

Northwood Presbyterian Church  
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November 2025  
*Northwood News*

## **Note from the Pastor**

### **What Is A MISSION STUDY?—People, Place, Passion**

Northwood Presbyterian Church of Spokane, Washington, is about to embark on a **Mission Study**. And if you are curious about what that entails, I'm glad for your curiosity; it's a good sign.

A Mission Study is not like the studies we may have done at school, but it may involve a *reading of people, of place and of passion*.

The people, of course, includes the members and friends of this community of faith here. And chances are—if you're perusing this newsletter, you are among those who may be interviewed, gently, informally, perhaps with a question like: *'What do you love about Northwood Pres.?'* Pretty simple. And I hope if you're invited to sit for a cup of tea/coffee and a few questions, you wholeheartedly accept the invitation.

In addition to the people who are already here, however, a *Mission Study* explores the place, which involves the social and cultural spaces where persons in this neighborhood meander about, commute through and go to sleep at night. A good word for this is *demographics*; and if there are actual human beings, who walk their dogs near the church facility, it's hopeful that we'll get to engage them in conversation. Some of the questions to be explored might be as follows: *'What are some of favorite things you like to do in this neighborhood?'* or *'What hopes do you have for this neighborhood in the years to come?'*

Next on the agenda would be some interactions with the families who bring their children to the Pre-School that makes use of the facility during the week. Moreover, if there are any auxiliary groups, who live on the edge of what we do as a congregation (food pantries, alcoholics anonymous, Whitworth University students, faculty and staff, etc.), we'll make the effort to listen to them as well.

Then, finally, the members of the **Mission Study Task Team** will sit down with their interim pastor and a member of Session to type out what we've learned; we'll also call a Congregational Meeting to get a sense of Northwood's *Core Values*. Even at that point, however, we won't be done. The ultimate goal is to pass on everything we've discovered and discerned about this particular Body of Christ to those who may craft what's known as **Mission Discernment Profile**; this document is what any prospective pastor would see and potentially respond to.

It's going to be a process; and I'm hopeful that the congregation's members and friends—that's you!—will take it seriously. And with a passion! Without the completion of the *Mission Study*, there will be no *Pastoral Nominating Committee*; and without the committee, who has been informed by the *Mission Study*, no Minister of the Word and Sacrament will be very interested in risking themselves to join the ministry at Northwood as the future unfolds.

Consider the sense of ‘mission’ conveyed by the Apostle Paul as he writes the first century church in Rome. The sadness, of course, is that he was imprisoned in Rome and never got to Spain. Nevertheless, notice all the working-parts. The communities of faith in Macedonia and Achaia are well-off, with lots of means to support—while the small group of Jewish Christians in Jerusalem eek out their worship and service on a sandal-string budget. Paul is counting on the fact that each one has studied the *people* and the *place* and that they have the *passion* to step out in faith:

“... I desire, as I have for many years, to come to you when I go to Spain. For I do hope to see on my journey and to be sent on by you, once I have enjoyed your company for a little while. At present, however, I am going to Jerusalem in a ministry to the saints, for Macedonia and Achaia were pleased to share their resources with the poor among the saints in Jerusalem” [Romans 15:23—26]

**Mission Study Team:** Liz Raymond - Schatz, De Baskin, Bethany Richards, Josh Richards and Robin Johnson

Peace in Christ~  
Scott Kinder-Pyle, Interim Pastor  
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## *Session Highlights*

### **Session Report – October 2025**

At their October 21, 2025 meeting, Northwood Session elders had the following business:

1. Heard the mower had serious repair problem, was not worth fixing , a similar mower was found on face book for \$800, sold our old snowblower and final cost was \$600.
2. Chris. Ed. Bible study on Monday's @ 12:30pm and Sunday Advent study starts on Nov. 9-Dec.21 at 9am-10am, led by Pastor Scott.
3. November 'Fun Friday' is Nov.21, Scott Robinson is the presenter. December's Fun Friday TBT.
4. Mission & Outreach has updated their bulletin board with a fall theme. Sally Almond will contact Linwood Elementary School for a family for the Angel Tree. Committee will provide coffee hour treats on November 21.
5. All Saint's Sunday is Nov. 2, with a remembrance of those who passed, Thanksgiving Sunday will be Nov. 23. Hanging of the green will be the week of Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Christmas Eve. Service 7:00pm on Wednesday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>.

