



NORTHWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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EASTER SUNDAY

March 27, 2016 ~ 8:15 & 11:00 AM

WE GATHER

(Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the service begins. Please silence electronic devices.)

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

OPENING VOLUNTARY "Chorale-Fantasy on 'Christ the Lord Has Risen'" Flor Peeters
Brass and Organ (1903-1986)

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Curvin, Pastor

*PASSING THE PEACE OF THE RISEN LORD

*EASTER GREETING

Leader: The Lord is risen!
People: **He is risen indeed!**
Leader: Christ is risen!
People: **HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

*HYMN

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"
from *Fanfare for Easter Day*

EASTER HYMN
arr. Benjamin Harlan

(all singing after an introduction with organ, brass and choir)

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!
All creation join to say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply, Alleluia!
2. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!
3. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!
Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!

(choral closing)

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Unison)*

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

Mighty God: by your power is Christ raised from death to rule this world with love. We confess that we have not believed in Him but fall into doubt and fear. Forgive our dread of dying, our hopelessness, and set us free for joy in the victory of Jesus Christ, who was dead but lives, and will put down every power to hurt or destroy, when your promised kingdom comes. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(from #245)*

LLANFAIR

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministries
(Children age 3 (by 9/15) through second grade may go to Room 3 for Children's Sunday School.)

INTRODUCTION OF THE 2016 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Faith Allen (11:00) Sophie Dietrich (9:30) Kurt Kemerer (9:30) Griffen Patel (9:30)
Sonya-Nicole Weidner (9:30) *Brandon Strelcheck (9:30) *Bryce Fulford (9:30)

**Will receive the sacrament of baptism*

WE UNITE IN PRAYER

CALL TO PRAYER *(all singing)*

He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING

ANTHEM

"He Is Not Here"

Russell Nagy

*'Twas at the break of day when women came with spices to anoint our Lord.
And walking to the tomb, said, "Who will move the mighty stone that bars the door?"
Then behold they found no stone; but a man was standing there instead.
Dazzling bright in raiment white, saying, "Jesus is not dead!"*

Refrain: *He is not here! He is risen! See, the tomb is empty where He lay.
He is not here! He is risen! Jesus rose on Easter Day.*

*When John and Peter heard the strange account, they doubted that it could be true;
But running there to find the empty tomb, they suddenly believed it too.
In the place where Jesus lay sat the burial clothing of the dead,
Laid aside, like death denied, for He was no longer dead! (Refrain)*

*The tomb is empty, He is risen! Jesus Christ is risen, Alleluia!
For Jesus Christ is risen from the dead!*

*And so we do proclaim on Easter Day that Jesus is not in the grave;
But risen from the dead, just as He said, in majesty and pow'r to reign. (Refrain)*

***DOXOLOGY #606** OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN #247** "Now the Green Blade Rises" NOEL NOUVELET

SCRIPTURE READING WE HEAR THE WORD
Job 14:14 (page 402)
Mark 16:1-13 (page 829-830)

SERMON "Life Wins!" Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE
***HYMN #248** "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" HYMN TO JOY

*All who desire are invited to come forward during the hymn to join the choir in the loft for
the "Hallelujah" chorus—scores are provided.*

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL ACCLAMATION** "Hallelujah" G.F. Handel
from *Messiah*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Fugue on O FILII ET FILLAE" Jean Langlais
(based on the Easter Hymn at # 235) (1907-1991)

*(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.)*

*Brass players:
Trumpet I: Katie Figiel
Trumpet II: Palmer Wilhelm
Trombone I: Eric Kemerer
Trombone II: Dale White*

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

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

Welcome Friends & Guests!

March 27, 2016

***A Happy and Joyous Easter to you! Your presence adds greatly to our celebration of
the victory of Christ over sin and death. Christ is risen! He is Risen indeed!***

We invite you to register your attendance on the friendship sheets in your bulletin. If you are new to Northwood, we hope that you'll worship with us again and consider becoming a part of our friendly and caring church family. *If you are interested in exploring membership and/or have questions, please call Pastor Chris Curvin or Tracy Donovan, Membership Coordinator, at 796-8090.* The next Discovering Northwood New Member Class is May 15th at 10:45 AM in Room 4 of the Christian Education building.

We hope you will join us for fellowship, coffee, juice and cookies between services in the hallway outside the kitchen.

Anyone wishing to discuss a commitment/recommitment to Christ, or anyone who has a special prayer concern may speak with one of the pastors after the worship service.

The Easter Lilies (in the sanctuary and around the church today) are given to the glory of God by friends and members of Northwood Presbyterian Church in honor and in memory of their loved ones. (See insert).

We hope you will take time to look through this information and take note of all the events taking place in the life of Northwood. If you are visiting, we hope to see you again soon!

He is Risen!
Pastor Chris



***Thank you for participating by bringing flowers
today for Northwood's flower cross!***

One Great Hour of Sharing, Easter Sunday

For more than 50 years through the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, the refugee and the stranger have found food and safe shelter, those stunned by the aftermath of disasters have found relief and help rebuilding, and communities seeking to take control of their future have found partners in development. This year 80% of the money received will be divided equally between local ministries RCS and Isaiah's Inn, and 20% will go to the Presbytery of Tampa Bay. The hundreds of millions given over the last half century have enabled a powerful witness to the love of the One who came that all might have life more abundantly.

