

HYMN NOTES:

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” (65)

At the urging of a Welsh evangelist, the author, William Williams began writing hymns as a Welsh Calvinist-Methodist minister. His brother, Peter, who was later expelled from the church for heresy, provided the translations. The composer of the music, John Hughes, was invited in September 1907 to compose a new tune for an approaching annual Cymanfa Ganu (Singing festival) at the Chapel Rhondda in Hopkinstown, Pontypridd (Wales). Some weeks later Hughes was inspired to work on the tune and devoted most of the day to the task, completing it before bedtime. It was sung for the festival that November and at more than 5000 others by 1930. The popular tune did not enter English hymnals until after the composer's death, largely because he carefully guarded the copyright. Originally the tune was called simply RHONDDA, the name of the nearby river as well as the chapel where it was first sung, but was later renamed to avoid confusion with a tune of the same name. The name, CWM RHONDDA (pronounced *coom HRON-tha*), means “Rhondda valley.”

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Tuesday, August 4: Jane Larson, Gemma Briggs

Wednesday, August 5: Cindy Huffman, Candy Spoenlein, Kevin Matson

Thursday, August 6: Cindy Gamble, Lindsay French

Saturday, August 8: Dick Evans, Audrey Nower, Kim Peterson, Melanie Schulz, Rachel Smith



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



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. During this time when we are not meeting for in person worship, please send your information directly to communications@northwoodpc.org

Thank you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

*“That person is like a TREE
planted by STREAMS OF WATER, which
yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does
not wither- whatever they do prospers.”*

Psalm 1:3

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.
- ♦ 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 lucindy1@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

Citylight Schedule 812 - 819

- ★ **SUNDAY 8/2**
9:30 AM & 11:00 AM LIVE STREAM CHURCH
10:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS
8:30 PM - JACK BOX VIA ZOOM
- ★ **TUESDAY 8/4**
7:00 PM - YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM
7:30 PM - YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA TEAMS
- ★ **WEDNESDAY 8/5**
10:30 AM - 3:30 PM BEACH DAY AT HONEYMOON ISLAND
MEET AT THE CHURCH AT 10:30 OR MEET US AT HONEYMOON ISLAND
ANYTIME AFTER 11:00 AM - LUNCH PROVIDED - PLEASE SIGN UP BELOW
- ★ **THURSDAY 8/6**
7:00 PM - YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM
7:30 PM - YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA TEAMS
- ★ **FRIDAY 8/7**
10:00 AM - 12:30 PM MISSION EXPERIENCE - FEEDING TAMPA BAY
PINELLAS PARK MOBILE PANTRY - SEE FLYER FOR SIGN UP
- ★ **SUNDAY 8/9**
9:30 AM & 11:00 AM LIVE STREAM CHURCH
10:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS
8:30 PM - JACKBOX VIA ZOOM

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<https://mailchi.mp/7b225e014141/citylight-updates-1396964>

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

August 2, 2020



Ministers: All Members of the Church

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Order for the Worship of God
August 2, 2020
9th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Leader: Come, children of God, to sing a new song; clap your hands and shout your praise.

People: Jesus is our good news, our joy, and our salvation.

Leader: In steadfast love and faithfulness God has done marvelous things.

People: God calls us into partnership with Christ Jesus and bids us walk in the light.

Leader: How good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters dwell in unity. Let us worship God.

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Interpretation on WAREHAM” David Cherwien
(based on the tune of the middle hymn, #457)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #65 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” CWM RHONDDA
**Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell’s destruction, land me safe on Canaan’s side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

God of light, you have called us into partnership, but we have chosen instead to go our own way. You have given us light and we have preferred to walk in the shadows. You call us to truth while we cling to our lies. We try to fool others and end up deceiving ourselves. Come to us in our confusion and sin to forgive us, we pray, and make us whole. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

APOSTLES’ CREED *(Together)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SOLO

“Tree Song”
Sarah Flaherty, Soloist

Ken Medema

CALL TO OFFERING

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 1:1-4 (NRSV)

SERMON

“Like a Tree”

verse 3: “they are like trees planted by streams of water...”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

HYMN #457

“How Happy Are the Saints of God”

WAREHAM

(paraphrase of Psalm 1)

**How happy are the saints of God who do not heed the wicked way;
delighting in the holy Word they seek God’s wisdom night and day.**

**Like deeply rooted trees, they stand beside an ever flowing stream.
Their fruit is plentiful and good; their leaves are always growing green.**

**While wicked ones are whisked away like straw before the driving wind,
the saints are firmly planted still, and God will keep them to the end.**

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER *(Together)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF THE CUP; THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(Please plan to celebrate communion during this livestream service by preparing a small portion of juice—or something to drink—and bread for your use at home.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #250

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

PROMISE

**In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter, there’s a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**There’s a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there’s a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**In our end is our beginning; in our time infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Maestoso”

Aaron David Miller

(a transcribed improvisation from November 2017)

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

IGNITE

ignite is a contemporary worship service at 9:30 that delivers the message of Jesus Christ through Powerful Music, Media & Scripture Based Sermons.

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME

PRAISE SONG

“My Feet Are on the Rock”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG

“What a Beautiful Name”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“I Will Rise”

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 1:1-4

MESSAGE

“Like a Tree”

*verse 3: “They are like trees planted by streams of water...”
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HOLY COMMUNION

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Amazing Grace” (My Chains Are Gone)

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!