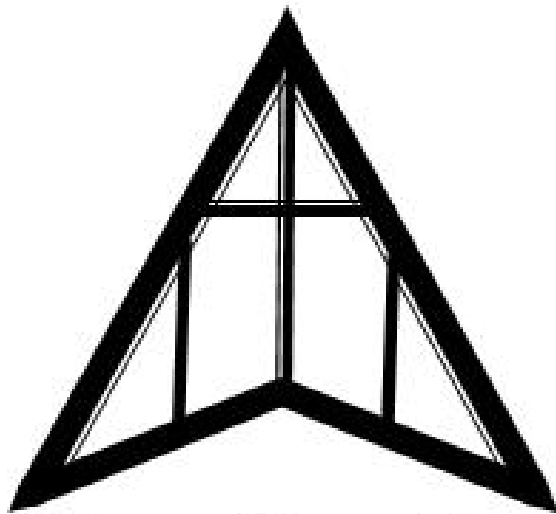


# Large Print Bulletins

**Welcome To**  
**Northwood Presbyterian**  
**Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church*  
*Organized February 19, 1978*  
**September 20, 2026**  
**11:00am**



**Come, Grow, Go!**

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

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**Order for the Public Worship of God  
September 20, 2026  
17th 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            “As the Deer”            Martin Nystrom

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS            Chris Curvin, Pastor

MINUTE FOR MISSION            Stephanie Carson

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Luke 9:23-25)*            Sue Miskiewicz

Leader: Jesus says, “Take up your cross daily and follow me.”

**People: For those who lose their life for Christ’s sake will save it.**

Leader: What does it profit us to gain the world, yet forfeit our very selves?

**People: We come to worship the eternal God and find true life in Him.**

Leader: Let us stand and pass the peace of Christ to one another.

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

**\*HYMN #826            “Lift High the Cross”            CRUCIFER**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

**Merciful God, we confess that when our hearts are troubled, we are slow to trust. When life is heavy, we rely on our own strength rather than Yours. We let fear quiet our faith and discouragement dim our hope. Forgive us for our anxieties, our quiet despair, and the times we have questioned Your goodness. Forgive us and renew a steadfast spirit within us and lift our eyes to the life and hope of Christ. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(responsive, from Genesis 1)*

**Leader:** Hear the good news: The same God who commanded light to shine out of darkness has shone in our hearts through Jesus Christ to give us life and hope!

**People:** The old has passed away; behold, the new creation has come! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new. 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      “Down By the Riverside”/”Standing in the Need of Prayer”  
arr. Mary McDonald

*Gonna lay down my burden down by the riverside,  
Down by the riverside, down by the riverside. (repeat)  
I ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more,  
Ain't gonna study war no more, no more (repeat) Down by the riverside.*

*It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. (repeat)  
Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me,  
O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.  
Not my mother, not my father, but it's me,  
O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.*

*Gonna lay down my sword and shield down by the riverside,  
Down by the riverside, down by the riverside. (repeat)  
Down by the river, down by the river, down by the river.  
It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer!  
It's me, it's me, O Lord!*

## 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 #735  
*(stanzas 1,2,3)*

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

NEED

## WE GROW IN THE WORD

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 42 (NRSVUE)  
2 Corinthians 4:7-12; 16-18 (NRSVUE)

## SERMON

“Treasure in Clay Jars”  
Doug McMahon, Guest Preacher

## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN #39

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS

\*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Trumpet Tune”

Connor Licharz

*(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, Director of Traditional Music; David Furr, Organist