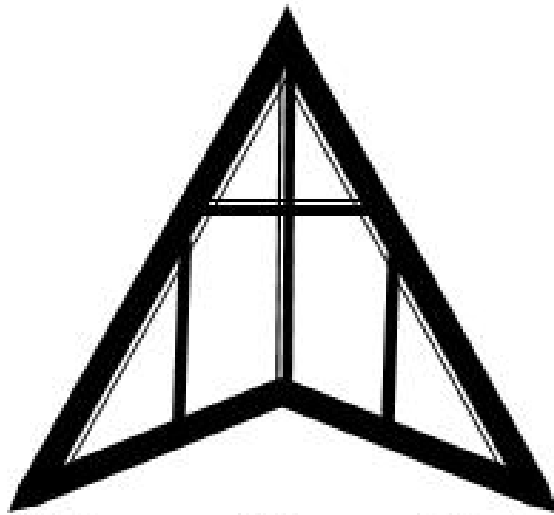


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&
Announcements

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church

A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978
November 30, 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
November 30, 2025
1st Sunday of Advent
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Meditation on HYFRYDOL”

J. Christopher Pardini

(Let us quietly prepare our hearts for worship during the opening voluntary)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Paul Means, Associate Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Leader: As Advent begins, we actively wait with hope for God’s promises to be fulfilled.

People: We welcome the God who interrupts our plans with His grace.

Leader: Just as Mary listened and said “yes” to God’s calling,

People: we open our hearts to God’s presence and trust His timing.

All: Come, Lord Jesus—fill our waiting with your light and love, for we worship you.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*HYMN #93 “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

TRURO

THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

Lighting the Candle

Peggy and Terry Steele

The reader offers words about the candle of hope.

ALL SINGING

(sung to the tune "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus")

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free.
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in thee.**

("Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus," Glory to God, #82)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

Almighty God, you are a God of hope. In Jesus Christ, you have given us a living hope by which to live our lives. Yet we confess that we transfer our trust from you to the empty promises of this world. We grow anxious when you call us to wait. We seek control when you call us to surrender. Like Mary, we ask, "How can this be?" but unlike her, we resist your answer. Forgive us, O Lord. Restore our hope in you alone. Help us trust your timing and your promises, that we may say with the Psalmist, "Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God." Through Christ 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

"He Will Come"

arr. Patrick Liebergen

*Prepare for the Lord! Allelu! The child adored! Allelu!
He will come from God above, he will come in peace and love.
The angels sing! Allelu! Good news they bring! Allelu!
He will come from God above, he will come in truth and love.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.
The birth is near! Allelu! Loud joy we hear! Allelu!
He will come from God above, he will come in peace and love.
He will come! Alleluia!*

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

(Church offerings are given through the giving stations in the hallway, online or through the mail.)

*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 “Watchman, Tell Us of the Night” ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

**Watchman, tell us of the night, what its signs of promise are.
Traveler, what a wondrous sight: see that glory-beaming star.
Watchman, does its beauteous ray news of joy or hope foretell?
Traveler, yes; it brings the day, promised day of Israel.**

**Watchman, tell us of the night, higher yet that star ascends.
Traveler, blessedness and light, peace and truth its course portends.
Watchman, will its beams alone gild the spot that gave them birth?
Traveler, ages are its own; see, it bursts o’er all the earth.**

**Watchman, tell us of the night, for the morning seems to dawn.
Traveler, shadows take their flight; doubt and terror are withdrawn.
Watchman, you may go your way; hasten to your quiet home.
Traveler, we rejoice today, for Emmanuel has come!**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:26-38 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

“When Grace Interrupts”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #88
(stanzas 1-4)

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

VENI EMMANUEL

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Toccata on HYFRYDOL”

J. Christopher Pardini

(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