

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

March 19, 2017

A LITANY FOR THOSE WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS

Jackie Koski (8:15)

Jean Swintek (11:00)

Leader: God of Grace, thank you for tranquil, reflective moments when we are able to recognize you in the world. For all your beauty and your wonder, we give you thanks.

People: **For the breath in our bodies, for our hearts and souls, for our connections with one another, we give you thanks and praise.**

Leader: God of Reconciliation, be present with us when conflicts arise. Remind us that we have a higher calling: to forgive those who wrong us, to pray for those who persecute us, and to seek peace in the midst of strife.

People: **For those with grateful hearts, who have shared their faith with us and responded in kindness and service, we give you thanks and praise.**

Leader: God of Love, we offer our gratitude to you for those women and men who have comforted us and have prayed for us.

People: **For all people, young and old, who do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with you, O God, we give you thanks and praise.**

Leader: Creator God, be present with us as we sing and serve, remember and celebrate, your servants who have lived lives of gratitude, reflecting your love and grace.

People: **Give us your peace, which surpasses our understanding and watch over our hearts and our minds, as we rest in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

Ministers: All Members of the Church

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor
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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (16/17 School Year)

Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship following the anthem.

9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds- Kindergarten, Room 3

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Nancy Stevens & Justine Ruisz.

1st-2nd Grade, Room 2

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Bree & Dan Greff.

3rd-5th Grades, Room 8

Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 8 with Todd & Kathleen Pope.

11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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Childcare for children 3yrs-5th grade who attended Sunday school at 9:30 will be in room 2.

Parents, if you wish for your children to receive communion please have them remain with you in the worship service on Communion Sundays. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Elder Dawn Winder, Chair of Worship Team.

9:30 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Middle & High School Sunday School during the 9:30am service will meet in service and leave for the youth room at 10:30.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 TCI (Today's Christian Issues) Class— Rooms 9 & 11

For more than 20 years AIR-Guatemala has shared faith by training local farmers in sustainable techniques, building stoves to reduce lung disease and save trees, and planting trees to reduce soil erosion and mud slides. Anne Hallum, Director, will give us an update. Learn about the miracles God is working though AIR-Guatemala while enjoying coffee and cookies.

9:30 A.M. Serendipity Class in room 15

11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class in rooms 9 & 11 led by Vicki Krueger.

6:30-7:30 P.M. Bible Study in rooms 4 & 6

Join us as we continue our Bible study, Sunday evenings at 6:30. We are beginning a study on characters in the Old Testament, learning more about some of the familiar ones as well as some less well-known characters. Come see how God used ordinary, flawed people like us for his work in this world. We meet in Room 6 for one hour. This is a discussion class where everyone has a voice. The book we are using is "Characters of the Old Testament" by Peter Scazzero. Any questions? Please call Cindy Huffman at 727-733-8726.

MUSIC NOTES:

Last week we sang a beautifully written anthem by Mark Miller about which choir member Pat Callan had written some material. Because of the power issues some of you may have missed hearing or seeing what was done so we wanted to print it here this week. The anthem text was presumably found on a cellar wall where Jewish children and adults had hidden from the Nazis during World War II.

It was dark in that cold cellar where we were hiding, thirsty and hungry. I held my brother's prayer book when I felt sad. On good days we had potato scraps. Then the little ones stopped crying. It wasn't so bad. My friends were there: Aaron, the sausage maker's son, his little sister Hannah and artist boy from my school. I used his paint to write on the wall to say how I feel. I believed in Love. Now, I'm a blue star in the sky and I can hear some people singing my words. (I believe in the sun, even when it's not shining...)

Notes: In Cologne, Germany, children were hidden until the Nazis deported them to a concentration camp. Jewish prayers are organized in a prayer book, the siddur. The blue star refers to the Star of David.

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



Suzanne Schulhof
In Memory of Allen McMullen

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2017 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!

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO....

