



**NORTHWOODS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Matthew 13:1-23

November 26, 2023

Prelude - *The prelude is a call of consecration for the worship of the Almighty God. During this time, let us prepare our hearts in reverence and silent prayer.*

As you prepare for worship, consider:

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Question #31

Q. What is effectual calling?

A. Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.

Welcome

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.

Hymn 101*

Come, Thou Almighty King

Invocation*

The Law of God

James 1:21-25

Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

Confession of Sins

The Promise of the Gospel

Romans 8:1-4

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Hymn 88*

With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring

Tithes and Offerings

Supporting the Work of the Church

Hymn 731*

Doxology

Presentation of New Members

Chris and Michelle Cutler

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon Text*

Matthew 13:1-23

Sermon

This Is How the Kingdom Comes

Hymn 558*

That Man Is Blest Who, Fearing God

Benediction*

Postlude

*Indicates Congregation Standing

Our Traditional Worship

Northwoods believes that a traditional worship service reflects the reverence suggested by Scripture. You will notice that we differ from many evangelical churches who practice a contemporary form of worship, because of our simple accompaniment and use of the historic hymns of the faith. We believe that "worship" includes the entire service, not just the music, and therefore we distribute our hymns of praise throughout the service. May God bless us as we worship Him together.

Serving in the House of the Lord Today

November 26, 2023

Ushers – Nick Gefrides, Randy Jenkins, Alex Davison, Harry Nemetz, Micah Gildemaster

Serving Next Week (December 3, 2023):

Ushers – Todd Gildemaster, Jon Chapman, Alex Davison, Harry Nemetz, Andrew Rumpke

Cry Room/Nursery

We desire children to join us in worship, and do not mind their sounds. However, as a parent, if you feel the need to step out with your child we have both a cry room (upstairs near the main doors) and a nursery (downstairs) available. Both are unattended. The sermon is broadcast into both as well.

The option to give online is available at <https://northwoodspca.org/dwf>

Visitors

We are glad you joined us today. Please tell us about you by filling out a visitor card online - <https://northwoodspca.org/visitor-card>

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