

Large Print Announcements

Announcements– January 11, 2026

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, January 18th at 9:45am.** Welcome!

Music Ministry's Annual Garage Sale

Just 4 more days until the 2026 Music Ministry Garage Sale starts! Have you brought in all your donations? Can you advertise on social media for us or hang up an announcement? The sale is from Thursday, January 15th through Saturday, January 17th from 8:00am-2:00pm. Coffee, Donuts, assorted baked goods and hot dogs will be available. Can you help with clean-up (boxing & bagging leftover items, moving tables and chairs, vacuuming and re-setting classrooms)? Please call Susan Curry 727-709-8237 with questions. Thank you for supporting the music ministry

Annual Report

Annual Report deadline to the Session, Committees, Pastors & Staff was Monday, January 5th by noon. If you haven't already, please submit your electronic copy to communications@northwoodpc.org. There are copies of last year's annual report in the church office if needed. Thanks!

Annual Congregational Meeting—Jan. 25

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 25th. The meeting will begin in the sanctuary as soon as the 11am worship service concludes, which may be before noon. We will elect new officers, as the Officer Nominating Committee brings its nominations and the congregation will vote on any changes to the pastors' terms of call. Annual report booklets will be provided for you to take home and read of the ministry and mission of NPC for 2025.

Northwood Photo Group—January 13

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, January 13th 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.

NPC Garden Club—January 17

Calling all green thumb enthusiasts! Join the NPC Garden Team, January 17th (third Saturday), 9am-12pm. Our focus will be all flower beds and continued select fertilization. Our next meet will be February 21st. If you have any questions, please contact Ritchie and Leslie Henley at 813-833-1108 or rhenley67@icloud.com or leslieanne1968@icloud.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.

Jane Sutton Book Club—January 26

The Jane Sutton Book Club will be January 26th. The group meets the 4th Monday of the month at 10:00am in room 13 of the Christian Education building. If you are interested in joining or for more information, please contact Eleanor Cicerchi by email at ecicerchi@gmail.com or by phone 607-382-1781.

The Project Group– January 27

We have new members and new projects that we are working on during our meetings and at home. 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 (**January 27**) 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

NPC Fellowship Groups Dinner- Feb. 24

We've completed our fall rotation of fellowship meals! It's time to organize for the spring cycle to strengthen current friendships and meet new folks! We'll form groups of 6, 7 or 8 for lunch or dinner during March, April, May and June. Signups begin January 19th on the board opposite the kitchen window. You may also contact Emily Sutphin at emily.sutphin@gmail.com or 913-687-9163. Our potluck kick off will take place on February 24th at the church. If you'd like to help Emily organize this fellowship opportunity, please let Emily know at the phone and email above.

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes available on the table in the church library. Boxes are not numbered or labeled; you may take any one. Please remember that when making "Cash" contributions, include your first and last name on the envelope to be sure it is accurately recorded. The individual envelopes in the box are marked for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th Sunday of each month rather than being dated. Envelopes for the 5th Sunday, if needed, are at the back of the box.

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

Email Scam Alert

You may have received or are aware that some of our members have received scam emails and texts either today, in the past month, or even over a year ago, that appear to be from Pastor Chris. The emails and texts request a "brief" or "confidential" conversation with the pastor or financial support in the form of gift cards or other means of help.

DO NOT REPLY! Our pastor does NOT send these emails and texts, although the email address is very similar to his. This email scam is also happening to pastors in other churches in our area. Please know that your pastors and the church staff will never solicit any funds in this manner or ask for private conversations. Simply forward the message to the church office so they can be collected for the police. It saddens us when anyone seeks to do harm but especially when they prey on the kindness and Christ-like hearts of our members.

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 worshiping 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.

Attendance for 1/4/26 Livestream & In-Person

In-Person Contemporary— 59 In-Person Traditional— 116

**Livestream from the Church Website: Contemporary— 29
Traditional— 40**

If you have technical difficulties viewing the online services please view in the church livestreaming archives the next day as that is working well. You can call the church office and ask for help you if you are having trouble viewing. We encourage you to ask for help!

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

GREETERS:

(9:00) Ann & Spencer Briggs
(11:00) Carol & Conrad Trunzo

USHERS:

(9:00) Nancy Turner & John Hildebrandt
(11:00) Nancy & Wayne Rodewald

COFFEE SERVERS:

(9:00) Lauren & Jim Warren
(11:00) Edna Bartolucci & Lois Harber

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

- Sunday, January 11:*** Elaine Findley, Shannon Dipolito, Andrew Carlstedt
- Monday, January 12:*** Michele White
- Tuesday, January 13:*** Alice Nisk, Kim Nelson
- Wednesday, January 14:*** Brooke Estavil
- Thursday, January 15:*** Jill Loomis, Chip Hill
- Friday, January 16:*** Nora Gunderman, James Gunderman, Kristin Ingram
- Saturday, January 17:*** Nancy Baker, Preston Mkutumula, James Nelson

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

**Jean Swintek
In Honor of My Son Mark's Birthday**

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2026 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!

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.

Hearing Devices

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

ONLINE Directory

Church Directory available! While churches no longer offer paper church directories of members and friends, Northwood offers an Online Directory available through our website, www.northwoodpc.org. If you don't already have a login and password, you can create one by visiting our website at www.northwoodpc.org and clicking on the LOGIN link at the top of the page. When the screen appears, just click where it says "Need a login?" Follow the steps to create the login. Once you have created an account, you may look up members in the directory by clicking on the "directories" tab and entering a first and/or last name. We are available to help if needed. Call Emily Cantin in the church office and arrange a time to come by, 727-796-8090.

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.

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

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**. We have begun a 12 week study of the Psalms. Books are \$5 and can be purchased from Earle Lusk. Books aren't required, but helpful. All are welcome! 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. 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.

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 January 13th at 10:00am in rooms 5&7.** We are studying "*Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*" by Rhashell D. Hunter. 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 February 6th. We are taking the month of January off.** 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.