HYMN NOTES:

"Now the Green Blade Riseth" (247)

What a metaphor for Jesus' resurrection! The English clergyman, John MacLeod Campbell (J.M.C.) Crum (1872-1958), wrote this text to be paired with the popular French carol melody NOEL NOUVELET, sometimes referred to by the name FRENCH CAROL. This tune was also used by the famous French organ composer Marcel Dupré for his *Variations on a Noel*, (1922).

The hymn first appeared in the *Oxford Book of Carols* in 1928. Its first printing in the United States was in the 1966 *The Methodist Hymnal*.

The connection of the Easter event - the rising of Jesus -- is unmistakable. The simple phrase "Now the green blade riseth" reminds us that Jesus is risen today just as he rose on that first Easter morning. In the third line, we find "Love" being used as a metaphor for Jesus.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO....

Sunday, March 27th: Laureen Meier,
Mary Michaels
Monday, March 28th: Jeanette Holloway,
Michelle Hanway
Tuesday, March 29th: J.R. Ham, Tyler Atkinson
Wednesday, March 30th: Joshua Youngblood,
Samantha Speer
Thursday, March 31st: Sam Musgrave,
Lynn Propst, Tim Madison
Saturday, April 2nd: Jackie Kovilaritch

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

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD TODAY

ACOLYTES:

(8:15) James Birch
(11:00) Aly Tobiassen

GREETERS:

(8:15) Carl & Mary Corrello
(11:00) Gloria Whitfield &
Cookie Roffey

USHERS:

(8:15) Rocky & Natalie Davis
Dick & Connie Evans
(9:30) Bill & Louise Mylin
(11:00) Pete & Evelyn Towns
Jon Mills, Ed Puschmann

VAN DRIVER: Ed Puschmann

OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, March 28, 2016. The office will re-open Tuesday, March 29, at 9:00 a.m.

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

*Jackie & Jerry Koski
In Memory of
Jackie's Mom*

*Jean Swintek
In Memory of
Her husband, John*

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, Director of Children's Ministry.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (15/16 School Year)

Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for children's worship with Justine Ruisz.

9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-VPK (15/16 School Year), Room 3 with Dan Gipson & Mauricio Estavil.

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.

11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (15/16 School Year), Children may remain in worship with their family or join us in room 3 for children's worship with Justine Ruisz & Nancy Stevens.

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

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.

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 open on our website, www.northwoodpc.org.

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

Congratulations to our Confirmands!

Today we welcome our seven Confirmands 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!



Congratulations!

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.

Our Sympathies

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

The Paschal Candle

Today on the chancel is a large candle that symbolizes both the pillar of fire that led Israel by night, and the risen Lord who stands among us at Easter. This large candle sits tall and it bears a light and witness to the risen Christ. The candle is called the paschal candle. "Pasch" comes from the Hebrew word "pesah," meaning deliverance or Pass-over-- thus connecting the Resurrection to the Exodus. As we did last year, the candle is first used on Easter and continues at each service through the Great Fifty Days—Easter through Pentecost. It is also appropriate to light it at initiation rites such as baptism, confirmation and ordinations as well as at funerals.

YOUTH EVENTS

About our 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!

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| 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. Sign up now! |
| Friday, April 29: | Game Night 7-10 P.M. & High School Hangout 10 P.M.-Midnight |

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 and 6.

11:00 AM Experiencing God Class

Join us in room 4 and 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. This promises to be a special and exciting day! Questions? Contact Sue Miskiewicz (799-6767 or susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com).

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).

Learn about Being Presbyterian

What is a Presbyterian?

In the New Testament, "Presbuteros" means elder, and refers to the democratic custom of choosing leaders and advisors from among the members of the church.

Presbyterians are a group of Protestants whose church is founded on this concept of democratic rule under the Word of God. The Presbyterian denomination is a form of Christianity democratically organized to embrace the faith common to all Christians.

All that is required to be a Presbyterian is to...

- Confess the Christian faith
- Trust in Christ as our forgiving Savior
- Promise to follow Christ and Christ's example for living
- Commit oneself to attend church and to become involved in its work.

Presbyterians have two main sources for inspiration and guidance in their faith:

1. The Bible: The Bible is an inspired record of the revelation of God to all. Presbyterians have always believed that the Bible is the most authoritative source for faith and practice for all people. Presbyterians do not believe that the authors of the Bible were "pens of God" as the pre-Christian writers believed. Instead, they believe the authors were inspired by God to reveal God to all people.
2. Creeds & Confessions: These are statements of doctrine that express the beliefs of a church or congregation. They include:
 - The Apostles' Creed
 - The Nicene Creed
 - The Scots Confession, 1560
 - The Heidelberg Catechism
 - The Second Helvetic Confession
 - And others

Presbyterians recognize two Sacraments—as described in the Bible.

1. Baptism: This sacrament unites us with Jesus Christ and makes us members of God's family, the Church. For Presbyterians, baptism...
 - Is an initiation into the church community, as ordered by Christ
 - Is a public confession, not a private one—it's a statement of faith made in the presence of others
 - Does not guarantee access to heaven—un-baptized people are not denied salvation
 - Can be performed in another church—there is no need to be re-baptized in a Presbyterian Church.
2. Communion: This is also called the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion or the Eucharist. It's a time to renew faith and strengthen participants for the duties and privileges of Christian service. In communion, the bread and the wine represent the sacrificial body and blood of Christ and recall the last meal shared with the apostles. Together they symbolize the new covenant between God and all people.

To learn more about what it means to be a Presbyterian, and a member of Northwood, please join us for our Discovering Northwood New Member Class May 15th at 10:45 am in Room 4 of the Christian Education Building.

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