



Northwest Church

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This fall has been one of the best.

The weather has been great, staff transitions have gone really well, and the feeling on Sunday mornings has been a blessing.

And now, the “Holiday Season” is coming fast.

Many churches ramp up activities during the holidays. With the upcoming ROOTED Celebration Banquet, Turkey Box distribution, and regular Christmas activities, the NWChurch is already busy. One of our goals is to actually slow down a bit during from Thanksgiving to New Year’s Day and encourage families to breathe, live, and take a break from what can be a very chaotic time.

To facilitate this for the congregation—on December 9, 16, and 23—we will host “family worship” sessions where our children stay with us for the first part of worship, then are dismissed for Children’s Classes during the sermon. During those weeks we maximize fellowship and reflection. It’s a great time to enjoy being together. On December 24, we will host our Christmas Eve service at 4:30 p.m. This earlier service time allows you to enjoy the candle-lighting ceremony AND be home early enough to enjoy family traditions. On the last Sunday of the year—December 30—we will gather in one worship service together at 10:30 a.m.

The reason we make these adjustments is to slow down a bit, allow our volunteers to get a small break, and to help the holidays be a season of faith more than a season of frustration.

I hope you’ll look through this **NEXT** booklet, acquaint yourself with the opportunities to get involved, and make an intentional decision to finish 2018 strong in faith.

Blessings to you and your family throughout the Holiday Season.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Goldman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Chris Goldman
Lead/Teaching Pastor

Transforming

Life and Community through Christ's Love

WHAT WE DO

The Northwest Church is a community of believers seeking to inspire people to follow Jesus and courageously love the world.

Holding to the truth and teachings of the Bible—
We practice unity,
believe in diversity,
and invest in mission.

Our gatherings draw a diverse cross-section of people who celebrate the freedom of Christ as we seek to restore the purity and grace of New Testament Christianity.

The mission of Northwest Church is to join God's Spirit in spreading His kingdom, calling all people to follow Jesus, transforming life and community through His love.



We **CONNECT** with people and the community

We **EQUIP** people so they can live abundant lives



We **PARTNER** with those committed to transformation



We **WORSHIP** God and give Him all the glory





NWCchurch is launching ROUND 2 of **ROOTED**—a dynamic and impactful pathway to discipleship and relationship. It began in Nairobi, Kenya and has now spread to 20 countries and more than nine languages. If you weren't able to sign up for the first round, now is your chance!

ROOTED Groups will meet on Sunday evenings for ten weeks. You will be challenged to develop a life of daily devotions, active service, the practice of prayer and fasting, and transformative conversations with Christians.

All meetings will be held at the Community Life Center. There will also be programming for students and children, as well as childcare for preschoolers.

- **January 13 - 5:30 pm**
Kick-Off Banquet
- **Jan. 20 - March 24 - 5:30-7:30 pm**
ROOTED Group Meetings
(Skipping Feb. 3 - Super Bowl!)
- **March 31 - 5:30 pm**
Celebration Banquet

ROOTED will require an investment of both time and money. Those who have made that investment have seen massive returns in their relationship with God and their purpose in life.

Keep praying for this major initiative of our Community Life Transformation at Northwest Church.





Adult Bible Classes from our Compass Ministry

Current Classes end Dec. 2

We encourage you to get connected with a Bible-teaching class on Sundays. It is far too easy to simply come to church and then slip out quickly. We want to get to know you better, so join us! Classes are offered during both first and second services. This allows you to attend both a service and a class—deepening your understanding of the Bible and building your relationships at Northwest Church.

During the first service - 9:10 am

- **Sacred Rhythms: Arranging Our Lives for Spiritual Transformation**
Room 108 | *Bill & Davitra Lawrence*
Join us for this overview and discussion of spiritual disciplines which will include practices around solitude, Scripture, prayer, self-examination, and discernment. This study will provide you with tools that you can use to deepen your spiritual walk with God.
- **Mark's Gospel: Hope for All**
Room 120 | *Garry & Linda Chapman*
People flocked to Jesus because they had hope in Him—hope for healing, acceptance, and victory. This gospel tells us that in Jesus, God has given us “a living hope.” Hope leads to patience, courage, and joy. It gives us stability and leads us to God's saving grace. It is one of the three things which last: Faith, Hope, and Love.

During the second service - 10:30 a.m.

