“Stand Up”

Larry Stephen

Refrain: Stand up and sing for the Lord. Sing for his mercy, sing for His love. Stand up and reach to the sky. Catch His Spirit and you’ll never, never die. Stand up and don’t be afraid. It’s time we understand the promise He made. Stand up and shout out loud “We’ve got a Savior, so be proud.”

You keep your head up, keep your dream alive.
Face your fears and stare ’em in the eye.
He made a promise to lead us to salvation.
If you believe it then feel it in your soul and stand up. (Refrain)

There’s something happ’n’ can you feel it can you see it?
His Spirit’s all around us and it’s losing control.
The temperature is rising it’s about to explode,
So get up on your feet and raise your hands to the Lord and stand up. (Refrain)

Let’s keep this place a rockin’, keep it alive,
And celebrate the faith not even money can buy.
So reach out to your brothers, reach out to your friends
And reach out to the love so He can feel you again and stand up. (Refrain)

If you feel it in your heart, feel it in your soul,
Feel it for each other and praise the risen Lord.
Stand up!

INTRODUCTION OF THE 2016 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Faith Allen (11:00)  Sonya-Nicole Weidner  *Bryce Fulford
Kurt Kemerer  Sophie Dietch  *Brandon Strelcheck
Griffen Patel

*Will receive the sacrament of baptism

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER
(Children may remain in service with family or join in room 3 for children’s worship.)

CALL TO OFFERING
(The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is also received today.)

OFFERTORY  “Same Power”

I can see - waters raging at my feet.
I can feel - the breath of those surrounding me.
I can hear - the sound of nations rising up.
We will not be overtaken. We will not be overcome.
I can walk - down this dark and painful road.
I can face - every fear of the unknown.
I can hear - all God's children singing out.
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Refrain: The same power that rose Jesus from the grave,
The same power that commands the dead to wake lives in us, lives in us.
The same power that moves mountains when He speaks,
The same power that can calm a raging sea, lives in us, lives in us, lives in us, lives in us.

We have hope - that His promises are true.
In His strength - there is nothing we can't do.
Yes, we know - there are greater things in store.
We will not be overtaken, we will not be overcome. (Refrain)

Greater is He that is living in me - He's conquered our enemy.
No power of darkness - no weapon prevails - we stand here in victory.
(Repeat) (Refrain)

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Job 14:14 (NRSV) (page 402)
Mark 16:1-13 (NRSV) (page 829-830)

**MESSAGE**

“Life Wins!”
E. Chris Curvin, Pastor

**SONG OF DEDICATION**

“O Happy Day”
O Happy Day, O Happy Day, when Jesus washed, when Jesus washed, when Jesus washed, He washed our sins away!

“Happy Day”
The greatest day in history, death is beaten, You have rescued me.
Sing it out, Jesus is alive.
The empty cross, the empty grave, life eternal, You have won the day.
Shout it out, Jesus is alive, He's alive!

Refrain: And oh, happy day, happy day, You washed my sin away.
Oh happy day, happy day, I'll never be the same.

When I stand in that place free at last, meeting face to face
I am Yours, Jesus You are mine.
Endless joy, perfect peace, earthly pain finally will cease.
Celebrate, Jesus is alive, He's alive! (Refrain) Woah…

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Easter Lilies
The flowers in the Sanctuary and around the church are given in honor of or memory of loved ones in the congregation. For a detailed list, please see the bulletin insert.

For those who purchased lilies, you may pick them up after the final Easter service has concluded.

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About our Children’s Ministry:
Welcome to Northwood Presbyterian Church! Our mission is to join with parents to help kids develop a faith in Jesus Christ that lasts a lifetime! We invite you to take a look at our website, www.northwoodpc.org, for more information about what we offer and join us for some of our exciting upcoming events! If you have any questions, please contact Justine Ruisz.

Justine Ruisz, Director of Children’s Ministry
Childrenministry@northwoodpc.org 796-8090/ Cell- 727-641-8140

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY NEWS
8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds- 2nd Grade (15/16 School Year)
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Kindergarten-2nd Grades, Room 2
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Melissa Patel & Justine Ruisz.

3rd-5th Grades
Children will remain with family and enjoy Easter Service.

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9:30 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
On the 1st Sunday we will meet in the Ignite service to enjoy worship and communion together. Middle and High Sunday School will be in the Youth Room on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays.

CHILDREN’S UP COMING EVENTS
VBS is going to be a Rock Solid Adventure with Cave Quest
Children, VPK - 5th grade (15/16) are invited on this awesome adventure June 20-24 from 9:00-12:00. If you would like to help with VBS please let Justine Ruisz know. Registration is now open on our website, www.northwoodpc.org.

