

Large Print Announcements

Announcements– November 23, 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. Welcome!

Tour the Northwood Campus—TODAY

New to Northwood Presbyterian Church? Not sure where things are located? Haven't found rooms 1, 2, or 3 yet? Wondering where the garage sale will be? You can find out. Meet Elder, Dee Rivers, in the gathering area outside the kitchen for a 20 minute tour of the building TODAY at 10:00am, immediately after the 9:00am service.

HEP- Angel Tree

It's that time of year when we have the opportunity to help needy families with Christmas! This year, Presbyterian Women have chosen to assist families from HEP (Homeless Empowerment Program). The HEP ornaments are on the Christmas tree in the cafe and will be available through **Sunday, Dec 7**. Each ornament will have a gift item printed on it. Select as many ornaments as you like. UNWRAPPED gifts need to be returned to the church no later than **Wednesday, December 10**. Thank you so much for sharing the love of Jesus Christ in this way during the Christmas Season!

Jane Sutton Book Club—November 24

The Jane Sutton Book Club will be November 24th. The group meets the 4th Monday of the month at 10:00am through Zoom. If you are interested in joining or for more information and the Zoom link, please contact Eleanor Cicerchi at 607-382-1781.

Church Office Closed November 27 & 28

The church office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 27 & 28 in observance of Thanksgiving. We will re-open Monday, December 1st .

The Project Group– November 25

If you sew, knit, crochet or craft with a mission purpose (e.g. make greeting cards), you are invited! The project group meets the 4th Tuesday of the month (**November 25**) at 10:00am in room 13. We make little dresses for Haiti, lap robes, walker bags, and stuffed teddy bears. New members are always welcome. Contact Marti Huff 727-503-3783 or Evelyn Towns 727-785-3743 with any questions.

Poinsettias

Do you have someone you'd like to honor or remember with a poinsettia in the sanctuary this Christmas? For just \$10, you can make that happen. Place your check designated "Poinsettia" and the completed sign-up form from today's friendship sheet (through December 14) in the giving station or drop off in the church office during regular office hours. If paying online, be sure to send an email to communications@northwoodpc.org with the names of your loved ones and whether it is in memory or honor.

Ring, Sing & Mingle – December 7

December 7th at 4:00pm, Northwood's three handbell choirs will present a variety of Christmas Music interspersed with Carol singing and ending with a cookie reception. At the festive reception there will be a photo booth backdrop, so bring your phones for pics and wear your Christmas finery to get some great family shots for your Christmas Cards this year. Please bring homemade cookies for the event. That's the best part!! Cookies may be dropped off the morning or afternoon of December 6 & 7.

Christmas Cantata-December 14 **One Worship Service at 10:00am**

Our Christmas Cantata this year is called "Sing We Now of Christmas – a celebration of the gift of Jesus". It is a collection of 8 familiar Christmas Carols and songs with original narration by Rachelle Cox. This will be accompanied by 13 instruments and sung by our 40+ voice choir. It will be presented on Sunday morning, December 14. We have only one worship service that day at 10:00am. Come and enjoy the celebration of Christ's birth through music.

Fun! Friends! Friday! Ren Crew— December 12

The Ren Crew Friday Fellowship will meet on Friday, December 12th 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," Jill Manning, Linda Howard and Carol Zieres will provide the program "Pura Vida - The Best of Costa Rica." Following the program, we will enjoy lunch at Taco-Quila Mexican Kitchen, on the corner of US 19 and 590. 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.

NPC Garden Club—December 20

Calling all friends, fellow Christians and green thumb enthusiasts! Join the NPC Garden Team, December 20th, (third Saturday) 9am-12pm. Our focus will be East main Entry Flower Bed, North Entry Flower Bed, Fall Fertilization. If you have any questions, please contact Ritchie and Leslie Henley at leslianne1968@icloud.com or rhenley67@icloud.com or 813-833-1108.

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.

Mission Opportunity to Honduras

“The Mission and Outreach Committee is offering an opportunity for the Northwood members to participate in a mission trip organized by First Presbyterian Church of St. Petersburg. The dates are June 21-28, 2026. The group will fly to Comayagua, Honduras and travel by chartered bus to The New Hope Clinic in San Francisco, Honduras to participate in health screenings, children’s ministries in local churches and schools. If interested or to sign up, please contact John Sutphin (913-687-9410), je.sutphin@gmail.com) or Pastor Chris Curvin.

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

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.

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) Margie Gott & Marti Raiche
- (11:00) Patty Adams & Hazel Vernon

USHERS:

- (9:00) Louise Mylin & Roxie Swartz
- (11:00) Carol Rathmell & Cindy Whiteside

COFFEE SERVERS:

- (9:00) Georgia Rounding & Jill Manning
- (11:00) Carol Robertson & Ann Preston

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

- Sunday, November 23:*** Nancy Mertz, Steve Fisher, Chris Means
- Monday, November 24:*** Marian Hill, Jana Davis, Caitlyn Turner
- Wednesday, November 26:*** Eric Curkan, Eric Briggs
- Thursday, November 27:*** Bree Greff
- Saturday, November 29:*** Max Gipson

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

Friends of Northwood

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 11/16/25 Livestream & In-Person

Person Contemporary— 54 In-Person Traditional— 144

Livestream from the Church Website: Contemporary—30

Traditional—49

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

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!

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 December 9th 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 December 5th.** 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. We will be finishing up our study of the Lord's Prayer through November 23rd and will begin a special series for Advent, beginning 11/30 and going through 12/21 (No class on 12/14, due to the Cantata, and no class on 12/28.) We will be studying the Christmas story over 3 Sundays! 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.