- **Power From The Heavens: The Holy Spirit's Strength Within You**
Room 108 | *Marvin Smith*
This class will take a fresh look at the Holy Spirit. We will explore what the Bible tells us about the sometimes “forgotten God.” Jesus' last words to his disciples was a promise of the Holy Spirit which would provide them with the power to fulfill the great commission. This class will discuss whether that power is still available to disciples of Jesus today. For what work will the Spirit provide strength for you? Come hear stories from our community of faith at NWChurch.
- **Reflections on the Psalms**
Room 120 | *Charlie Elkins*
Let's dive deep into the passionate songs and poetry of Israel. The Psalms are heart-felt songs that were set to music and sung by the Jews to express praise, devotion, suffering, repentance, but, most of all, hope in God. We'll carefully dissect selected Psalms that reflect those common feelings and experiences. Join us!

**The current classes
will conclude
December 2.**



As you look ahead in your calendar, be sure to note the following special things coming up at NWChurch.

Sun TURKEY BOX GIVEAWAY
Nov. 11

Thank you for your response in signing up for the Turkey Boxes that will be distributed to needy families in our community. Please return your filled boxes by Sunday, 11/4.

As we look forward to the Turkey Box Giveaway on Sunday, November 11, we'd like to ask for your help. We need 40-50 people to distribute our boxes and greet our guests. We will meet after the second service for lunch and instructions, and will open the doors from 1:00 p.m. until around 4:30 pm. **You can sign up to help greet our guests and bless them with Thanksgiving boxes at bit.ly/NWC-Involvement.**

Sun ROOTED GROUPS' CELEBRATION BANQUET
Nov. 18

This event is for those who have been participating in the Fall session of ROOTED discipleship groups. You have dedicated yourself to an amazing journey, and it's time to celebrate what God is doing in the lives of His people. **Join us at the Community Life Center at 5:30 p.m. The Foyer doors will open at 5:15 p.m.**

Sun ROOTED - NWCHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS
Dec. 2

If you've been through ROOTED, and want to become a member at Northwest Church, we invite you to a special reception following the second service in Room 108.

Sat LADIES CHRISTMAS TEA
Dec. 16

This will be an offsite event. More information will be available in the weekly handout in early December.

Sun CHRISTMAS SUNDAY SERVICES

Dec. 23

On Christmas Sunday, we will gather at our usual times of 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. for our annual Christmas-themed services. Our children will start each service with us in the Worship Center and then will be dismissed to their classrooms.

Sun CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Dec. 24

We'd like to invite you for a "simple Christmas" this year. We will gather in the Auditorium at 4:30 p.m. to reflect on Christ and this season of joy (and for some, sadness). We will listen, sing, reflect, and close with our traditional candle-lighting service.



Invitations to our Christmas services will be available soon for you to give to family, friends and neighbors. Bring a guest and bless them this Christmas!

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

In order to give our church staff a well-earned break, the offices will be closed on the following dates:

Nov. 22-24

Thanksgiving Holidays

Dec. 25 - Jan. 1

Christmas and New Years Holidays

COMMUNITY LIFE GROUPS



Our mission is to promote discipleship through relational environments. God has called us out of our culture to be a distinct community of faith. It is in community life groups that we can share our lives as well as our journey of faith.

What Types of Life Groups are there?

At NWChurch we believe that people experience deep relationships with others and God in different ways, throughout our faith journey, so we try to promote the following types of groups:



Life Groups

These are traditional small groups that meet in a person's home or at the church for Bible study, along with food, fellowship and acts of service.



Affinity Groups

These groups are made up of people who share a common lifestage or theme. Examples of Affinity Groups are Moms Group, and Prime Timers.



Activity Groups

Activity Groups are comprised of people who regularly share an activity together. One example is our weekly NWC Volleyball Group



Coffee Groups

These are made up of people who want to study a certain book or engage in faith-related discussions over a good cup of coffee.



Ministry Groups

Groups formed for a specific ministry task that allows relationships to continue to grow. These might be short or long-term duration (Example: ESL Teachers)



Covenant Groups

These groups are joined by invitation only. They are created out of some need or desire by the leader for special connections and are temporary in nature.

How do I get involved?

You can now search for groups on our website. You can look for a group that meets on a certain day, is in your neighborhood, or by types of group. Once you find a group that interests you, simply click on **Join this Group** and you will be able to send a message to the group leaders requesting details of how to join.