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### ***Northwood Presbyterian Church***

#### **Financial Update:**

September 30, 2025

**Total Income:                   \$ 14,301.20**

**Total Expenses:               \$16,420.41**

**Gain/Loss:                       -\$2119.41**

**Per Capita for 2025: \$39.00**

Per Capita Income for 2025: \$1,067 – thank you!

*Thanks for giving faithfully to the ministry and mission of Northwood!*

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October 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

The recent change in nighttime temperature, as well as the changes in the leaf colors, remind us that fall is here. This is the time of harvest and reflection. We pick the last of the produce from our gardens, as well as the fall fruits, such as apples. It is also a time to reflect on the bounty that God has willingly given to us. The bounty is not only in food, shelter, and financial gain, but also in his ever-present love. With this in mind, it is also time for us to return part of that harvest to him. In the beautiful song ***Across the Lands***, we are reminded of the mighty gift that Jesus has given us:

*Yet You left the gaze of angels  
Came to seek and save the lost  
And exchanged the joy of heaven  
For the anguish of a cross  
With a prayer You fed the hungry  
With a word You calmed the sea  
Yet how silently You suffered  
That the guilty may go free!*

On November 16, 2025, we will celebrate pledge Sunday at our church. Over the next several weeks, we urge you to reflect and pray as to how you can dedicate your life to our church in 2026. We once again not only ask for your financial support, but also your time and talents. Remember your time and talent are every bit as important to our church as your financial resources. As always, we thank each and every one of you for your dedication to our church. You may return the pledge card either in person on November 16, or return it to the church office by November 16, 2025.

Yours in Christ,

Dr. Ken Cathcart (elder of Administration and Finance committee)

*[Extra pledge cards on table in the Narthex]*

## *Worship & Music*

Come share in the joy of hanging the green in the church. We will meet 9am on Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, but all are welcome the start after service on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Any questions talk to Bob Brown.



### **Honoring Veterans on November 9**

We will be honoring the Veterans among us on Sunday, November 9. Until then, please see and fill out the gray insert to let us know if you or a family member has served in the Armed Forces so that we may acknowledge and thank you for your service during and after worship. Thank you!

-Carol Christenson, Worship & Music Elder

Here's the gray insert in Sunday bulletins:

*We will be honoring the current Veterans among us  
on Sunday, November 9th.*

*Please let us know if you or a family member has served in the Armed Forces  
so that we may acknowledge and thank you for your service during Worship.*

Name

Branch of Military / Rank

**November Worship Assistants:**

November 2 - Sharon Cathcart  
November 9 - Ken Cathcart  
November 16 - Rod Christenson  
November 23 - Jane Nielsen  
November 30 - Robin Johnson



**WE REMEMBER THESE NORTHWOOD  
SAINTS WHO DIED IN 2025:**

Tammy Bassett 9/8/51-12/29/24  
\*Michael(Mike Altman) 8/12/35-1/20/25-member  
Glenn Wimpy 4/13/30-4/11/25  
Carol Zehm 1/19/35- 5/2/25

***All will be honored with special Candle & ribbon remembrance on Sunday, November 2***

***Christian Education***

**Adult Sunday School**

**Advent Ed. Class on Sunday morning, 9 to 10am.**

Class schedule will be November 9, 16, 23, 30 and in December will be on the 7, 14, and 21.  
Pastor Scott will be leading conversation around some devotional books by Old Testament scholar, Walter Brueggemann. No additional reading is required. All are Welcome!

