Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian Church
A Stephen Ministry Church
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July 12, 2020

Ministers: All Members of the Church
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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 childrensminis-try@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.
https://www.facebook.com/groups/633579497423839/?source_id=263480270372443

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Wednesday Bible Study, led by Cindy Huffman
The Sunday Bible study has moved to Wednesdays and is meeting on Zoom. The group is studying the book of Ecclesiastes. If you’d like to join the Wednesday Bible Study that meets on Wednesdays at 7:00pm, please email Cindy Huffman at lucindy@aol.com and she will forward you the Zoom link. All are welcome!

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.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

HYMN NOTES:
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (475) by Robert Robinson
(1735-1790)
Born of humble parents, Robinson could not afford schooling for the ministry, so was apprenticed at fourteen to a London barber and hairdresser. He spent more time reading and playing with friends than cutting hair. He became the leader of a notorious gang, and he shamed his family so much that they practically disowned him. Then, still a teen, he went to a George Whitefield meeting, intending to ridicule it; instead he almost fell asleep in it. But then the preacher shouted out a Bible verse: “O generation of vi-pers; who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come” (Matt 3:7 KJV). That evening Robinson was converted. He wrote this hymn at the age of twenty-three as he served at the Calvinistic Methodist Church in Norfolk, England. Like the more famous John Newton’s “Amazing Grace,” his hymn is one of providence and grace. Like Jacob, who raised an Ebenezer (a stone altar which signified that God had brought him thus far), he confesses how great a debtor he is to the grace of God, as are we all.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO…

Monday, July 13: David Smith, Ann Briggs, Jackson Krueger, Julie Bryant
Tuesday, July 14: Lorrie Janusik, William Warren
Wednesday, July 15: Nathan Rodewald, Bryce Fulford
Thursday, July 16: Georgia Rounding, Nancy Rodewald, Ava Catlin, Annabelle Fredriksen
Friday, July 17: Richard Zirk, Diane Bolton
Saturday, July 18: Rob Robicheau, Jimmy Krueger, Morgan Peterson

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

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by

Friends of Northwood

The rose on the baptismal font is in honor of the birth of

Liam Michael O’Leary
Liam was born on June 25th and is the son of Laura & Kevin O’Leary, the grandson of Linda & Mike O’Leary and Max & Pat Bygrave and the great-grandson of Pete & Evelyn Towns.

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2020 Flower Reservation Chart” on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Thank you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

Follow the link to view our weekly email:
https://mailchi.mp/19683eef7381/citylight-updates-1373476

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Order for the Worship of God
July 12, 2020
6th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)
Leader: God of grace, you have given us minds to know you,
People: You have given us hearts to love you,
Leader: And you have gifted us life to sing your praise.
People: Fill us with your Spirit that we may celebrate your glory and truly worship you.

OPENING VOLUNTARY
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” arr. Diane Bish

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #475 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” NETTLETON
Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I’m come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.

Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s unchanging love!

CALL TO CONFESSION
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

Heavenly Father, As your children, you long for us to grow in faith, hope and love.
We confess that the concern for what others might say, the consuming cares of this world, and the constant desire for more have hardened our fickle hearts to your love and grace.
In our most honest moments, we know that growing spiritually and becoming more like Jesus has not been what it could have been.
Loving God, forgive us for not allowing you to work in and through us for your kingdom.

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HYMN
“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine” CANTERBURY

Holy Spirit, Truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine;
Word of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.

Holy Spirit, Love divine, glow within this heart of mine,
Kindle every high desire; perish self in thy pure fire.

Holy Spirit, Power divine, fill and nerve this will of mine;
Grant that I may strongly live, bravely bear, and nobly strive.

--text by Samuel Longfellow, 1864

SCRIPTURE READING
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

SERMON
The Heart of the Matter
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GROW IN THE WORD

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HYMN #79 “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “How Firm a Foundation” Jason D. Payne

And the Father will dance over you with joy! He will take delight in whom He loves.
Is that a choir I hear singing the praises of God?
No, the Lord God Himself is exulting o’er you in song! And He will joy over you in song!

Sermon notes...

that ignite Action!