Visit our group directory website ▪ bit.ly/NWC-Community-Life-Groups
or contact the Community Life Group Ministry Team
nwcommunitygroups@gmail.com ▪ 425-409-3553



Mom's Group

Come join other moms for community, connection, support, refreshment and mutual encouragement.

First and Third Friday of each month

9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

ending in December

Room 120

For more information or to sign up
bit.ly/NWC-Moms-Fall2018



PrimeTimers

We have a lively group of “seasoned saints” that meets weekly to eat together, study the Bible, and play fun games.

Meets every Thursday at Noon

Community Life Center

Room 108

For more information, contact
Pastor Bill Lawrence at 206.921.6403
or bill@nwchurch.com.

follow us

We want to connect with you—it’s what we’re about!

One way you can share in the day-to-day life at NW Church is by following our social media channels. You may also visit our website at nwchurch.com



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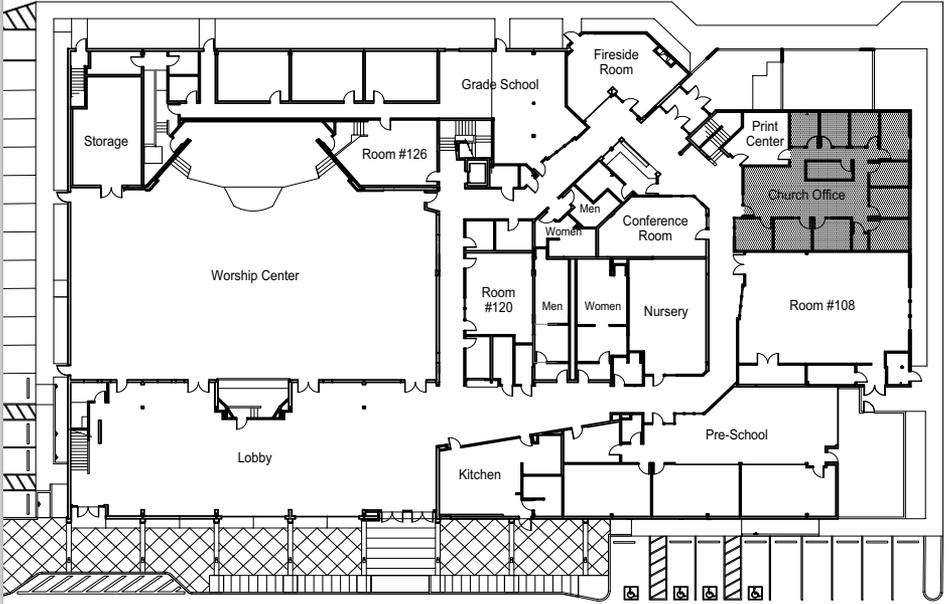


[@nwchurchlynnwood](https://www.instagram.com/nwchurchlynnwood)

Community Life Center

Home of the Northwest Church

1st Floor



2nd Floor



You are invited to
explore our facility.

NWCHURCH IS A PLACE FOR KIDS!

Northwest Church provides a Bible-based, age-appropriate community for children birth through 6th grade. We invite every child into God's story, showing and sharing the love of Christ with them from the day they were born.

Our desire is to stand with you in ministering to the family God has given you, assisting in laying a spiritual foundation to lead your child into a personal relationship with God through Christ.



Brian Heninger
Children's Pastor

brian@nwchurch.com
425.921.6405



Starting December 9, children will begin in the worship service with their family and after a few songs, the children will get dismissed to their areas. We will resume our regular schedule on January 6.

On December 17, we have a Sack Lunch activity in the Primary Room. The event is for children in Kindergarten to 6th Grade, and we will eat a sack lunch (provided by the church), watch a Christmas movie and enjoy some fun activities. Parents can use this event as a child-free opportunity to go Christmas shopping or to have a few hours to themselves. *Please RSVP with Pastor Brian by November 25.*

Over Christmas break on Dec. 27-28, and Jan. 3-4 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. for Primary kids (Grades 1-6)

We will host activities at the Community Life Center, which will give the kids something to do over Christmas break for a few hours. It's come-as-you-are and there might be some surprises. *If your child is planning on attending, please let Pastor Brian know.*



Sign up for the KidMin Parent Connection at <http://bit.ly/nwparentlist>

UPCOMING STUDENT MINISTRY EVENTS



We are a month into our new season in Youth Group (also known as YG) and we are pleased to see how the group is growing in their relationships with God and with each other.

