

EASTER SUNDAY

April 16, 2017 ~ 9:30 A.M.

WELCOME

CHILDREN'S CHOIR "Gaudeamus Hodie"

Natalie Sleeth

(Let Us Rejoice Today)

NPC Children's Choirs (3rd-5th grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER GREETING

Leader: The Lord is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: HE IS RISEN INDEED!

PRAISE SONGS "Jovful, Jovful, We Adore Thee"

Refrain: We sing in jubilation, adoration to a joyful King. You are spinning, and You are singing zealous love over all Your children.

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love. Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, op'ning to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days! Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed. In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding, bring a taste of love unknown. (refrain)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise. Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise, He, who on the cross as Savior, for the world's salvation bled,

Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead! (refrain)

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

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! He is risen! Christ is risen! Alleluia! He is risen! Christ is risen! Alleluia! We will give Him all the glory, Alleluia! He is worthy! He is holy! Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

He is risen! Christ is risen! Alleluia! He is risen! Christ is risen! Alleluia! (repeat)

MEET & GREET

PRAISE SONGS

"Jesus"

There is a truth older than the ages. There is a promise of things yet to come. There is One born for our salvation. Jesus.

There is a light that overwhelms the darkness. There is a kingdom that forever reigns. There is freedom from the chains that bind us. Jesus.

Who walks on the waters, who speaks to the sea, who stands in the fire beside me. He roars like a lion, He bled as the Lamb. He carries my healing in His hand. Jesus.

There is a name I call in times of trouble. There is a song that comforts in the night. There is a voice that calms the storm that rages. Jesus, Jesus.

Who walks on the waters, who speaks to the sea, who stands in the fire beside me. He roars like a lion, He bled as the Lamb. He carries my healing in His hand. Jesus.

Messiah, my Savior. There is power in Your name. You're my rock and my Redeemer. There is power in Your name, in Your name.

You walk on the waters, You speak to the sea, You stand in the fire beside me. You roar like a lion, You bled as the Lamb. You carried my healing in Your hands. (repeat)

Jesus. There is no one like You, Jesus. There is no one like You.

"Glorious Day"

I was buried beneath my shame. Who could carry that kind of weight? It was my tomb - 'til I met You.

I was breathing but not alive. All my failures I tried to hide.

It was my tomb - 'til I met You.

You called my name, and I ran out of that grave. Out of the darkness into Your glorious day. (repeat)

Now Your mercy has saved my soul. Now Your freedom is all that I know. The old made new, Jesus, when I met you

You called my name, and I ran out of that grave. Out of the darkness into Your glorious day. (repeat)

I needed rescue, my sin was heavy. But chains break at the weight of Your glory. I needed shelter, I was an orphan. Now You call me a citizen of heaven. When I was broken, You were my healing. Now your love is the air that I'm breathing. I have a future, my eyes are open. 'Cause when You called my name,

I ran out of that grave. Out of the darkness into Your glorious day. You called my name, and I ran out of that grave. Out of the darkness into Your glorious day.

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY "Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)"

One day when heaven was filled with His praises, one day when sin was as black as could be, Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin, dwelt among men my example is He. The Word became flesh and the light shined among us, His glory revealed.

Refrain: Living He loved me, dying He saved me. Buried, He carried my sins far away. Rising, He justified freely forever. One day He's coming, O glorious day, O glorious day.

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain. One day they nailed Him to die on a tree. Suffering anguish, despised and rejected, bearing our sins my Redeemer is He. The hand that healed nations stretched out on a tree and took the nails for me. (refrain)

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer, one day the stone rolled away from the door. Then He arose over death he had conquered. Now is ascended my Lord evermore. Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him from rising again. (refrain)

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming, one day the skies with His glories will shine. Wonderful day my beloved one bringing. My Savior Jesus is mine. (refrain)

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-18

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying

there, but he did not go in. 6Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ofor as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples returned to their homes. 11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 12 and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. 13 They said to her, "Woman, why are vou weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." 14When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). 17 Jesus said to her. "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" 18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

MESSAGE

"The Story Which Shapes Our Faith" Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now am found, 'Twas blind, but now, I see. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.

Refrain: My chains are gone, I've been set free! My God, my Savior has ransomed me. And like a flood, His mercy reigns. Unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. (refrain)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine. But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine. Will be forever mine, You are forever mine. (refrain)

Amazing love, amazing grace. Amazing love, amazing grace.

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU

Welcome Friends & Guests!

April 16, 2017

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 and place in the offering baskets. 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 21st 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 Thornwell Building Families Program, 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. There are offering envelopes in your bulletin.

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD TODAY

ACOLYTES:

(8:15) Jade Johnson (11:00) Adam Booth

GREETERS:

(8:15) Joann Spigarelli, Jay Basinger (11:00) Wally & Nancy Ericson

USHERS: (8:15) Fred Heider, Earle Lusk

Bill & Margaret Lewis (11:00)Ernie & Carol Kirkwood Polly Brown, Jane Winne

VAN DRIVER: Ed Puschmann

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.

REMINDER: The office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, April 17, 2017. The office will re-open at 9 am Tuesday, April 18.

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



Terry & Peggy Steele
Our Mothers,
Maxine Steele & Zella Morris



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO

Sunday, April 16th: Jeanne Smith, Fred Schuler, Lars Greff

Monday, April 17th: Ibelise Luther

Tuesday, April 18th: Linda Howard, David Johnson

Wednesday, April 19th: Ruth Schmidt, Terry Curkan, Lex Long,

Blake Harris

Thursday, April 20th: Anna Hyden, Ed Puschmann, Faith Garcia

Friday, April 21st: Agnes Blair

Saturday, April 22nd: Edwin Smith, Garry Justice

If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven't seen them in church

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 Childrensministry@northwoodpc.org 796-8090/ Cell- 727-641-8140

Children's Events

Easter Egg Hunt Thank You!

