David Lawrence at david@primeimagesinc.com or Curtis Krueger at curtis.krueger@gmail.com.

Memorial Service for Ellen Stoup– November 8

There will be a Memorial Service for Ellen Stoup here in the sanctuary on Saturday, November 8th at 11:00am. We continue to keep the family in our prayers. There will be a reception to follow the service in the Christian Education building.

Fun! Friends! Friday! Ren Crew— November 14

The Ren Crew Friday Fellowship will meet on Friday, November 14th at 10:30 in the Sanctuary. We are a group of adventuresome, young at heart adults who enjoy sharing fun with friends, old and new. In keeping with the theme "Windows to the World," Pastor Paul Means will provide the program "Through the Lens of Wonder: Alaska's Untamed Beauty from Seward Highway to the Wild Bears of Katmai National Park." Following the program, we will enjoy lunch at Bonefish Grill. All are welcome! Join us and treat yourself to a Friday filled with fun and friends! For more information, you may contact Pastor Paul Means at 727-796- 8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.

Halloween Candy for Music Ministry

If you have leftover Halloween candy or find some good BOGO deals, the music ministry will gladly accept your donations. Thank you!

Blood Drive—November 9

Sunday, November 9th from 9:30am-12:00pm, the blood mobile will be located in the Northwood parking lot. All donors will receive a \$20 eGift card, a Power Bank and a wellness check-up including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening.

Email Scam Alert

Some of our members and church staff have once again received fraudulent emails that appear to be from Pastor Chris. These email scams usually say that the pastor does not have time to talk by phone and wants to talk to you by email only. They always end up asking for you to discreetly purchase gift cards to assist the pastor in helping others.

Our pastors will never solicit you for gift cards and do NOT send these emails. Our pastors love to talk to you anytime but you do not need to call them to let them know you have received another suspicious email. The best way to deal with this is for you to block the sender and/or forward the email to the church office so that we can collect them for the police. It saddens us when anyone seeks to do harm and prey on the Christian kindness of our members. Be aware of such scams and do not respond to them!

Advent Wreath Lighting

Lighting the Advent Wreath during the weeks prior to Christmas is a great way for us to honor our Christian tradition of preparing for the Christ child. Would you like to take part in this meaningful Northwood tradition? The Worship Team needs groups of two or more (friends, family members, Sunday School classes, etc) to light the candles of the Advent Wreath during each worship service of Advent. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Linda Feller at 727-385-5629 or email her at bik-ingringer@gmail.com.

Women's Retreat– January 9-11, 2026

Join the women of Northwood for a spirit revitalizing weekend of fellowship, games, crafts, canoeing, and leisurely walks in the woods. Enjoy the great outdoors while staying in air-conditioned lodges. You won't want to miss this amazing weekend! Registration forms are available on the poster across from the kitchen. Deposits with room requests are now being accepted. Sign up early for best choice of rooms! If you have any questions, contact Jeanne at jeanneestephen@gmail.com.

Youth

Every Sunday morning, the youth, which includes middle school, high school and college age students, will meet for Sunday School at 10:00am in the youth room. Wednesday evening we have Youth Group that meets at 6:00pm in the youth room. Game night is every Friday evening from 7:00pm-10:00pm in the youth room/FLC. If you have any questions, please contact Dylan Cantin at youthdirector@northwoodpc.org or 727-723-5984.

Nursery Care Available

The Nursery is available for childcare during both the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services. Our staff are screened and trained to provide safe, caring and entertaining supervision to your little ones while you attend Worship. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 727-796-8090 or communications@northwoodpc.org

Your Giving Matters

For in-person worship, the offering plates will not be passed, however, offering boxes are located in the narthex. For those worshipping online, your giving matters too. Your continued faithfulness to the mission and ministry of Northwood through your giving is critical as the church's expenses do not stop. Please commit to maintain your regular schedule of giving by mailing your gift or using one of the online platforms below for giving electronically:

1. Text NPCHURCH to 73256 and follow the prompts.
2. Visit www.northwoodpc.org and click on the giving tab.
3. Click "Give" under the *ChurchLife app* menu options

Greeter Ministry

Northwood Presbyterian has a reputation for being a warm, friendly and welcoming church. Our Greeter Ministry plays a very important role in this reputation. Our greeters are volunteers who are the first point of contact for our visitors and members. Wouldn't you like to greet and be blessed as well? If you are interested in becoming involved in this very important ministry, please contact Cindy Gamble, the Deacon responsible for greeters in the 9:00 service at gamblecindy3@gmail.com. The Deacon responsible for greeters in the 11:00 service is Barbara Forsyth. She can be reached at gulfvu@hotmail.com.