Monday, March 20: Doris Strathearn, Jessica Curtin, Delaney Williamson
Tuesday, March 21: Elaine Cornillaud, Peggy Steele
Wednesday, March 22: Suzanne Hamilton, Amanda Voss
Thursday, March 23: Ginny Courtney, Rich Spoenlein, Andy Strelcheck, Gabby Zimmer
Friday, March 24: Fred Drew, Mary Corrello, Dallas Wood, Will Parker, Nicole Bullis, Isabella Devinentis, Henry Davis
Saturday, March 25: Jason McNeill, Grant Pelham



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

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

ACOLYTE:

(8:15) Kayla Dabbs
(11:00) Claire Cantin

GREETERS:

(8:15) Lorrie Janusik & Jackie Koski
(11:00) Elaine Cornillaud & Judy Hood

USHERS:

(8:15) Suzanne Hamilton & Anna Hamilton
Polly Hamilton & Barbara Moler
(9:30) Linda Morris & Carol Zieres
(11:00) Carol Rathmell & Nancy Johnson
Evelyn Towns & Polly Brown

VAN DRIVER: Cynthia Lawrence



Order for the Public Worship of God
March 19, 2017
Gifts of Women Sunday
8:15 & 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service

WE GATHER

*(Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins. Please silence electronic devices.)
(Large print hymnal and bulletins are available in the inset bookcase in the narthex or ask an usher.)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Charlotte McQuown (8:15)
Barbara Englehart (11:00)

Leader: Grateful to God, we worship the God of Grace.
People: In God, we are ever thankful; in God we will rejoice!
Leader: Look to God. Do not be afraid.
People: Lift up your voices. God is near.
Leader: Grateful to God, we worship.
People: We give thanks for the gifts of God this day.

OPENING VOLUNTARY “You Raise Me Up” arr. Sandra Eithun
Celebration Ringers

(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS Jeanette Holloway (8:15)
Martha Tobiassen (11:00)

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle.)

***HYMN #645**

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” MIT FREUDEN ZART

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION JoAnne Spigarelli (8:15)
Dawn Winder (11:00)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

O God, we confess that we have not always spoken up for justice. We have not stood with the oppressed. We have walked the other way, sometimes immobilized by fear and sometimes not knowing what else to do. Rekindle the gift of God within us and remind us of our faith, a faith that first lived in our grandmothers and our mothers, in our Sunday School teachers and our choir directors, in our elders and our ministers. God of Grace, forgive us and transform us into whom you would have us to be, so that we delight in your will and walk in your way. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God acts with justice and mercy. In everlasting love, God redeems us and sets us free.

**People: With grateful hearts to God we proclaim that Jesus is Lord.
To the one and only God, Father and Holy Spirit, be honor
and glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581**

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

ANTHEM

“Lord of the Small”

Dan Forrest

*Praise to the Lord of the small broken things,
Who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing.
Who loves the lame child, and the wretch in the street,
Who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet.*

*Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid,
Who girds them with courage and lends them His aid.*

*He pours out His spirit on vessels so weak
That the timid can serve and the silent can speak.*

*Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill,
Who heals their afflictions, or carries them till
They leave this tired frame and to paradise fly,
To never be sick, and never to die.*

*Praise Him, O praise Him, all ye who yet live,
Who’ve been given so much and can so little give,
Our frail, lisping praise God will never despise:
He sees His dear children through mercy filled eyes.*

OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN

(Children ages 3yrs – 2nd Grade, are welcome to remain in service with their parents or join us in room 3 for Children’s Church.)

WE UNITE IN PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Marion Hill (8:15)

Jane Sumwalt (11:00)

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.

PURPOSE SONG “Presbyterian Women Purpose Song” Roberta Hoopes

(This is included as an insert in your bulletin. The choir will sing it once and then all join in singing the second time.)

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING

Pam Wood (8:15)

Linda O’Leary (11:00)

MUSICAL OFFERING “Bless the Lord, O My Soul” Joel Raney

Michele White, Stephanie Carson, Barbara Jordan

***A DOXOLOGY—#606**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4:2-3 *(page 955)*

SERMON

“A Fruitful Struggle”

Rev. Joy Laughridge

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

A LITANY FOR THOSE WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS *(see front cover)*

***HYMN #716** “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” BEACH SPRING

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Praise Dance: MIT FREUDEN ZART” Franklin D. Ashdown
(based on the tune of the opening hymn, #645)

(You are invited to remain for the final act of worship, the closing voluntary. A closer look is welcomed if you wish to come stand next to the organ console.)

**Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.*

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

“You Raise Me Up” arr. Sandra Eithun

Celebration Ringers

MEET & GREET

PRAISE SONG

“Stand Up”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Martha Tobiassen

CALL TO OFFERING

For more information and classroom assignments for Children’s Sunday School, please see Children’s Ministry News on the back panel of this bulletin.

OFFERTORY

“What A Beautiful Name”

SCRIPTURE

Romans 5:6-11

MESSAGE

“Powerless No More”

Cindy Huffman

VIDEO- “Story Behind the Song”

“It Is Well”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

SONG OF DEDICATION

“In Christ Alone”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU