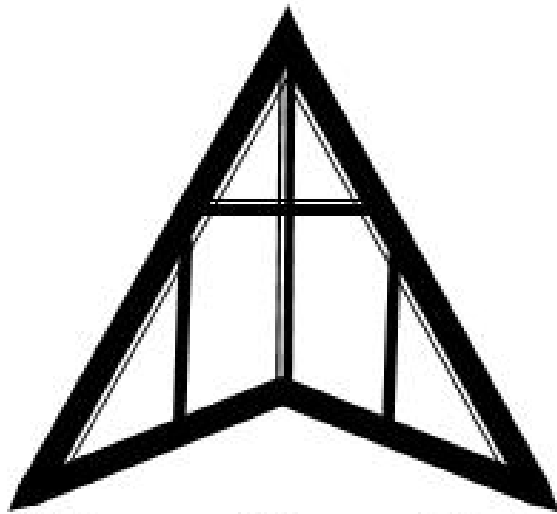


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Announcements

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church

A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978

May 3, 2026
11:00am



Come, Grow, Go!

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Order for the Public Worship of God
May 3, 2026
5th Sunday of Easter
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

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

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Prelude on ‘O FILII ET FILIAE’”
Healy Willan

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive, from Psalm 31)*

Leader: In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;
do not let me ever be put to shame.

**People: Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.
Be my refuge and strong fortress.**

Leader: I trust in you, O Lord; I say, “You are my God.”
My times are in your hand.

**People: Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the LORD.**

**All: Blessed be the LORD, for he has wondrously shown his
steadfast love to us; let us worship God.**

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*HYMN #511 “Come, Behold the Feast of Heaven” LLANFAIR

CALL TO CONFESSION (*Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16*)

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were still sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and humility, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*together*)

God of compassionate mercy, your grace and love extend to all people. We are called to forgive others, as you forgive us. Far too often however, we call out the sins of the powerful but fail to notice our own power. We become narrow in our quest for truth, and ignore other people, in other rooms, crying out for your justice. Help us search ourselves and seek forgiveness from those we have not extended mercy. Forgive us when we hold others to a standard that is higher than we expect of ourselves. Connect us to others and help us explore new ways of being your people. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus promised his followers there are many rooms in a world filled with God's justice. This is the good news: God raised Jesus from death and made room for us, calling us to live out of God's forgiveness by making sure there is room for all. Alleluia, 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

“Rise Up! Rejoice!”

Joseph M. Martin

Rise up! Rejoice, ye children of Jehovah! Rise up!

Rejoice, ye people of the Lamb.

Rise up! Rejoice and sing an alleluia.

Let the people proclaim and rejoice in the name of the Lord!

Sing out! Rejoice! Give praise unto Jehovah.

Sing out! Rejoice! Bring honor to the Lamb. Sing out!

Rejoice and shout an alleluia.

Let the people proclaim and rejoice in the name of the Lord!

Singing, “Alleluia.” Great are the works of the Lord!

God is worthy, worthy, worthy of honor and praise.

*Is this the Christ, the Promised One, this man of peace and love?
Behold the glory of the Son.
“Faithful, come. Seekers, come. All people, come.
Come unto Me, all you who are weary and heavy laden.
Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me.
Take My yoke upon you, for I am gentle and I will give you rest.”*

*Rise up, ye lame and dance. Come let the celebration start.
Look up, ye blind and see. Come let the celebration start.
Come and let the celebration start and never end.
Let the praise begin. Let the celebration now begin!*

*Rise up! Rejoice, ye children of Jehovah. Rise up!
Rejoice, ye people of the Lamb.
Rise up! Rejoice and sing an alleluia.
Let the people proclaim and rejoice in the name of their God.
Rise up, rise up! Sing out! Rejoice! Give praise unto Jehovah.
Sing out! Rejoice! Bring honor to the Lamb. Sing out!
Rejoice and shout an alleluia.
Let the people proclaim and rejoice in the name of their God.
Rise up! Rejoice! Rise up! Rejoice!*

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

John 14:1-4 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

“For Troubled Hearts”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

*HYMN #525 “Let Us Break Bread Together” LET US BREAK BREAD

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
(stanzas 1,3,4)

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

HYFRYDOL

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Postlude in G”

Charles Stanford

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

Stephanie Carson, Music Director; David Furr, Organist