

Large Print Announcements

Announcements– March 22, 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, March 15th at 9:45am.** Welcome!

Composer Concert , TODAY at 4:00pm

TODAY, **March 22nd**, Joseph Martin will participate in both 9am & 11am Sunday services as well as present a concert at 4:00pm. This is a free concert and you will want to get there early for a good seat! Bring your friends and neighbors. There will be a chance to meet Joseph Martin following the concert and peruse and purchase his CD and piano music. If you have any questions, contact Stephanie at stephanie@northwoodpc.org or 727-458-9749.

2026 Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday— March 29

9:00am Contemporary Worship & 11:00am Traditional Worship Service

Maundy Thursday—April 2

7:00pm Traditional Worship Service—Worship with the Lord's Supper

Good Friday—April 3

12:00pm Worship reflecting on Jesus' crucifixion & death

Easter Sunday—April 5

9:00am Contemporary Worship & 11:00am Traditional Worship Service

Ladies Game Night—March 24

Come and join the fun and fellowship at Northwood Presbyterian Church. Open to all ladies who enjoy playing board games in the company of others! No RSVP required. We will meet in rooms 5 & 7 on Tuesday, March 24th at 7:00pm. Bring your favorite deck of cards or board game along with a beverage and a snack to share. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Zieres at carolzieres@gmail.com.

Easter Lilies

Soon we'll be celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ! For just \$10, you can honor someone or remember a loved one with the purchase of an Easter lily to beautify our sanctuary. **Please complete the sign-up sheet in the Sunday bulletin** (skinny sheet) and place that with your check into one of the giving stations (be sure to note "Easter lily" on the memo line of your check). Alternatively, you may purchase your lily online and follow-up with an email to communications@northwoodpc.org advising of who you are honoring or remembering with this gift. All donations should be made no later than Sunday, March 29th.

Jane Sutton Book Club—March 23

The Jane Sutton Book Club will be March 23rd. The group meets the 4th Monday of the month at 10:00am. This month, we will meet at the home of one of our members AND via Zoom. If you are interested in joining, please contact Eleanor Cicerchi by email at ecicerchi@gmail.com or by phone 607-382-1781 for the address to meet in person or for the Zoom link. The book to be discussed is *Mona's Eyes* by Thomas Schlessler.

The Project Group— March 24

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 (**March 24**) 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.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering—April 5

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received Easter Sunday. This year, 80% of the money received will be divided equally between local ministries, Florida Presbytery Disaster Assistance Network (FLAPDAN), Mattie Williams & Good Neighbors, and 20% will go to the Presbytery of Tampa Bay. You may use the envelopes in the pews to place in the giving stations today or until Easter Sunday. You may also make your gift online anytime with a note that this is a gift for the OGHS offering above your regular pledge or financial gift.

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.

Preschool Registration for 2026-2027 School Year

Registration is underway for the 2026-2027 school year. If you are planning to register your child and need an enrollment packet, please stop by the school office. If you have any questions, contact our Schools Director, Roxane Fineo, schooldirector@northwoodpc.org or 727-723-7679.

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.

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 Ministry-Spring Break

Calling all youth, including middle school, high school and college age students. We are planning lots of fun activities during the week of spring break, March 16-20. Come and join for any or all of these events. If you have any questions, please contact Dylan Cantin at youthdirector@northwoodpc.org or 727-726-5984.

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.

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 3/15/26 Livestream & InPerson

In-Person Contemporary— 39 In-Person Traditional— 130

Livestream from the Church Website: Contemporary—34

Facebook: 243

Traditional— 17

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) Margi Gott & Marti Raiche

(11:00) Nan Robbins & Hazel Vernon

USHERS:

(9:00) Louise Mylin & Roxie Swartz

(11:00) Carol & Conrad Trunzo

COFFEE SERVERS:

(9:00) Georgia rounding & Jill Manning

(11:00) Carol Robertson & Anne Preston

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, March 22: Mandy Voss

Monday, March 23: Rich Spoenlein

Tuesday, March 24: Mary Corrello, Will Parker, Nicole Bullis

Wednesday, March 25: Mark Smiech, Charlie Wood, Grant Pelham

Thursday, March 26: Fran Newman, Marie Purcell, Evelyn Towns
Lisa Weitz

Saturday, March 28: Jeanette Holloway

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

Terry Steele
In Honor of Peggy Steele'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.

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. The Deacon then sends the request out to the Prayer Chain volunteers. Prayer requests may also be given to the church office or 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 will continue our 12 week study of the Psalms. 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 April 14th 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 April 3rd.** 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.

Litany for Piano Dedication

Leader: Members and Friends of Northwood, today we dedicate our new grand piano to the glory of God in our worship together as we also seek to offer the gift of music to our community.

People: We dedicate this instrument to the glory of God.

Leader: For the gifts of the donors who made this piano possible, in memory or in honor of loved ones, we give thanks. May this piano lift our voices to sing with the angels and arch-angels and all the company of heaven.

People: We dedicate this instrument to the glory of God.

Leader: For the lifting of our spirits, the comfort of those who sorrow, the strengthening of faith to the faithful, and the sharing of the good of Christ to others.

People: We dedicate this instrument to the glory of God.

Leader: For accompanying our hymns and songs in worship, through our traditional Chancel Choir and our contemporary Voices in Praise.

People: We dedicate this instrument to the glory of God.

Leader: For the joy of the young, the comfort of the old and for those at any age, may we always proclaim the gospel through music so that all people might live in harmony with You.

People: We dedicate this instrument to the glory of God.

Leader: We thank you, our Creator God, for the gift of music. Bless this piano and all who play it. May its sound lift our hearts toward heaven, through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen!

Leader: Almighty God, we thank you that you have placed into the hearts of your people a hunger to love and worship you. Speak to us through the song of dedication today as we set this piano apart to your praise and glory.

People: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to His name and to declare God's steadfast love in the morning and faithfulness at night. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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