

# Northwood Presbyterian Church Stewardship 2024



## Generations of Generosity

Each generation receives a great inheritance, gifts given to them from those who have come before. Each generation also has an opportunity to leave its own legacy... to build upon this inheritance with gifts of their own. In this way, we work together to build the church of today and tomorrow, and to share God's love with our community.

We invite you to take a moment to give thanks for all of the wonderful gifts which make up our inheritance: the grace and love of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and the love, efforts, and sacrifices of our parents, and all who came before them. We also invite you to consider what our generation's—what your—legacy will be? How will we build upon what we've been given, to ensure not only the church of today but the church of our children, and their children? We have an amazing opportunity to pool our gifts and make a lasting impact upon the world.

This year, Stewardship Sunday will be November 19. I hope that you will join me as we give to God and those who have come before and seek to continue their work, as we offer our gifts back to God and invest in the ministries and joy of Northwood Presbyterian Church.



## Next Year's Budget Projection:

Northwood is looking to maintain its current budget, of \$312,000, for 2024.

What will this money do? We have great plans to expand our outreach ministries, provide greater learning opportunities, and to continue to improve our space so that it remains a great place for all.

The best part: getting there is easy if we all work together. We cannot do this without you!

Thank you, in advance, for your generous support.

## Completed Projects from 2023

- ◆ Building and roof repairs
- ◆ Upgrade our phone and internet
- ◆ New air conditioning units for the education wing and offices
- ◆ Blessing of the Animals
- ◆ Mission outreach to our neighbors and city
- ◆ Continuous work to make Northwood's building and grounds an inviting place to be

## How Much Should I Give?

It can be difficult to know how much to give; only you can decide what is right for you. The Bible calls for a tithe, or 10% of your income. Many members choose to meet and even exceed this goal. Others give a smaller proportion and try to increase a bit each year. Regardless of how much you choose to give, your pledge is important for both you and for Northwood

Choosing the amount you wish to pledge is a delicate balance. Financial stewardship is a spiritual discipline and so the amount should be enough that the gift is noticeable within your budget, without causing stress or being a burden. We invite you to prayerfully consider your own budget, and to then generously give back to God, out of thanksgiving for all that we have been given.

## Suggested Weekly Gift:

Annual Income	10% (tithe)	7%	5%
\$25,000	\$48	\$34	\$24
\$45,000	\$87	\$61	\$43
\$75,000	\$144	\$101	\$72
\$100,000	\$192	\$135	\$96
\$150,000	\$288	\$202	\$144
\$200,000	\$385	\$269	\$192

## **Fall Stewardship Drive – Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Why do we have a Fall Stewardship Drive?**

The stewardship of our church home is a year-round labor of love. We give generously of our time, talent, and earnings to support the wide variety of programs within our church and to support the larger community through our outreach programs.

During the fall stewardship campaign, we specifically concentrate our efforts on the church's financial needs and invite every member to make a spiritual and financial pledge to support Northwood. This allows the Stewardship Committee to make sure that the church is using its funds wisely—using as much as possible to share God's love within the church and community, without stretching ourselves too thinly to pay our bills.

### **Is my pledge confidential?**

Yes. Your pledge is completely confidential, and will be handled with respect and care.

### **What are other ways I can give to the church?**

There are a great variety of ways to give to the church. Offering the gift of your time, talent and energy is a wonderful way to serve the church. Financially speaking, the church is also happy to receive stocks and bonds. You may also choose to include the church in your Estate Planning. We are happy to help with any of these options of giving, if you have questions or would like assistance.

### **Is my gift tax-deductible?**

Yes. Northwood is a registered non-profit at both the federal and state level. We will provide you with the appropriate tax forms, with records of your giving, at the appropriate time.

### **How does the church use its resources?**

The short answer: very carefully, with much thought and prayer. We carefully walk a line between generosity within our community, providing for the needs of our congregation, and fiscal responsibility.

### **May I see the church's budget?**

Absolutely, at any point. Simply ask and one will be provided for you.

### **What if I have other questions about giving?**

Please feel free to contact Jon Watt or any member of the Business Committee: Cotton Clark, Becky Hooper, Judy Harris, or Joe Montagna.

2024 Annual Stewardship Drive

Thank you for generous gifts this year and in the past.  
*As you prepare to make a pledge this year, please consider increasing your investment in the church  
by adding an extra 3 percent or an extra hour a month in service.*

We cannot wait to see the amazing ways in which we will grow together  
and deepen our connections, this year.

Please return this and the automatic draft form (if applicable) to the church no later than  
*November 26, 2023* either during worship, by mail, or by emailing [npc@satx.rr.com](mailto:npc@satx.rr.com).

You may also set up a recurring gift on the "Give" Tab of our website: [npcsa.org](http://npcsa.org)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

For God's work in this family of faith I/we pledge our contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Per: Week\_\_\_ Month\_\_\_ Twice/Month\_\_\_ Annually\_\_\_  
(Please check one of the above)

Please help us insure we have the right information for you and your family

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Please use this form if you would like to set up automatic payments from your bank account:

I (we) hereby authorize **Northwood Presbyterian Church**, to initiate debit entries to my account indicated below and the depository financial institution named below, hereinafter called BANK, and to debit the same to such account. I (we) acknowledge that the origination of ACH (automatic) transactions to my (our) account must comply with the provisions of U.S. law.

Bank Name \_\_\_\_\_

Routing Number (9 digits) \_\_\_\_\_

Checking Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Frequency \_\_\_\_\_ Checking \_\_\_\_\_ Savings \_\_\_\_\_

This authority is to remain in full force and effect until **Northwood Presbyterian Church** has received written notification from me of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford **Northwood Presbyterian Church** and BANK a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_