

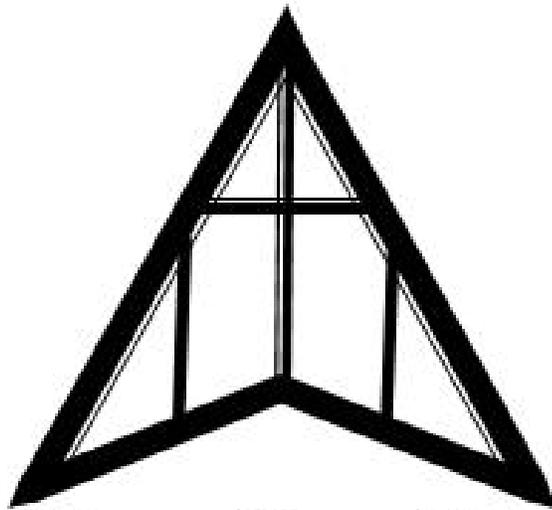
Large Print
Bulletin
&
Announcements

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church

A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978

March 8, 2026

7:00pm



Come, Grow, Go!

Ministers: All Members of the Church

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor

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Order for the Public Worship of God
March 8, 2026
3rd Sunday in Lent
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”
Jubilation Ringers arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
(Let us quietly prepare our hearts for worship during the opening voluntary)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive, Psalm 95:1-7a)*

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord; the rock of our salvation!

**People: Let us come into God’s presence with singing; let us
make a joyful noise to God!**

Leader: For the Lord is a great God. In God’s hand are the depths of
the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also.

People: The sea is the Lord’s, for He made it, and the dry land.

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

**People: For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of His
pasture, the sheep of God’s hand.**

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*HYMN #761 “Called As Partners in Christ’s Service” BEECHER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

God of renewal, who restores and rescues the lost and saves the afflicted, there are times when our way grows confused. We struggle to know what to do. Or worse, we know what needs to be done and find it easier to stay on the wrong path. Forgive us for failing to follow a better way. Remind us that you stand more ready to forgive than we are to confess those aspects of our lives that need your grace. We pray all these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(Responsive, Romans 8:34)*

Leader: Who is in a position to condemn?

People: Only Christ Jesus, who died for us, yes who was raised for us, who is at the right hand of God and who indeed intercedes for us.

Leader: Friends, believe the promise of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven

*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

“By Faith”

arr. Lloyd Larson

Chancel Choir and Jubilation Ringers

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

THE INSTALLATION/ORDINATION OF DEACONS & ELDERS

DEACONS:

*Jody Beattie (1 yr term, 11:00)
*Karen Gipson (9:00)
Emily Sutphin (11:00)
Marie Ziegler (9:00)

ELDERS:

Polly Brown (11:00)
Jackie Koski (11:00)
*Jarrett Mattson (9:00)
Keith Nadig (9:00)

The Statement of Purpose
The Questions to the Candidates
The Questions to the Congregation
The Prayer of Ordination, Installation and Laying on of Hands
The Declaration and Charge * *those being ordained*

*HYMN #69

“Here I Am, Lord”

HERE I AM

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8:31-38 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

“The Scenic Route”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

ASSAM

**I have decided to follow Jesus; I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus; No turning back, no turning back.**

**The world behind me, the cross before me;
the world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me;
no turning back, no turning back.**

**Though none go with me, I still will follow;
though none go with me, I still will follow;
though none go with me, I still will follow;
no turning back, no turning back.**

**My cross I'll carry, till I see Jesus; My cross I'll carry till I see Jesus,
My cross I'll carry till I see Jesus; No turning back, No turning back.**

**Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
No turning back, no turning back.**

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Lift High the Cross” David Cherwien

*(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