

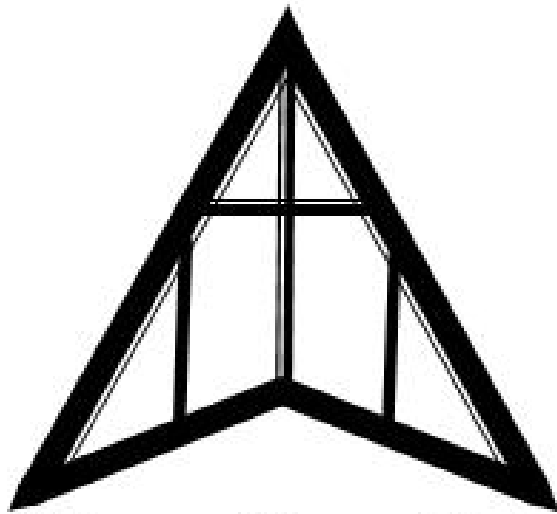
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Announcements

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church

A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978

March 29, 2026

7:00pm



Come, Grow, Go!

Ministers: All Members of the Church

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Order for the Public Worship of God
March 29, 2026
Palm/Passion Sunday
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

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

OPENING VOLUNTARY “The Palms” Jean-Baptiste Faure

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

(responsive, Mark 11:9, Psalm 136:1, Psalm 118:25-26, Zechariah 9:9)

Leader: With crowds from ancient times we cry, Hosanna! Save us!

**People: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good! God’s
steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: We bless you in the house of the Lord!

Leader: Lo, your King comes to you; triumphant and
victorious is he,

**People: humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal
of a donkey.**

All: Let us worship the living God!

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*HYMN #197

“Hosanna, Loud, Hosanna”

ELLACOMBE

CALL TO CONFESSION

When we say, “We don’t sin,” we deny who we are. But when we say, “There’s no way out,” we deny who God is. Trusting that God’s grace is more powerful than our sin, let us confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

**Holy Christ, we confess that amidst all the Palm Sunday crowds.
We find ourselves in more turmoil than triumph.
Our faith is unsteady. Our wisdom is eroding.
Our resolve is shaken. Our mercy is hardening.
Our hope is weakening. Come again and save us from these sins.
Give us strength to follow you, our humble Savior,
our King Eternal, our all in all. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear this promise: Jesus has set his face toward the cross. Nothing we can do can deter him. He has shown us the power of God's great love for us. By the power of the cross, by the power of wondrous love, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. 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.**

ANTHEM

“Festival of Palms” Joseph M. Martin
from Cantata “Festival of Faith”

*Lift up your heads, ye ancient doors!
Throw wide the gates and greet the Lord!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna! Prepare the way with palms of praise!
Lay down your garments; clear the way!*

Refrain: *Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to the King of kings!*

*Come, children, wave your palms on high! Lift up your voices to the sky!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna! Rejoice, let the gates of Zion ring!
Each voice raised in grateful offering. Refrain*

*Ride on, ride on, great David's Son! Great is the work that God has done!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna! Come, long awaited Prince of Peace!
Make every war and conflict cease! Refrain*

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

“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”

STORIES OF JESUS

**Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;
things I would ask Him to tell me if He were here:
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.**

**First let me hear how the children stood round His knee,
and I shall fancy His blessing resting on me;
words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,
all in the love-light of Jesus' face.**

**Into the city I'd follow the children's band,
waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;
one of His heralds, yes, I would sing
loudest hosannas, “Jesus is King!” Amen.**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:1-11 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

“When the Cheering Stops”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #196

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “At the Name of Jesus”

Ralph Vaughan Williams

(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