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**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO…**

**Tuesday, May 12:**
Diane Busto, Ryan Williamson, Kaitlyn McManus, Kevin O'Leary

Danny Alexander, Alexis Cole

**Wednesday, May 13:**
Ray Spigarelli, Greg Zimmer

**Friday, May 15:**
Pat Donnelly

**Saturday, May 16:**
Chris Peterson, Heather Wood

If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven’t seen them in church recently, give them a call!

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**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

- Children’s Ministry is sending out personal notes to the children of Northwood so watch for your note in the mail. If you want to receive a note for your child or grandchild contact Justine Davis at [childrensministry@northwoodpc.org](mailto:childrensministry@northwoodpc.org).
- Please be sure to check out and “like” the Children’s Ministry Facebook group. Each week we will have a children’s Bible lesson posted along with other activities.

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**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Given the guidance from the Presbytery and public health officials, we have suspended all group gatherings, including Christian Education for children, youth and adults until further notice. Please use our website for up-to-date information.

**Experiencing God Class**, led by Vicki Krueger

If you’d like to join the Experiencing God class virtually via Zoom at 10:30am on Sunday mornings, please contact Vicki Krueger via email at vickilee33@aol.com and she will send you the meeting details each week.

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...Praise be to the **God and Father of our LORD Jesus Christ,**
the **Father of compassion** and the God of all **comfort**
who comforts us in all our troubles…”

[2 Corinthians 1:3-4](https://bible.com/bible/59/2co.1.3-4.1.1301834)

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**May 10, 2020**

Ministers: All Members of the Church

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor
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Order for the Worship of God
May 10, 2020
5th Sunday of Easter
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)
Leader: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!
People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!
Leader: How can we know the way of God?
People: Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.
Leader: Let us worship God.

OPENING VOLUNTARY
“For the Beauty of Each Hour” Alfred V. Fedak

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
Chris Curvin, Pastor

HYMN #366 “Love Divine, All Love’s Excelling” HYFRYDOL

Love divine, all loves excellency, Joy of heaven, to earth come down, Fix us in thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown, Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unsought love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:

Come, Lord of hosts, let us adore. Return, my God, to thy rest. Lord of my life, hear my prayer. Answer me, O Lord, I cry to thee.

Leader: Let us worship God.
People: How can we know the way of God?
Leader: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING
Philippians 4:15-20 (NRSV)
The love which from our birth over and around us lies:
For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON
SOLO “Alabaster Box” Janice Sjostrand

The room grew still as she made her way to Jesus. She stumbles through the tears that made her blind. She felt such pain; some spoke in anger, heard folks whisper, “There’s no place here for your kind.” Still on she came, through the shame that flushed her face, until at last she knelt before His feet. And though she spoke no words, everything she said was heard as she poured her love for the Master from her box of alabaster.

And I’ve come to pour my praise on Him like oil from Mary’s alabaster box. Don’t be angry if I wash His feet with my tears and I dry them with my hair. You weren’t there the night He found me, you did not feel what I felt when He wrapped His love all around me.

And you don’t know the cost of the oil in my alabaster box. I can’t forget the way life used to be; I was a prisoner to the sin that had me bound. And I spend my days pouring my life without measure into a little treasure box I thought I found, until the day when Jesus came to me and healed my soul with the wonder of His touch. So now I’m giving back to Him all the praise He’s worthy of. I’ve been forgiven and that’s why I love Him so much.

MOTHER’S DAY VIDEO

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRAYER OF DEDICATION
HYMN #201 “A Prophet-Women Broke a Jar” Mark 14:3 (stanzas 1, 4)

A prophet-woman broke a jar, by Love’s divine appointing, With rare perfume she filled the room, presiding and anointing. A prophet-woman broke a jar, the sners of scorn defying. With rare perfume she filled the room, preparing Christ for dying. The Spirit knows; the Spirit calls, by Love’s divine ordaining, The friend we need, to serve and lead, their powers and gifts unchanging. The Spirit knows; the Spirit calls, from women, men, and children, the friends we need, to serve and lead. Rejoice and make them welcome!

WE GROW IN THE WORD
FIRST SCRIPTURE READING
Mark 14:3-9 (NRSV)
To my precious Lord I bring my flask of fragrant oil; Jesus, who for my sake wailed the road to Calvary, with each step has marked the imprint of his love for me.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING
Philippians 4:15-20 (NRSV)
The joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
For thy self, best gift divine to the world so freely given;
For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

SERMON “The Attractive Aroma of Chanel #5” Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #14 “For the Beauty of the Earth” Dix

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies
For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

SINGING

PRAISE SONG
“Stand Up” Mark 14:3-4

MESSAGE
“The Attractive Aroma of Chanel #5” Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION
“In Christ Alone” Philippians 4:15-20

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING
OFFERTORY
“Alabaster Box” Stephanie Carson, Soloist; Mark Johnston, Piano

SCRIPTURE
Mark 14:3-4 Philippians 4:15-20

MESSAGE
“In Christ Alone” Chris Curvin, Pastor

CLOSING VOLUNTARY
“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” Jason D. Payne

Benediction

PRAISE SONG
“Cornerstone” Stephanie Carson, Soloist; Mark Johnston, Piano

COUNTDOWN
WELCOME
PRAISE SONG
“Stand Up”