

Northwest Bancshares, Inc.
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March 07, 2018

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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NORTHWEST BANCSHARES, INC.

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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the
Stockholder Meeting to Be Held on April 18, 2018.**

Meeting Information

NORTHWEST BANCSHARES, INC.

Meeting Type: Annual Meeting

For holders as of: February 23, 2018

Date: April 18, 2018 **Time:** 11:00 a.m., Eastern Time

Location: The Struthers Library Theatre
302 W. Third Avenue

Warren, PA 16365

100 LIBERTY STREET

P.O. BOX 128

WARREN, PA 16365-2353

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We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.



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Before You Vote

How to Access the Proxy Materials

Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:

NOTICE AND PROXY STATEMENT SUMMARY ANNUAL REPORT ANNUAL REPORT ON
FORM 10-K

How to View Online:

Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow (located on the following page) and visit: www.proxyvote.com, or scan the QR Barcode below.

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Please make the request as instructed above on or before April 4, 2018 to facilitate timely delivery.

How To Vote

Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

Vote In Person: Many stockholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials

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for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

Vote By Internet: Go to *www.proxyvote.com* or from a smartphone, scan the QR Barcode above. Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow (located on the following page) available and follow the instructions.

Vote By Mail: You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

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Voting Items

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following:

1. The election as directors of all nominees listed below.

Nominees:

- 01) Philip M. Tredway
- 02) Deborah J. Chadsey
- 03) Timothy M. Hunter
- 04) Ronald J. Seiffert

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposals:

2. Ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2018.
 3. An advisory, non-binding resolution to approve the executive compensation described in the Proxy Statement.
 4. The approval of the Northwest Bancshares, Inc. 2018 Equity Incentive Plan.
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