

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, February 18: Nick Propst
Tuesday, February 20: Mike Elza, Taryn Lumia
Wednesday, February 21: Nancy Holleman, Janet Rosenquist, Gene Weitz
Thursday, February 22: Susan Fuoco, Dave Johnson
Saturday, February 24: Jane Kirkpatrick



If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven't seen them in church recently, give them a call!

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by



Jean Swintek
In Loving Memory of John



Margaret Lewis
In Loving Memory of Bill Lewis

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2024 Flower Reservation Chart" on the bulletin board across from the kitchen, or you may send your information directly to communications@northwoodpc.org

Please remember to mark "flowers" and the date on your \$30 donation. Thank you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

GREETERS:

(10:00) Elaine & Charles Rumpel
Cindy Gamble & Susan Hasell



USHERS:

(10:00) Jill Manning, Rocky Davis & Wayne Rodewald

"Very truly, I tell you, you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy. When a woman is in labor, she has pain, because her hour has come.

But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world."

John 16:20-21

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Presbyterian Women, led by Patty Martin and Sue Miskiewicz
The Presbyterian Women, Sisters in Christ, meets on the second Tuesday of the month with our next meeting on February 13th at 10:00am in rooms 5 & 7. We are studying *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus in Luke-Acts*, by Olive Mahabir. Books are available for purchase in the office. The cost is \$5. Please plan to join us!

Fresh Brewed

Fresh Brewed meets on the first Friday of the month with our next meeting on March 1st at 10:30am in rooms 5&7. We are studying the book, *"Prayer, Does It Make a Difference?"* by Phillip Yancey. If you need a book or have any questions, please contact Louise Mylin at LVNM1@hotmail.com or 727-787-9868.

Biblical TakeAways

led by Claudia Alwood
The adult Sunday School/Bible Study meets every Sunday morning at 10:00am in room 5. We are studying the Parables of Jesus right now in the Synoptic Gospels and the Gospel of John. All are welcome! Bring your Bible.

Our Mission Statement: "Come! Grow! Go!"

- ◆ We are to COME to Christ and be active in worship and fellowship together.
- ◆ We are to GROW spiritually as we commit our time, talents and finances to Him.
- ◆ We are to GO out in mission and service in the name of Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

*Staff members are available to answer any questions you might have regarding church related programs. If you call when the lines are busy or the office is closed, you will be prompted to use the Dial By Name Directory **OR** the staff member's extension number to leave a message. The church number is still 796-8090. Extension numbers are provided here to clip and save for your convenience:*

Chris Curvin, Pastor x2007
Paul Means, Associate Pastor x2006
Stephanie Carson, Director of Traditional Music x2009
Taryn Lumia, Director of Contemporary Music, taryn@northwoodpc.org
David Furr, dmfurr35679@gmail.com
Emily Cantin, Director of Communications x2001
Jennifer McManus, Children's Ministry x2002
Mark Fettke, Bookkeeper x2005
Roxane Fineo, Director of Schools x2010

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

February 18, 2024

Kirkin' o' the Tartan

Ministers: All Members of the Church

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor
Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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Order for the Public Worship of God
February 18, 2024
1st Sunday in Lent
10:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY
“There Is a Happy Land” arr. George Shearing

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

PREPARATORY DECLARATION
One: Bring forth the Tartans!

PROCESSION OF THE TARTANS
“Colin’s Cattle”
Dunedin High School Pipe Band

*LITANY OF BLESSING OF THE TARTANS AND CLANS OF THE KIRK
One: Thank you O Lord, for your Holy Word which has ordained a rich heritage of faith and sacrifice from our ancestors: from Adam and Eve to the incarnation of Jesus Christ, to the establishment of his church everywhere. Never let us forget that heritage of faith is a gift to be shared and celebrated with others, not a treasure to be hoarded.

All: Bless us that we may be a blessing, O Lord.

One: We praise you, O Lord, for those who have lived and died in Christ that we might have the freedom to dwell in a community of faith. Never let us forget that the days of sacrifice are not yet over, that we too, have lives to live in faith.

All: Bless us that we may be a blessing, O Lord.

One: Raise the Tartans! (a pause as all lift high their tartans)

All: On behalf of all clans, families, and nations, we raise these tartans before Almighty God in gratitude for our heritage and pray God’s blessing on his servant people in all lands.

One: Place the tartans. Eternal God, our Father, bless these symbols of heritage and grant that those who bear them, and the families they represent, may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you; through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

*HYMN #664 “Morning Has Broken” BUNESSAN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor
One: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

All: Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You adorn us with the armor of light, but we hide ourselves in darkness. You trust us with the message of grace, but we bury that treasure in fear. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*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.

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.

ANTHEM “My Heart Is Stirring with a Noble Song” J. William Greene
My heart is stirring with a noble song,
shout to God for joy at our salvation.
Our rock, the strong foundation of our life,
speaks to us in psalms across the ages.
We come to God with our songs of thanks;
no mortal leader can compare.
The caverns of the earth are in his hand,
and the highlands bright reflect his glory.

You are the fairest of the sons of men;
and God’s grace flows freely from your lips.
Come now, bow low, and bend the knee;
kneel humbly to the Lord, our maker.
For He is God, our shepherd,
and we the people of his hand.
This world his pasture is, and we his flock,
and today we listen to his voice.

Come let us sing our joy to the Lord;
let us come to him with thanksgiving
And raise a loud shout to him with psalms
for the Lord is a mighty God.
He is a great king above all gods.
The sea is his, as is the land.
His name shall be remembered age to age,
and all nations shall proclaim his glory.

CALL TO OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY #606 OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #450 “Be Thou My Vision” SLANE

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS John 16:20-24 (NRSV)
Matthew 28:8 (NRSV)

SERMON “Where’s the Joy?”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #645 “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” MIT FREUDEN ZAR

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING PROCESSION Dunedin High School Pipe Band

(Please remain standing in the pew until the band and tartans have processed out)

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
David Furr, Organist

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

Our thanks to the congregation of Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church for loaning the tartans displayed in the chancel area today.

Our annual Kirkin’ o’ the Tartan service this morning celebrates that 46 years ago on February 19th, 1978, just over 100 people gathered to officially organize Northwood Presbyterian Church. Today, 46 years later, Northwood has grown to approximately 900 members who are a part of a thriving church family reaching out to all ages. If you are viewing us online today, we invite you to join us as a member. While we are proud of our distinctive history as Presbyterians, we celebrate today the oneness of the Christian family across the world. Presbyterians are people of Christ; and this comes first and foremost in all that we do! Praise be to God!

If you are a guest today, we invite you to join us as a member as we seek to follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. While we are proud of our distinctive history as Presbyterians, we celebrate today the oneness of the Christian family across the world. Presbyterians are people of Christ; and this comes first and foremost in all that we do! Praise be to God!