



**NORTHWOODS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Matthew 13:47-53

December 17, 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 #33

Q. What is justification?

A. Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardoneth all our sins, and accepteth us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

Welcome

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 33:1-5

Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous! For praise from the upright is beautiful. Praise the LORD with the harp; Make melody to Him with an instrument of ten strings. Sing to Him a new song; Play skillfully with a shout of joy. For the word of the LORD is right, And all His work is done in truth. He loves righteousness and justice; The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

Hymn 226*

As with Gladness Men of Old

Invocation*

The Law of God

Matthew 22:35-40

Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Confession of Sins

The Promise of the Gospel

John 5:24

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life."

Hymn 551*

How Blest Is He Whose Trespass

Tithes and Offerings

Supporting the Work of the Church

Hymn 731*

Doxology

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon Text*

Matthew 13:47-53

Sermon

The Kingdom Purified and Proclaimed

Hymn 197*

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

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 17, 2023

Ushers – Brian Church, Mike Newsom, Alex Davison, Kieran Tunnicliff, Seth Gildemaster

Serving Next Week (December 24, 2023):

Ushers – Ken Tunnicliff, Justin Manning, Alex Davison, Harry Nemetz, Seth Gildemaster

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

We are glad you joined us today. Please tell us about you by scanning this QR code and filling out a visitor card or go online -

<https://northwoodspca.org/visitor-card>



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