We're continuing our focus on building those relationships in the coming months, through our regular group times and through a couple of extra activities.

We believe that the Junior High and High School years are an important stage of life. These students are the next generation. They are tomorrow's leaders and influencers.

Northwest Church strives to be a place where students can hang out with friends, have a ton of fun and figure out what God has for their lives.

Interim Leaders:



Isaiah Lockett



Jessie Heninger

You may contact them through the Church Office.

- The Pumpkin Spice Life evening at the Heninger House is **Saturday, November 17** from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Come for a throwback movie, games and lots of autumn-inspired delicious treats.
- Our last meeting before we take a short break for the Christmas holiday is **December 9 at 5:30 p.m.** when we'll have our YG Christmas Party.





CELEBRATE RECOVERY

A CHRIST-CENTERED RECOVERY PROGRAM
FOR LIFE'S HURTS, HABITS & HANG-UPS

The Northwest Church is pleased to partner with Celebrate Recovery (CR) to offer a Christ-centered, 12-step recovery program for anyone struggling with hurt, pain, or addiction of any kind. Celebrate Recovery program is a safe place to find community and freedom from the issues that are that are controlling our lives.

You are invited to be a part of this ministry. Celebrate Recovery meets every Friday evening here at our Community Life Center.

- 6:00 pm - Dinner in the Lobby
- 7:00 pm - Meeting in the Student Center
- 8:00 pm - Open Share Groups
- 9:00 pm - Solid Rock Cafe Dessert Time

Whether you are struggling with an addiction or compulsive behavior, with anger, with co-dependency, or any other hurt or negative habit in your life, Celebrate Recovery is the place for you.

UPCOMING SPECIAL CR EVENTS

Our entire Northwest Church family is invited to join our Celebrate Recovery ministry for these special events:

Friday, 11/23 @ 6:30 p.m.

Black Friday Night of Praise and Testimony

6:30 p.m. - Meal ■ 7:30 p.m. - Worship

Worship Center

Join us in praise led by our own CR Worship Gang and listen to Inspiring testimonies of how God is working and transforming lives.

Monday, 12/31 @ 7:00 p.m.- Midnight

New Year's Eve Celebration

Worship Center

You are invited to come and play table games, fellowship, and eat good food as we ring in the New Year together. After watching the fireworks at the Space Needle on our big screen there will be a special time of communion to begin 2019.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH CELEBRATE RECOVERY (CR)

Many members of our church family are a part of CR, but we've recently seen significant growth from the community. With this growth comes more opportunities for service.

Childcare: We are looking for volunteers who have a heart for children and a heart to help those who are working through issues. If you can provide childcare on Friday evenings, we'll provide the curriculum.

Meals: Our ministry is blessed with a number of people who already volunteer their time to prepare and serve meals to our growing participants. However, we still in need of a small group of individuals to prep and serve a meal once a month.

Please email us for more details on how you can serve God and others in this important ministry ■ info@CRNWchurch.com.



Health Ministry News 2018

The Health Ministry is increasing our capacity to serve our church and community. We have four experienced, skilled and compassionate nurses that are now in the process of becoming Faith Community Nurses. Antoinette Hill, Delores Orcutt, LeeAnn Robbins, and Beth Kim are all completing the accreditation to be Faith Community Nurses. A Faith Community Nurse is a registered nurse who has completed the “Foundations in Community Nursing” course and who combines both nursing and spiritual commitment in a healing ministry within a faith community. Faith Community Nurses do not do hands-on nursing, but work in partnership with pastors, churches, hospitals, social service agencies and the community.

We will work as a team along with our congregation and staff to address the primary health issues identified by the NWChurch Health Survey of 2017 and the Community Health Assessment of Snohomish County of 2018-19. We will need volunteers to work with us—especially those who indicated that they are interested in volunteering in specific areas of need.

The Health Ministry team is also participating in the training that prepares us to respond along with the Security Team to medical emergencies within our facility.

October: Breast Cancer Awareness Month

This is a good time to have your annual mammogram to detect early symptoms of breast cancer. When breast cancer is detected early and is in the localized stage, the 5-year relative survival rate is 100%. Early detection includes doing monthly breast self-exams, and scheduling regular clinical breast exams and mammograms. (National Breast Cancer Foundation)

Be sure to get your flu shot!

