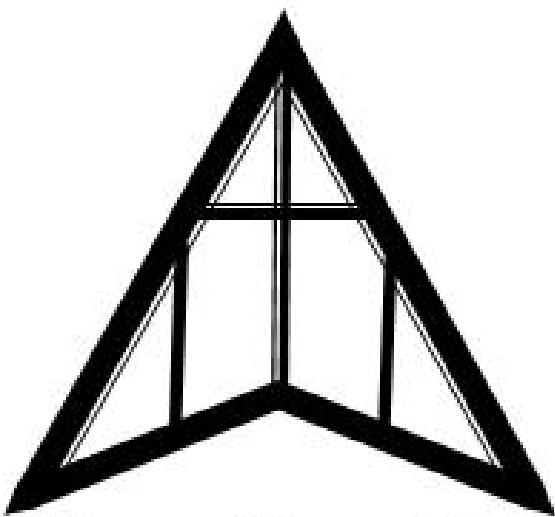


Large Print  
Bulletin  
&  
Announcements

Welcome To  
Northwood Presbyterian  
Church  
*A Stephen Ministry Church*  
*Organized February 19, 1978*  
**February 1, 2026**  
**7:00pm**



**Come, Grow, Go!**

***Ministers: All Members of the Church***

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**Order for the Public Worship of God  
February 1, 2026  
4th Sunday after Epiphany  
11:00 AM Worship Service**

**WE COME TO WORSHIP**

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** “Little Prelude & Fugue in B Flat Major”  
J.S. Bach  
(*Let us quietly prepare our hearts for worship during the opening voluntary*)

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** Linda Feller

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Responsive*)

**Leader:** Our help is from God, who made heaven and earth.  
**People:** We've come to worship the One who answers our  
Prayers.

**Leader:** In thankfulness, we bring our joyous songs.  
**People:** We rejoice in God's love and faithfulness.  
**Leader:** We have come, seeking God's will.  
**People:** We are open to God's transforming Spirit;  
let us worship God.

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

**\*HYMN #15** “All Creatures of Our God and King” LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**CALL TO CONFESSiON**

**Leader:** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. Please join me in our corporate prayer of confession:

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*together*)

**Holy God, how easy it is to forget that we are among the richest in the world. We think we are poor when we do not get everything we want. Keep us from misusing the power we have. Keep us from acting in ways that alienate and divide us from one another. So often we are tempted to conform to the world's standards. Therefore we pray you will set before us the higher model of sacrifice and service that is given to us in Jesus. Receive us now as we humbly come before you with our silent prayers of confession...**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God forgives, and heals, and empowers us with new insights, and an expanded capacity to serve. In humble obedience, we learn the joy of following Jesus, and living for the highest good for all. Let us therefore proclaim to the world, that....In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen

## \*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.**

## \*APOSTLES' CREED (*Together, back panel in 9:00 service*)

ANTHEM            “All Are Welcome at the Table”    arr. Mary McDonald

*I'm gonna sit at the welcome table;  
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days. Alleluia!  
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table;  
Gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days.*

*All are welcome at the table.  
All are welcome at the table of the Lord. Alleluia!  
All are welcome at the table;  
gonna sit with my brothers and sisters one of these days.*

*At the table, come and dine; feast on the bread and drink the wine.  
Come and meet us at the table of the Lord!  
All of God's children, come and sit down,  
and glory to the One who wears the crown!  
All are welcome at the table of the Lord!*

## 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

#### WE GROW IN THE WORD

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9:38-50 (NRSVUE)

#### SERMON

**“Strange Bedfellows or Dynamic Duo”**  
Kaaren Nesmith, Guest Preacher

### \*HYMN

**“God, Your Gift of Peace is Precious” CWM RHONDDA**

**God, your gift of peace is precious in this world of sin and loss:  
You have given joy and gladness,  
making peace through Jesus' cross.  
God, in love you came to save us, giving freedom from our sin —  
In you, gifts of peace begin.**

**Jesus, you are God's example in the life on earth you lived.  
Help us see your face in others, teach us freely to forgive.  
When, in all your children's conflicts, hate and violence increase —  
Blest are those who work for peace.**

**Spirit, help us work for justice in each challenge that we face.  
Each one needs to have the other:  
righteousness and peace embrace.  
Children hungry? People homeless?  
Missiles flying through the air? You seek peace with justice there.**

**So we pray and work together toward a world of your shalom.  
May all people share your bounty,  
and all have both feast and home.  
Wolf and lamb shall feed together:  
In your kingdom war shall cease, and your people live in peace.**

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## WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

# THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S 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.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF THE CUP

*(To symbolize our unity in Christ, we hold the bread until the Elders and Deacons are served and then all partake as one body. To symbolize our personal relationship with the Lord, we drink of the cup, as the Spirit leads.)*

# THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN #432      “How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”      REPTON

## \*BENEDICTION

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY    "Let Us With a Glad Mind"**  
arr. Albert Travis

*\*Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.*

Stephanie Carson, Music Director; David Furr, Organist