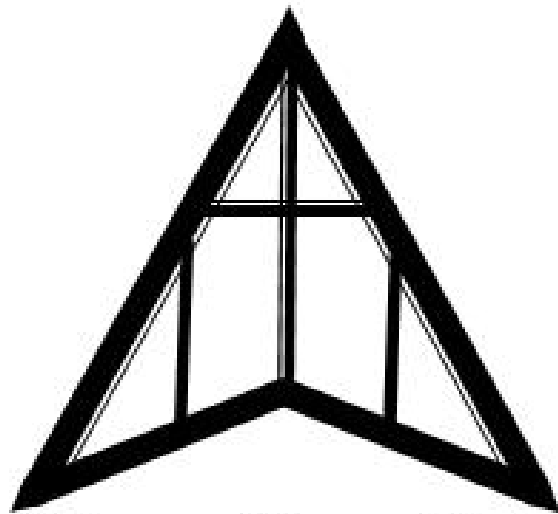


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Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church

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11:00am



Come, Grow, Go!

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Order for the Public Worship of God
August 16, 2026
12th 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 “When Morning Gilds the Skies”
arr. Jason Payne

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Charlie Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)*

Leader: Over the wind and waves, Christ comes to us.

People: We have heard the invitation.

Leader: The storms of life do not have the last word.

People: Our faith keeps us from sinking.

Leader: Our doubts lead to greater faith.

People: Our losses open us to greater possibilities.

Leader: Let us call on God’s name and give thanks.

**People: We will sing of God’s works, and share with others
God’s marvelous deeds.**

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

***HYMN #41** **“O Worship the King”** LYONS

CALL TO CONFESSION *(responsive, from Psalm 107:28-29)*

Leader: The Psalmist reminds us that when the people of God were in trouble they cried out to the Lord and He brought them out of their distress.

People: He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed.

Leader: Let us now cry out to the Lord in our own distress, confessing our sins before the One who calms every storm.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together, from Proverbs 3:5-6)*

Merciful God, we confess that we have not trusted You with all our heart. We have leaned on our own understanding and walked in our own wisdom. We have failed to acknowledge Your sovereignty in all our ways, choosing instead to direct our own paths. Forgive our pride, our self-reliance, and our lack of faith. Turn our hearts back to You, clear our vision, and make our paths straight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news: God does not abandon us to our own foolishness. When we turn to God, God is faithful to forgive and guide. In Christ Jesus, you are forgiven and set upon right paths. 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

“I Believe”

arr. Beard/Tucker

with Ave Maria

Duet: Dennis Rasmussen & Stephanie Carson

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

The earth belongs to the Lord, and everything in it. All that we have comes from God's generous hand. Let us present our tithes and offerings as acts of worship and praise as we stand and sing glory to God!

(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 and compassionate God, we praise you with all our inmost beings. You forgive our sins and heal our brokenness and crown our lives with love. May the pledges and offerings we give, bless the lonely, comfort the hurting, and proclaim your good news, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN #720**

“Jesus Calls Us”

ORA LABORA

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14:22-33 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

**“Everybody OUT!”
Kaaren Nesmith, Guest Preacher
Earle Lusk, Elder**

**Kum ba Yah
Kum ba yah my Lord, Kum ba yah,
Kum ba yah my Lord, Kum ba yah,
Kum ba yah, Oh Lord, Kum ba yah.**

KUM BA YAH

**Be Still My Soul
Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide,
who through all changes faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end**

FINLANDIA

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN**

“Far From the Town”

ELLACOMBE

**Far from the town, the crowds pressed in on Jesus 'prayer retreat'.
He healed their sick, then told his own, “you give them food to eat!”
Five loaves of bread and two small fish were all they found to share,
Yet thousands ate the meal he blessed, with baskets left to spare.**

**Out on the sea, the winds were strong; the stormy waves were high;
There Jesus' friends were filled with fear when he came walking by.
“Take heart, for it is I!” he said and helping Peter stand,
He calmed the storm and stirred their hearts, God's world was in his
hand**

**Lord, we see your wondrous signs and know through faith-filled eyes:
You are new wine that bring us joy, true bread that satisfies.
You give clear vision to your church you make the wounded whole.
You give us hope when seas are rough; for you are in control.**

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***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Lead On, O King Eternal”

arr. Gilbert Martin

*(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