



**NORTHWOODS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Matthew 13:24-43

December 3, 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.*

Welcome

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 99:1-3

The LORD reigns; Let the peoples tremble! He dwells between the cherubim; Let the earth be moved! The LORD is great in Zion, And He is high above all the peoples. Let them praise Your great and awesome name-- He is holy.

Hymn 68*

The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear

Invocation*

The Law of God

Exodus 20:1-17

And God spoke all these words, saying: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it. Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's."

Confession of Sins

The Promise of the Gospel

Isaiah 53:3-6

He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Hymn 246*

Man of Sorrows! What a Name

Tithes and Offerings

Supporting the Work of the Church

Hymn 731*

Doxology

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon Text*

Matthew 13:24-43

Sermon

This Is How the Kingdom Comes, Part II

Hymn 441*

Jesus Shall Reign

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

December 3, 2023

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

Serving Next Week (December 10, 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.



Visitors

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