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD **CHURCH TODAY**

GREETERS:

(9:00) Cindy Gamble & Louise Mylin
(11:00) Lois Harber & Gretchen Worth

USHERS:

(9:00) Carol Zieres & Georgia Rounding
(11:00) Mike Capito & Kim Blackmore

COFFEE SERVERS:

Pastor Chris Curvin 20th Anniversary Celebration

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, November 2: Chris Stitzel, Ed Bunch
Tuesday, November 4: Dave Pelham, Randy Gibson, Jr.
Wednesday November 5: Mark Fetke
Thursday, November 6: Debby Johnston
Friday, November 7: Barbara Moler
Saturday, November 8: Marilyn Cromwell

The flowers in the sanctuary today are
given to the glory of God by

The Pelham Family
In Honor of Dave's Birthday

Jean Swintek
In Loving Memory of Carmel Andrews.
Jan Hewlett & Barbara Schlerf's Birthdays

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2025 Flower Reservation Chart" on the bulletin board across from the kitchen, or you may send your information directly to communications@northwoodpc.org. Please remember to mark "flowers" and the date on your \$30 donation.
Thank you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

Attendance for 10/26/25 Livestream & In-Person

Person Contemporary— 41 In-Person Traditional— 118

Livestream from the Church Website: Contemporary—29

Traditional—44

If you have technical difficulties viewing the online services through your home computer or phone, please view the church live streaming archives the next day. You can always call the church office and ask for help if you are having trouble viewing from your home device. We welcome and celebrate our online live viewers who worship with us!

Large Print Bibles, Hymnals & Bulletins

Large print Bibles, hymnals and bulletins are available. If you need assistance locating one of these, please ask an Usher.

Transportation Ministry

Northwood provides transportation for those who need it to and from the 11:00 AM worship service. Call the church office, 796-8090, before noon on Thursdays to reserve a seat on the van.

Hearing Devices

Hearing devices are available for use during the worship services. Please ask an usher if you are in need.

Prayer Chain Ministry

The prayer chain is a vital ministry that uses the power of multiple people praying at once for the urgent needs of the members and friends of Northwood. During the worship service the attendance form may be completed, which has an area for prayer concerns. These prayer requests are sent to the Deacon in charge of the prayer chain by the Associate Pastor, Paul Means. The Deacon then sends the request out to the Prayer Chain volunteers. Prayer requests may also be given to the church office or Deacon Sue Miskiewicz at susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Presbyterian Women—2nd Tuesday of the Month at 10:00am

Led by Patty Martin and Sue Miskiewicz, the Presbyterian Women's Sisters in Christ Circle will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. **Our next meeting will take place November 11th at 10:00am in rooms 5&7.** We are studying "*Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*" by Rhashell D. Hunter. Study books are available at the meeting and can be purchased for \$7.00. For more information about how you can be involved, contact Patty Martin at bill.martin2@verizon.net or Sue Miskiewicz at susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com.

Fresh Brewed—First Friday of the Month at 10:30am

Fresh Brewed meets on the first Friday of the month at 10:30am in rooms 5&7. **Our next meeting will take place November 7th.** Our book study is "One Thousand Gifts" by *Ann Voskamp*. If you have any questions or need a book, please contact Louise Mylin at LVNM1@hotmail.com or 727-787-9868.

Biblical TakeAways—10:00am Sundays in Room 8

Led by Emily Sutphin & Earle Lusk, this adult Education Class/Bible Study meets every Sunday morning at 10:00am in room 8. All are welcome! Bring your Bible. Each of us should benefit from many instructional blessings and discoveries the Spirit will share from the prayer Jesus taught His disciples to pray. Please join us!

Youth Sunday School—10:00am Sundays in the Youth Room

Led by Dylan Cantin, the youth Sunday School meets every Sunday morning at 10:00am in the youth room. During this time, we will discuss the scripture and message and incorporate worship elements like music into our hour.