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&  
Announcements

**Welcome To**  
**Northwood Presbyterian**  
**Church**  
*A Stephen Ministry Church*  
*Organized February 19, 1978*  
**May 10, 2026**  
**11:00am**



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

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**Order for the Public Worship of God**  
**May 10, 2026**  
**6th 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

“You Raise Me Up” w/*Great Is My Faithfulness*

*Jubilation Ringers* arr. Sandra Eithun

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Curvin, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)*

Leader: We gather to celebrate the God of wonder and majesty!

**People: Awesome God, help us to worship you in spirit  
and in truth.**

Leader: We gather to celebrate Jesus Christ, who was dead and  
buried, and now risen indeed!

**People: Jesus, renew our hope in your great power and love.**

Leader: We gather to celebrate the Holy Spirit, our promised  
comforter and guide! Come, Holy Spirit!

**People: Fill us with your presence and peace.**

Leader: We gather to celebrate the ancient hope of Christians:

**People: God is with us and will never let us go.**

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

\*HYMN #14

*(stanzas 1,2,4,5)*

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

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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*)

**Ever-present God, we come before you knowing we have ignored your promised Holy Spirit living within us. In doing so, we forfeit peace and bear needless worry. We struggle with obedience to your Word and fight an overwhelming sense of loneliness. Forgive us! Help us to remember that we are never alone, that you are with us and for us. This we pray in the power of the Spirit of Jesus the Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*romans 8:31-32*)

Leader: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Believe the good news of the gospel:

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. 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 "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven" arr. Larry Shackley  
*with Jubilation Ringers*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to His feet thy tribute bring.*

*Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore His praises sing.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!*

*Praise Him for His grace and favor to His people in distress.*

*Praise Him, still the same as ever, slow to chide and swift to bless.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness!*

*Fatherlike He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows.  
In His hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows!*

*Angels help us to adore Him; you behold Him face to face.  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him, dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.*

## 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 #839

“Blessed Assurance”

ASSURANCE

## WE GROW IN THE WORD

## SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:15-31 (NRSVUE)

## SERMON

“Where is Comfort to be Found?”  
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN #366

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

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\*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

arr. Jacob Webb

*(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