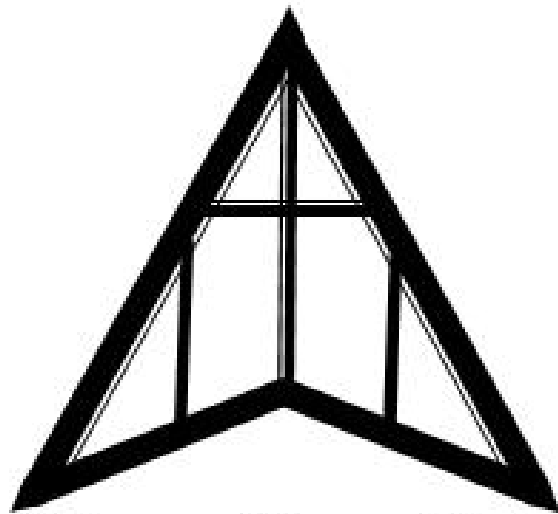


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Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church

A Stephen Ministry Church
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11:00am



Come, Grow, Go!

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Order for the Public Worship of God
August 9, 2026
11th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

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

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Ride the Chariot”

Barbershop Quartet, Skirt & Ties
Mike Wood, Lead; Megan Clark, Tenor;
Gary Raulerson, Bari; Les Weiss, Bass

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Charlie Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive, from Psalm 1)*

Leader: Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord!

People: God’s ways are just, merciful, and full of life.

Leader: Let us praise the One who provides living water, in Him the faithful flourish.

People: Like trees planted by the streams, we place our trust in You, O God.

Leader: Let us sink our roots deep into His truth and bear good fruit as we worship God and pass the peace of Christ to each other.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*HYMN #321

“The Church’s One Foundation”

AURELIA

CALL TO CONFESSION

Friends, God’s love is wider than our failures, and His mercy is always ready to receive us. Let us come before Him in honesty, knowing that when we confess our sins, His forgiveness washes us clean and restores our joy. Let us pray together our prayer of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

Holy God, you plant good seed, but we confess that weeds of sin grow within us. We judge others while ignoring our own brokenness. Forgive our impatience and our failure to trust you. Forgive us when we miss the small moments of your grace, and when we value the world's treasures above your Kingdom. Purify our hearts, Lord. Remove our sin and nurture Your good seed, so we may shine with your love. In Jesus' name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: God does not leave us to choke among the weeds, but God patiently nurtures us each and every day. Through Jesus Christ, your sins are completely forgiven, and you are made new to shine as a star in God's Kingdom. 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

"No More Sorrow"

*Barbershop Quartet, Skirt & Ties
Mike Wood, Lead; Megan Clark, Tenor;
Gary Raulerson, Bari; Les Weiss, Bass*

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

God's abundance cannot be matched. Still, we are inspired to be generous by a generous God. We are inspired to give by the greatest of givers. In gratitude to God today and this week, we present our tithes and offerings through the giving stations in the hallway, online and by mail. I invite you to stand now as we sing praises to God through the doxology.

(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**

Gracious God, the gifts we offer reflect only a portion of all that you have given us. Take these offerings, we give and multiply them for your use. May our offerings be a blessing to those most in need, to those most vulnerable, for we give them in Christ's name, Amen.

***HYMN #724**

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

ANGEL'S STORY

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:24-33, 36-53 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

**"Matt's Seedy Centerfold!"
Kaaren Nesmith, Guest Preacher**

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN**

"To What Can the Kingdom of God Be Compared?"

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

**To what can the kingdom of God be compared?
A mustard seed falls where a field's been prepared,
And there, where predictable plantings should be,
There grows up a wild bush — as big as a tree!
God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:
Loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives.
Your reign is amazing, your ways still astound,
Just like that new life springing forth from the ground.**

**A small bit of leaven will change the whole bread:
A poor woman sees that her neighbors are fed,
A church reaches out to the youth in the town,
A man shares his faith and God's blessings abound.
God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:
Loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives.
Your reign is among us, creation is blessed,
When even a few faithful lives change the rest.**

**While some look for treasure or one priceless pearl,
God's reign is the gift wise ones seek in this world.
A girl sells possessions to help those in need;
A boy chooses faithfulness rather than greed.
God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:
Loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives.
Your reign is a treasure that wise ones pursue;
May we seek your kingdom in all that we do.**

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Let There Be Peace on Earth”
Barbershop Quartet, Skirt & Ties
*Mike Wood, Lead; Megan Clark, Tenor;
Gary Raulerson, Bari; Les Weiss, Bass*

(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.*

Stephanie Carson, Music Director; David Furr, Organist