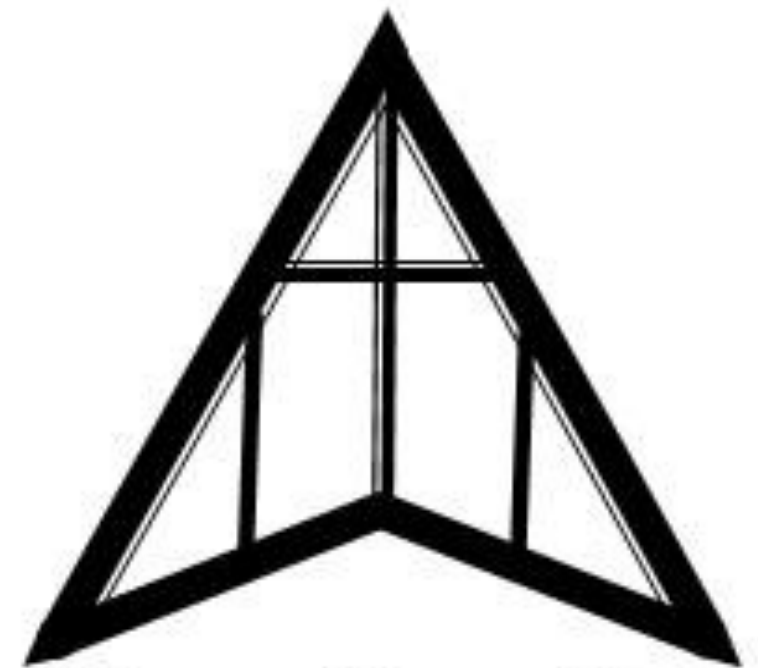


Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

September 27, 2026



Come, Grow, Go!

Ministers: All Members of the Church

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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Monday, September 28: Diana Fisher, Todd Adkisson
Tuesday, September 29: Larry Connolly
Wednesday, September 30: Bill Oxenford
Thursday, October 1: Diane Musto, Ethan Winder
Friday, October 2: Missy Wolf
Saturday, October 3: Dan Greff, Brian Mackie, Leslie Henley



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

**The Balmers & The Gormans
In Loving Memory of Loisanne Bilka**



Jean Swintek



**In Loving Memory of My Beloved Husband John-Devoted
Husband, Father, Grandfather & Great Grandfather**

Jody Beattie

In Loving Memory of Betty & Jack Beattie

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2026 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" in the memo line of your 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:

(9:00) Marti Raiche & Gloria Whitfield
(11:00) Patty Adams & Hazel Vernon

USHERS:

(9:00) Louise Mylin & Holly Hunt
(11:00) Wilai McNay & Barbara Moler

COFFEE SERVERS:

(9:00) Reception for Stephanie Carson
(11:00) Reception for Stephanie Carson

Ushers & Greeters



*Be careful, then, how you live, not as unwise people but as wise,
making the most of the time, because the days are evil.
So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.
Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with
the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to one
another, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts,
giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the
name of our Lord Jesus Christ, being subject to one another
out of reverence for Christ.*

Ephesians 5:15-21

Large Print Bibles, Hymnals & Bulletins

Large print Bibles, hymnals and bulletins are available. If you need assistance locating one of these, please ask an Usher.

Hearing Devices

Hearing devices are available for use during the worship services. Please ask an usher if you are in need.

Your Giving Matters

For in-person worship, the offering plates will not be passed, however, offering boxes are located in the narthex. For those worshipping online, your giving matters too. Your continued faithfulness to the mission and ministry of Northwood through your giving is critical as the church's expenses do not stop. Please commit to maintain your regular schedule of giving by mailing your gift or using one of the online platforms below for giving electronically:

1. Text NPCHURCH to 73256 and follow the prompts.
2. Visit www.northwoodpc.org and click on the giving tab.
3. Click "Give" under the *ChurchLife* app menu options



Rides Available

Transportation Ministry

Northwood provides transportation for those who need it to and from the 11:00 AM worship service. Call the church office, 796-8090, before noon on Thursdays to reserve a seat on the van.

