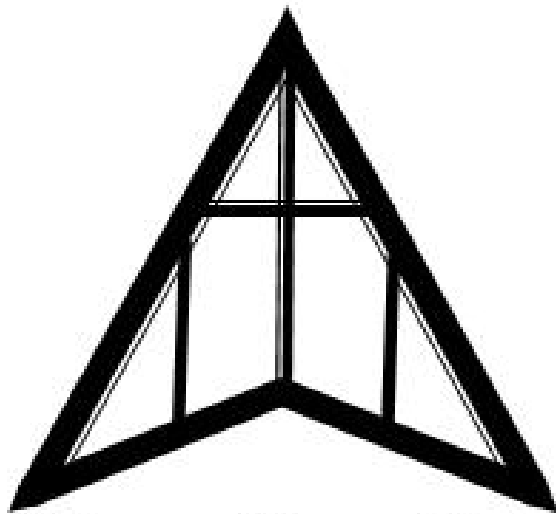


# Large Print Bulletins

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

*A Stephen Ministry Church*  
*Organized February 19, 1978*

**October 4, 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**  
**October 4, 2026**  
**19th Sunday after Pentecost/World Communion**  
**11:00 AM Worship Service**

**WE COME TO WORSHIP**

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

OPENING VOLUNTARY      “Menuetto”      Mozart  
*(from Piano sonata No. 11)*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Responsive)*

**Leader:** We worship on this World Communion Sunday around a table that has no boundaries, in the name of our LORD who came to save us as frail people in a broken world.

**People:** **We come in faith but with lives drained from our journey. We remember others in our world with homes wrecked by flooding, avalanches, wildfires and peace destroyed by war.**

**Leader:** We come praying for those who suffer. We come to partake of the bread and cup of Christ which sustains us and all who need strength and healing.

**People:** **We come to the table of our LORD which has no boundaries. We share one loaf, in Christ’s name, in one world and we now 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 #401**

**“Gather Us In”**

**GATHER US IN**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

**As we come today to your great table, O God, we realize how small we have made our own tables. Our vision of your grace is too narrow. Our awareness of your mercy is too limited. Our understanding of your kingdom always falls short. We fail to measure up to the people you have called us to be. Forgive our shortcomings. Raise our eyes, lift our hearts, and inflate our spirits, so that we may live joyfully in the manner of Jesus. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

ST.DENIO

**O Christ, we're not strangers or enemies here.  
For we're at your table, and you've made it clear;  
We all are God's children, and blessed from above,  
We're global, connected, and shaped by your love.**

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#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(from the Belgic Confession of Faith)*

**Leader:** What do you believe about the Church of Christ?

**People:** **We believe and confess one single catholic or universal church—a holy congregation and gathering of true Christian believers.**

**Leader:** What binds them all together?

**People:** **They await their entire salvation in Jesus Christ, are washed by his blood, and sanctified and sealed by the Holy Spirit.**

**Leader:** How big is this church?

**People:** **This holy church is not confined, bound or limited to a certain place or certain persons. But it is spread and dispersed throughout the entire world, though still joined and united in heart and will, in one and the same Spirit, by the power of faith. Amen.**

### ANTHEM

**“A Communion Invitation”  
Solo, Dennis Rasmussen**

Martin/Courtney

*Come, if you are lonely, my door is open wide. All of you are welcome,  
come and step inside. Enter with my blessing, no one is denied,  
Come, sit at my table, come, sit by my side.*

*Come, if you are thirsty, I will pour the wine. If you hunger,  
take this bread, sit with Me and dine. Every weary trav'ler,  
Every troubled soul, rest for just a moment and leave the table whole.*

*The feast I spread before you, the cup that we will share,  
The bread we'll break together, I've lovingly prepared.*  
(Repeat verse 2)

## 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

### WE GROW IN THE WORD

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Corinthians 10:16-17 (NRSVUE)  
Revelation 7:9-10 (NRSVUE)

## SERMON

“World Communion Sunday: We Are One Body”  
Chris Curvin, Pastor

## \*HYMN #530 (stanzas 1,2)

“One Bread, One Body”

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

### WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S 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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF THE CUP  
*(To symbolize our unity in Christ, we hold the bread until the Elders  
and Deacons are served and then all partake as one body. To symbol-  
ize our personal relationship with the Lord, we drink of the cup, as the  
Spirit leads.)*

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN #504 “We Come As Guests Invited” WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

\*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Alla turca” Mozart  
*(from Piano sonata No. 11)*

*\*Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you,  
feel free to remain seated.*

Stephanie Carson, Music Director; David Furr, Organist