Congratulations to our Confrmands!
Today we welcome our seven Confrmands into Membership in the Presbyterian Church. These students, grades 7 and up, started classes on January 24 to learn about the History of the Church, Presbyterian Polity, Old Testament, New Testament, Worship and more. They also spent a fun weekend out at Cedarkirk and attended the March Session Meeting. On Saturday, March 19 they attended a Breakfast in their honor where they shared their faith statements. And today we welcome them as brothers and sisters in Christ’s Church!

The roses on the baptismal font are in honor of:

Maddox Brogan Williamson, infant son of Kristen and Ryan Williamson and siblings Warrick and Delaney. Maddox was born on Saturday, March 19, 2016 and weighed 9 lbs 15 ounces.

Nico Nortje, infant son of Et and Ilze Nortje, and proud grandparents Jim and Rina McGrath. Nico was born on Saturday, March 19, 2016 and weighed 7 lbs 14 ounces.

Declan William McMannus, infant son of Kaitlyn and Corey McMannus, and proud grandparents Gene and Lisa Weitz. Declan was born on Thursday, March 10, 2016 and weighed 9 lbs 11 ounces.

We extend our Christian sympathy to Jack and Susan Curry upon the news of the death of Jack’s son, John B. Curry.
**YOUTH EVENTS**

About or Youth Ministry:
Our active youth ministry is open to all 6th-12th graders and offers something for everyone. There are weekly events (see below) as well as monthly and annual. We invite you to check out our website for more information and join us for one or more events!

**Sunday, March 27:** No Youth Group, Happy Easter!
**Friday, April 1:** Game Night 7-10 P.M.
**Sunday, April 3:** Youth Group 5-6:30 P.M.
**Friday, April 8:** Game Night 7-10 P.M.
**Sunday, April 10:** Youth Group 5-6:30 P.M.
**Friday, April 15:** Game Night 7-10 P.M.
**Sunday, April 17:** Youth Group 5-6:30 P.M.
**Friday, April 22:** Game Night 7-10 P.M.
**Sunday, April 24:** Youth Sunday—Students will lead worship for all 3 services with music, prayer, lesson, ushering and greeting. Contact Mr. Troy to get involved. We will need all of you to help.

**Attention Graduating Seniors:** Please submit your pictures and post-graduation plans to Tracy Donovan by April 30th. Pictures can be dropped off in the office or e-mailed to communications@northwoodpc.org.

**Scholarship Application Time:** NPC members who are high school seniors, college/vocational students or grad students are encouraged to pick up guidelines/applications from Tracy Donovan in the church office now or print one out online. Applications must be received by June 1, 2016. Applicants need to be involved in the life of the church (either here or at college/Seminary). This scholarship can only be received twice. For more information about this scholarship, go to www.northwoodpc.org.

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

9:30 AM Serendipity Class
No class today.

9:30 AM TCI Sunday School Class (Today’s Christian Issues)
Today’s topic will be a discussion of fear, anxiety and other concerns. Come join us for coffee and cookies and a discussion of the topic. The class will be led by Ken Tobiasen in rooms 4 & 6.

11:00 AM Experiencing God Class
Join us in rooms 4 & 6 led by Vicki Krueger. All are welcome.

**Upcoming Events**

**Celebrate the Gifts of Women**
Join us in worship on Sunday, April 10, as we celebrate the gifts of women. Rev. Kathleen Dain, Executive Director of Beth-El Farmworkers Ministry, will lead our traditional services at 8:15am and 11:00am. Our own Cindy Huffman of the Chancel Choir and Voices in Praise will lead the Ignite service at 9:30am.

**Blood Drive**
Mark your calendars! Our next blood drive is scheduled for Sunday, April 10.

**New Bible Study**
Are you interested in a Bible Study that will help you see the whole story of God’s Word in the Bible? A new study will begin Sunday, April 3 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Room 12. We will look at the thread of God’s love that runs through the Bible and how the stories relate to us today. The study book we will use is “The Story of Scripture” by Robbie F Castleman. Those attending will need to purchase their own book which is available at Christian bookstores for $9.00. Used books are also available online at a lower cost. If you have questions or would like a book ordered for you, please contact Cindy Huffman, leader of the class, at 727-733-8726. This will be a discussion-oriented class and all are invited.

**Fun! Friends! Friday! Ren Crew**
Ren Crew 2nd Friday Fellowship will meet on April 8 at 10:30 in rooms 9 &11. Pat Callan will present a program on artist, Salvador Dali drawing on her research and discoveries at the Dali Museum. We will learn of melting watches, lobster telephones and the brilliance of his artistic techniques. Following the program we will enjoy lunch at Another Broken Egg Cafe. Come join us as we share fun with friends, old and new. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Paul at 796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org

**Children’s Summer Music Camp, July 25-29**
Children rising into 3rd-6th grade are invited to take part in our Summer Music Camp July 25-29. This Monday-Friday camp will run 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. with the performance being Friday, 7/29. The cost is $35 and is limited to the first 25 children who sign up. If you have any questions or to hold a spot, please contact Stephanie Carson (stephanie@northwoodpc.org or 796-8090).
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