The CDC says that the single best way to prevent seasonal flu is to get vaccinated each year, but good health habits like covering your cough and washing your hands often can help stop the spread of germs and prevent respiratory illnesses like the flu. The tips below will help you learn about steps you can take to protect yourself and others from flu and help stop the spread of germs.

- Get vaccinated.
- Avoid close contact with others who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose.
- Wash your hands often.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, mouth.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Get plenty of sleep, be active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.

For more information on NW Church’s Health Ministry, contact Kay Koontz, RN, (425) 921-6400 (leave message).

NOW RECRUITING

Northwest Tech Team

Audio / Visual / Lights

For more info drop by the soundbooth or email kent@nwchurch.com

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Our weekend services provide a number of different “behind the scenes” opportunities to serve and help make our weekend services happen. Front-of-house sound mixing, visual media presentation, stage lighting, and videography, are some of the areas to get involved. We are always looking for experienced volunteers to join our team, and we offer hands-on training to those who are interested in learning new skills and ways to serve! If you are interested in joining the Northwest Tech Team or have any questions please drop by the sound booth or contact Kent Landrum for more information!



We've got this awesome “behind the scenes” opportunity and it would be great if you got involved!

No experience necessary.
We'll provide the training.
Contact Kent Landrum
425.921.6409 ▪ kent@nwchurch.com

4 ways



Four Ways to Give at Northwest Church

We so appreciate your generosity in supporting the ministries of NWChurch, and we want to make giving as easy as possible. Here are four ways you can make a gift to NWChurch:

1. DURING WORSHIP

You can give using cash, check or envelope using the giving boxes located in the back of room during worship or the foyer giving boxes located on each side of the Sound Booth wall.

2. MAIL

You can mail your donation to:
Northwest Church
19820 Scriber Lake Road #1
Lynnwood, WA 98036

*Make checks payable to:
Northwest Church*

3. BILL PAY

You can submit your tithe and any additional gifts through your personal bank's online bill payment service, if your bank offers it.

Payee: Northwest Church

Address: 19820 Scriber Lake Road #1
Lynnwood, WA 98036

Account No: (your account number)

First & Last Name: (yours)

Memo: List your designation
(e.g. Tithe and Offering, Building Fund, Missions, etc.)

Your bank will handle the rest, once we receive your gift we will add it to your giving record just like a personal check.

4. ONLINE

Online giving is available on your computer, phone or tablet for one-time gifts or scheduling recurring contributions. We use Pushpay to receive online gifts, and is available across platforms.



We've made giving so easy!

**Text "Northwest" to 77977
to give online to NWChurch.**

Thank you for your generosity!

Ministries at Northwest Church



Community Life Groups

Our mission is to promote discipleship through relational environments. God has called us out of our culture to be a distinct community of faith. It is in community life groups that we can share our lives as well as our journey of faith.



Community Life Center (CLC)

The CLC exists to serve the mission of the Northwest Church and to bless the Lynnwood community. We strive to maintain an efficient, safe, clean, attractive, and inviting campus by creating necessary services and caring for the physical environments of our campus.



Celebrate Recovery

The purpose of the Northwest Church Celebrate Recovery ministry is to fellowship and celebrate God's healing power in our lives through the "8 Recovery Principles." This experience allows us to "be changed."



Children's Ministry

We provide a Bible-based, age-appropriate community for children birth-6th grade. We invite every child into God's story, showing and sharing the love of Christ with them from the day they are born. Our desire is to stand with you in ministering to the family God has given you, assisting in laying a spiritual foundation to lead your child into a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ.



Compass Ministry

The Compass Ministry is the adult education program at NW Church and its purpose is to offer high quality, challenging, life-impacting Bible classes that will be used by the Spirit of God to transform believers by pointing them to Jesus Christ, the One who gives Life.



Health Ministry

The NW Church Health Ministry seeks to serve members of the NW Church and our Lynnwood neighbors through: a focus on health promotion and disease prevention, informational classes, health clinics, support services, and resource information.



Student Ministry

We believe that the Junior High and High School years are an important stage of life. These students are the next generation. They are tomorrow's leaders and influencers. NW Church strives to be a place where students can hang out with friends, have a ton of fun and figure out what God has for their lives.