Our 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt was Egg-cellent! Thank you for the donation of goodies, egg fillers and prizes. Thank you to Susan Curry, Linda Ciokan, Sue Gavette, Marian Hill, Bob Meier, Laureen Meier, Nancy Stevens, Kay Scheuerman, Jane Winne and Gloria Whitfield for helping with the filling, counting and hiding the eggs, and for counting and stuffing the goodie bags. I could not have done it without their help! We had 50 kids and 50 adults attend this wonderful family event and we look forward to doing it again next year!

Worship Preparation Class

This class is designed to help children feel more at home in the worship service. They will learn about the different parts of the worship service and their significance. This class is for children who are currently in 2nd grade or those who are 3rd-5th grade, that haven't been through the class yet. Please contact Justine Ruisz for more information. The class will be held on April 30th and May 7th at 10:30 A.M. in rooms 4 & 6. The children will be presented in service on May 14th.

Vacation Bible School- June 26-30

Registration is now open on our website. www.northwoodpc.org

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

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 & Don Stevens.

1st-2nd Grade, Room 2

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

3rd-5th Grades

There will be no Sunday School TODAY.

11:00 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.

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

ADULT CHRISTIAN **EDUCATION**

9:30 AM TCI Sunday School Class (Today's Christian Issues)

TCI will be discussing what effect research reports about personal isolation. How can churches fill the gap that members may be experiencing as our population ages. NOTE: THE CLASS WILL MEET IN ROOMS 8 & 10 FOR TODAY ONLY.

Sympathy

We express our prayers and Christian sympathy to Pastor Paul Means and his entire family upon the news of the death of his mother, Ruth Means, in Tulsa, Oklahoma on April 6.

YOUTH EVENTS

Sunday, April 16: No Sunday School or Youth Group for Easter Sunday, April 23: Youth Sunday, Pierced will be providing music

along with Westminster Handbell Choir and the Youth Choir. There are many different parts of the service that we are still in need of youth volunteers.

Sunday, April 30: Youth Guide Training for VBS

10:30-12:00 for New Youth Guides 10:30-11:30 for Returning Guides

(Please sign up at www.northwoodpc.org/vbs)

Sunday, May 14: Mother's Day Bake Sale. We are accepting baked

goods for sale on Friday evening, May 12, at 7:00 P.M. and Sunday morning, May 14. We also appreciate all the purchases made that day with the proceeds going to support our summer spiritual

growth retreat.

Sunday, May 21: Last Sunday School until school starts again in

August.

Volunteers are always needed for youth activities! Parents, please sign up for one of our exciting events or projects by emailing either Steve Cantin (scantin13@yahoo.com) or Andy Strelcheck (Strelcheckfamily@aol.com).

Youth Summer Trip: Life Rec Camp

*Second deposit of \$100 due Sunday, April 30

When: July 24th- July 28th

Where: Palm Beach Atlantic University

Cost: The cost is \$300. Reservations are being accepted, based on

camp availability.

Questions? Please contact Marcy Kemerer or Stephanie Strelcheck: Marcy Kemerer, 727-455-2583, marcykem07@gmail.com

Stephanie Strelcheck, 727-417-9532, strelcheckfamily@aol.com

Congratulations to our Confirmands!

Last weekend we welcomed our four Confirmands into Membership in the Presbyterian Church. These students, grades 7 and up, started classes on February 19 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 February Session Meeting. On Saturday, April 8 they attended a Luncheon in their honor where they shared their faith statements. Palm Sunday we welcomed Hannah Fish, Lucas Johnston, and Emma Youngblood as brothers and sisters in Christ's Church! (Alyssa Tobiassen was not able to be present Sunday and will be introduced to the congregation at a later time.)

Upcoming Events

Blood Drive

Mark your calendars! Our next blood drive is scheduled for Sunday, April 23.

Summer Music Camp

When: July 17-21

Time: 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. Monday-Friday

What: We learn a musical and perform it, play music games

and have snack.

Who: All children rising into 3rd through those rising into 6th.

Cost: \$35 for the week
Performance: Friday, July 21, 6:45 P.M.

How: Stephanie@northwoodpc.org or 796-8090

Auditions for parts to be announced! SIGN UP NOW!!!

Monday Volleyball

Come join us for volleyball on Monday evenings, 7:00-9:00 P.M. in the Family Life Center. All adults, young and older, are invited. If interested or have any questions call Joan Tobiassen, 727-519-3430.

Attention Graduating Seniors

Attention all graduates, please submit your graduation picture, a short write up of your accomplishments and plans for after graduation. This information can be dropped off in the office or e-mailed to Tracy Donovan at communications@northwoodpc.org.

Northwood Scholarship Application

NPC members who are high school seniors, college/vocational students or grad students are encouraged to pick up guidelines/applications from Tracy Donovan, online, or in the church office now. Applications must be received by June 1, 2017. Applicants need to be involved in the life of the church (either here or at college/Seminary). This scholarship can only be received twice. We give thanks to the Bakers, Gordons, Wrights and others whose generosity to Northwood was reflected in their last will and testament. Scholarship funds come from interest earned from the following: (1) The Fred and Kay Baker Scholarship Fund, (2) The Walter and Catherine Gordon Educational Endowment, (3) Clarence and Florence Wright Scholarship Fund, (4) Monies received from other sources.

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