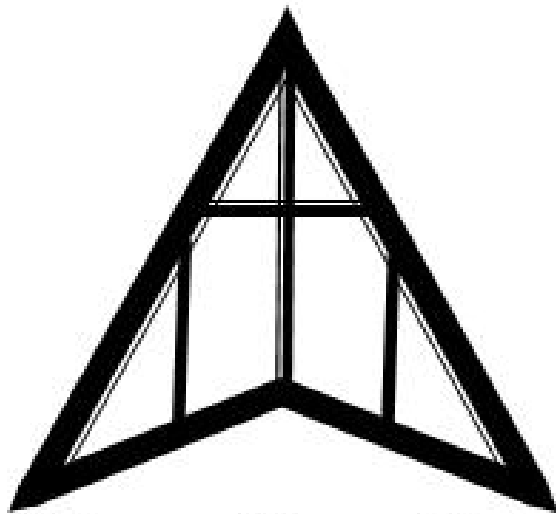


Large Print Bulletins

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 23, 2026
13th 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 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
arr. Don Phillips

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)*

Leader: Hear O Isreal! I am calling! Are you listening?

People: We are here and we are ready.

Leader: Beloved children, who do you say that I am?

People: You are our rock and our redeemer. Our trust is in you.
Our hearts, minds and souls belong to you!

Leader: I created you, named you and have a calling for your life.

People: We give thanks with our whole hearts for your steadfast love!

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

***HYMN #327 “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”**

LASST LINS ERFREUEN

CALL TO CONFESSION

You call out to us, Lord, but we struggle to listen. As we come before you with our hearts open, quiet the noise of our pressing thoughts and fears, so that we may hear your Spirit fully as we make our confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

God of truth, like a moth that gnaws at wool, our brokenness eats away at our souls. We allow the cacophony of greed, selfishness, apathy and ignorance to drown out your voice as you call us respond to the needs of the suffering around us. In our busy lives, we convince ourselves that there is no time to help, no space for prayer, and that we are all alone. Forgive us. Remind us to breathe deeply of your Holy Spirit and Holy Word to hear your voice. Inspire us to greater love for you and for one another. In Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(responsive, Isaiah 51:4, Matthew 16:19)*

Leader: The prophet Isaiah wrote, "Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me." Jesus promised, "I will give you the keys to the kingdom." We know love and forgiveness because God first loved us. Friends, hear the good news, God declares to you today, "You are my beloved!" May we respond to such abundant grace with deep gratitude.

People: **God loves me, heals me, strengthens me and calls me by name. Through Jesus I am made whole! Thanks be to God!**

*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

"God and God Alone"
Soloist, Randy Ball

Phil McHugh

*God and God alone created all these things we call our own.
From the mighty to the small,
the glory in them all is God's and God's alone.
God and God alone reveals the truth of all we call unknown.*

*And all the best and worst of man won't change the Master's plan;
It's God's and God's alone.
God and God alone is fit to take the universe's throne.
Let everything that lives reserve its truest praise for God and God alone.*

*God and God alone will be the joy of our eternal home.
He will be our one desire;
our hearts will never tire of God and God alone.
God and God alone is fit to take the universe's throne.
Let everything that lives reserve its truest praise for God and God alone.*

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

Paul wrote that we are the body of Christ with many members, each with a different function. Our gifts are many and varied, yet our calling is common: to return to God that which we have received according to God's grace.

(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

God of Abundance, we have received blessings from you and today we hear your call to share our time, our talent and our treasure with your beloved community. May these gifts bring your light, love and hope to all who need them. In Christ's name. Amen.

*HYMN #846

“Fight the Good Fight”

DUKE STREET

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hebrews 12:1-2 (NRSVUE)

James 1:12 (NIV)

SERMON

“Stick To It!”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #275

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

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*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Gavotte in G”

J.S. Bach

(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