Pastoral Care

We care for people by strengthening the weak, healing the sick, binding up the injured, bringing back the strays, searching for the lost, and serving the church with gentleness and humility is the role of Pastoral Care Ministries and teams (Prayer, Illness, Bereavement/Memorial Services , Weddings, Newborns, etc.).



Missions Ministry

The goal of the mission's ministry is to equip and mobilize the Northwest Church for cross-cultural ministry both locally and internationally.



First Impressions

We have a passion for welcoming and serving those who walk through our doors as guests. We strive to provide a loving atmosphere of care and acceptance as we welcome others and provide any informational assistance that they need. As our guests become our friends, we also strive to continue to minister to them and get to know them. Our eventual goal is to invite them to our Gateway experience where they can learn how to become partners and a part of our church family. In short, we want to be the face of Jesus to those around us.



Worship

The worship ministry seeks to create an experience of worship, praise, prayer and artistic expression. This experience centers around the sharing of communion, the teaching from scripture, and the utilization of Christian songs.

Who do I call if ...???

There has been some shifting around of duties with our assistants, and we want to help you know where to go if you have questions or need help.

... I have an urgent prayer need?

Call our **Church Office** (425-921-6400) if you have a prayer request or would like to speak to a pastor.

... I want to reserve a room?

Julie Roberts has taken over the facilities scheduling duties. If you want to request/reserve a room, please fill out the new request form that's accessible from our website:

bit.ly/CLC-Facilities



Your request will be reviewed and responded to as soon as possible. If you have questions, please contact Julie at julie@nwchurch.com or (425) 921-6402.

... I want to request help with a print or digital project?

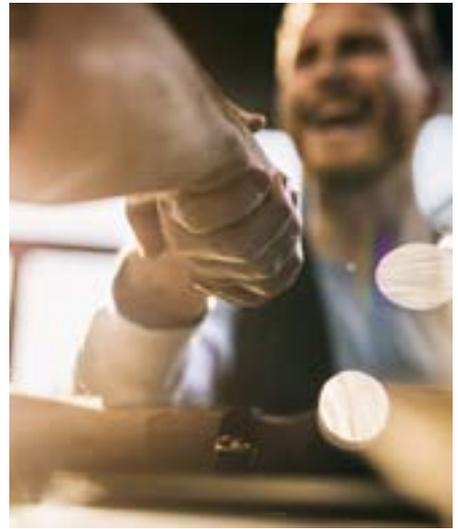
Debbie Mercado is our resident graphic designer and production specialist. If you would like to request help with a project, please fill out the new request form and we will consider your request against the queue of projects already in production:

bit.ly/CLC-Projects



If you have questions, you may contact Debbie at (425) 921-6408 or debbie@nwchurch.com.

We will do our best to respond to your requests and questions as soon as possible. Thank you!



Introduction to Northwest Church

Are you new to Northwest Church? We would love to get to know you better and let you learn more about what is important to us.

We are offering our **Gateway Class**, which will help give you some background about our church and what we believe.

- **Saturday, November 17 | 5:00 pm**
Lawrence Home
- **Saturday, December 8 | 5:00 pm**
Lawrence Home

We will enjoy an evening of getting to know one another over dinner and dessert. You may ask any questions that you may have about our church or about the Christian faith.

If you are interested, sign up by contacting Pastor Bill Lawrence by email (bill@nwchurch.com) or by phone (425.921.6403).



Board of Elders

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Isaiah Lockett & Jessie Heninger

Interim Student Leaders

Brian Heninger

Children's Pastor

Debbie Mercado

Production Assistant

Julie Roberts

Administrative/Scheduling Assistant

Greg Orcutt

Facilities

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Pray for Our Pastors, as they:

- Preach the word of truth, with patience and teaching (2 Timothy 4:2)
- Equip the saints for the work of ministry (Ephesians 4:12)
- Encourage and counsel the flock with wisdom and discernment

Pray for our Elders, as they

- Live out the qualifications listed in 1 Timothy 3:1-7
- Shepherd the flock with wisdom and care (1 Peter 5:2-3)
- Invest in our lives, walking alongside us in our sorrows and joys



Northwest Church

Join us for worship on Sundays at 8:45 or 10:30 a.m.

Classes for all ages

19820 Scriber Lake Road #1

Lynnwood, WA 98036

Phone: (425) 921-6400

nwchurch.com

Office Hours: Mon-Fri, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.