

**Welcome To**  
**Northwood Presbyterian**  
**Church**  
*A Stephen Ministry Church*  
*Organized February 19, 1978*  
**April 5, 2026**  
**11:00am**



***Ministers: All Members of the Church***  
E. Chris Curvin, Pastor

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**EASTER SUNDAY**  
**April 5, 2026 ~ 11:00 AM**

**WE COME TO WORSHIP**

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

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Crown Him With Many Crowns”  
Brass Quartet & Organ arr. Lloyd Larson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

EASTER GREETING *(Responsive)*

Leader: The Lord is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed!**

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF THE RISEN LORD

*(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET”  
and leave it where seated.)*

\*HYMN “Fanfare and Hymn for the Risen Savior” arr. Allen Pote

*Choir only: Living Lord and risen Savior, Exaltation fills the air,  
Blackest night gives birth to morning in a dawning bright and fair.  
Living Lord and risen Savior, on this wondrous day of days.  
Everywhere Your people gather, giving You their Easter praise!*

**All: Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!**

**Loves redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!**

**Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where's thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!**

**Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!**

*Choir only: Living Lord and risen Savior, in Your victory we share.  
Yours the triumph! Yours the glory! You are honored everywhere.  
You have paved the way to heaven.  
You have forged a pathway through.  
You have conquered death forever.  
We now live because of You. Amen!*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

**Mighty God: by your power is Christ raised from death to rule this world with love. We confess that we have not believed in Him but fall into doubt and fear. Forgive our dread of dying, our hopelessness, and set us free for joy in the victory of Jesus Christ, who was dead but lives, and will put down every power to hurt or destroy, when your promised kingdom comes. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #236

VICTORY

**The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is won;  
The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

ANTHEM

“Joy In the Morning”

Natalie Sleeth

**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.**

**CALL TO OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*(Church offerings are given through the giving stations in the hallway, online or through the mail. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is also received today.)*

**\*HYMN #233**

**“The Day of Resurrection!”**

**LANCASHIRE**

**The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,  
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,  
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.**

**Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,  
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
his own “All hail!” and hearing, may raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin;  
the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.  
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.**

**WE GROW IN THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**John 20:1-18 (NRSVUE)**

**SERMON**

**“Miraculous Good News to Share!”**

**Chris Curvin, Pastor**

## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN #248                    “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”                    HYMN TO JOY  
*(During the singing of the final hymn, please come forward to get a copy of  
“Hallelujah” and join the choir in the loft to sing praises to our Risen  
Lord! )*

\*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY                    “Hallelujah”                    G.F. Handel  
*(No. 44 Chorus from Messiah)*

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

Stephanie Carson, Traditional Worship; David Furr, Organist

### **Brass Quintet:**

Trumpet: Emily Cantin & John Habib

Trombone: Dylan Cantin & Kimathi Thomas

### **Youth Handbell Ringers:**

Ellis Cantin, Aaron McDermott, Skylar Weidner