Church Staff Contact Information

*Staff members are available to answer any questions you might have regarding church related programs through our office phone system. Provided below are the phone extension numbers for our staff. If you don't see a phone extension, other information is listed. If you call the church office 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.*

Chris Curvin, Pastor/Head of Staff x2007
Stephanie Carson, Director of Music x2009
Taryn Lumia, Director of Contemporary Music, taryn@northwoodpc.org
David Furr, Organist, dmfurr35679@gmail.com
Emily Cantin, Director of Communications x2001
Sandy Kallin, Bookkeeper x2005
Dianna Burpee, Director of Schools x2010
Roxane Fineo, Business Administrator x2003
Jarrett Mattson, Interim Youth Leader, youthdirector@notthwoodpc.org
Aidan Murray, Facilities/Maintenance, x2002
Drew Milano, Sound & Tech, worship@northwoodpc.org

Order for the Public Worship of God
September 27, 2026
18th 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 “Arabesque No. 1” Claude Debussy

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Diane Dewaters— Re-Affirmation of Faith (11:00)
Dan Hughes— Re-Affirmation of Faith (9:00)
Holly Hunt— Re-Affirmation of Faith (9:00)
Trish Northrup — Re-Affirmation of Faith (9:00)
Carole Van Nahl— Re-Affirmation of Faith (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive, Psalm 100) Linda Feller

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before God with joyful songs.

People: We know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us and we are God’s children;

Leader: Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving and the courts of the Lord with praise;

People: Give thanks to God and praise God’s name.

Leader: Let us celebrate the faithful, enduring love of God, as we 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 “God of Our Fathers” NATIONAL HYMN

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band.
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
in this free land by Thee, our lot is cast.
Be Thou our Ruler, Guardian, Guide and Stay.
Thy word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

From war’s alarms, from deadly pestilence,
be Thy strong arm, our ever sure defense.
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way.
Lead us from night to never ending day.
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory laud and praise be ever Thine.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)

Almighty God, Lord of creation: We confess that we have not walked faithfully in Your beautiful light. We have allowed the distractions of this world to dim our devotion. Forgive our wayward hearts, O Savior. Heal our griefs, pardon our offenses, and restore to us the joy of Your salvation. Guide our steps back to Your paths, that we may honor You in all we do. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (responsive)

Leader: Hear the good news of the gospel: Jesus Christ is the Lord of creation, the Son of God, and the Son of Man. He is our Savior, and the light of our souls.

People: Though we have strayed into darkness, His light is never overcome. His grace is fairer than the meadows and brighter than the stars of heaven.

All: He shines more beautifully than all the joys of earth. By His boundless mercy and perfect sacrifice, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #630 FAIREST LORD

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down,
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,
thou my soul’s glory, joy and crown.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS David Hamilton, Jr. & Clara Morgan

ANTHEM “An Expression of Gratitude” David Schwoebel

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 #268 “Crown Him With Many Crowns” DIADMATA
(stanzas 1,2)

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 96 (NRSVUE)
Ephesians 5:15-21 (NRSVUE)

SERMON “Music is God’s Gift of Love”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

CELEBRATION MUSIC Sing to the Lord with a Jubilant Psalm!”
Lloyd Larson

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Rondo in G” John Bull

(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

IGNITE

ignite is a contemporary worship service at 9:00 that delivers the message of Jesus Christ through Powerful Music, Media & Scripture Based Sermons.

WELCOME

PRAISE SONG

“Shout to the North”

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

MEET & GREET

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PRAISE SONG

“You Say”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

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OFFERTORY

“Elohim”

SCRIPTURES

Psalm 96 (NRSVUE)
Ephesians 5:15-21 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

“Music is God’s Gift of Love”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Washed”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Taryn Lumia, Director of Contemporary Music