**November 9 Newness Is on the Way  
November 16 Glory in the Wilderness  
November 23 Transformative Solidarity  
November 30 Wonderful Counselor**

**December 7 Mighty God  
December 14 Everlasting Father  
December 21 Prince of Peace**

**Bible Study on Monday's at 12:30pm in Fellowship**

November 9 Terry Nielsen  
November 9 Bobbie Altman  
November 14 Scott Bassett  
November 15 Robin Johnson

November 18 Diane Stueckle  
November 21 Scott Robinson  
November 22 Sue Anderson  
November 29 Holly Christoff



## Mission & Outreach

### **Volunteers Needed for Turkey Drive Nov. 25**

Mission and Outreach, invites you to join in packing food boxes with Tom's Turkey Drive turkeys! Mead Food Bank, who Northwood supports with food and monetary donations, has asked for helpers again this year. Those who joined in last year said it was a fun experience and felt very much appreciated. We will meet at the Mead Food Bank, 12509 N. Market St., at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 25, dress warmly, and ready to help create food boxes for those in need. We been told that they will need more workers this year, as they will not have the student workers. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board next to kitchen window. Thank you!

-Jane Nielsen, Mission & Outreach Elder

### **The Mitten Tree**

It's that time of year that we begin looking forward to Christmas at Northwood. The mitten tree will once again be put in the Narthex as we have done for years. Please make or purchase items to hang on the tree such as gloves, mittens, socks for all ages, scarves, etc., that will be donated to Cup of Cool Water, a street ministry downtown. Last year when we delivered the eight bags of items, young people who were coming to lunch, saw the bags and were very excited to look through them! Thank you for your generosity.

-Jane Nielsen, Elder, Mission and Outreach

### **Fellowship**

Fun Friday for November is 21, with Scott Robinson's presentation on "Post Offices of the USA". December's Fun Friday will be on the 19th.

\***Scott Robinson's New e-mail is**  
scottoriole@myctl.net



### **Northwood Presbyterian Church Staff**

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Scott Kinder-Pyle  
Office Administrator: Holly Christoff  
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Office Hours: Tuesday-Thursday, 9-2pm

# November 2025 Calendar:

*Worship at 10:30am*

## **Saturday, November 1**

All Saint's Day, Set your clocks  
back-one hour before bed

## **Sunday, November 2**

### **All Saints Sunday/Communion**

WA Sharon Cathcart

Min. for Mission-Bob Brown, Worship &  
Music

**Monday, November 3** 12:30pm Bible Study

## **Wednesday, November 5**

6pm Bell Practice

7pm Choir Practice

## **Sunday, November 9**

### **Advent Ed. Class, 9-10am**

WA Ken Cathcart

Min. for Mission-Joe Simpson,  
Deacons

### **Thank you, Veterans!**

Worship & Music Comm. Meeting

**Monday, November 10** 12:30pm Bible Study

## **Tuesday, November 11**

7pm Committees

## **Wednesday, November 12**

12:30pm Admin. & Finance meeting

6pm Bell Practice

7pm Choir Practice

## **Sunday, November 16-Pledge Sunday**

### **Advent Ed. Class, 9-10am**

WA Rod Christenson

Min. for Mission-Ken Cathcart

Administration & Finance Committee

**Monday, November 17** 12:30pm Bible Study

**Tuesday, November 18** 7pm Session

## **Wednesday, November 19**

6pm Bell Practice

7pm Choir Practice

WA Jane Nielsen

## **Friday, November 21**

6pm Fun Friday/Potluck

Program by Scott Robinson

## **Sunday, November 23**

### **Advent Ed. Class, 9-10am**

Thanksgiving/Christ the King

WA Jane Nielsen

\*Newsletter deadline

## **Monday, November 24**

Meals on Wheels Delivery

12:30pm Bible Study

Meals on Wheels Delivery

## **Tuesday, November 25**

9am Tom's Turkey Drive @

Mead Food bank, 12509 N Market

## **Wednesday, November 26**

Meals on Wheels delivery

6pm Bell Practice

7pm Choir Practice

## **Thursday, November 27**

Happy Thanksgiving-Off. closed

## **Saturday, November 29**

9am Hanging of the Greens

## **Sunday, November 30- 1<sup>st</sup> Advent**

### **Advent Ed. Class, 9-10am**

WA Robin Johnson