

Music Notes:

Today the youth will sing an arrangement of the old Irish blessing whose author is unknown. This prayer, originally in the Irish language, has three main images, namely wind, sun and rain. The ancient Irish's deep connection to nature and faith shine through. The reference to wind is thought to be a reference to the Holy Spirit who came as a "Mighty Wind" at Pentecost. The sun's warmth alludes to God's mercy which in Luke 1:78 tells us "by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven." The mention of rain is symbolic of God's provision—nothing grows without rain. In Irish, the first line "Go n'airí an bóthar leat" translated as "May you succeed on the road" the French equivalent of which is "bon voyage."

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

- Monday, Feb. 26:** Helen Meier, Beth Brinkman, Brianna Mattheus
 - Tuesday, Feb. 27:** Cookie Roffey, Jeremy Stephen, Erik Johansen, Brysen Patel
 - Wednesday, Feb. 28:** Marie Elliott, Carol Justice, David Robicheau
 - Thursday, Mar. 1:** Carol Zieres, Hazel Keeley, Marcy Seckman, Pat Callan, Charlie Larson, Jess, Conolly
 - Friday, Mar. 2:** Karsen Lattimore, Gary Reefer, Georgianna Winder, Sonya Weidner
 - Saturday, Mar. 3:** Harold Godwin, Steve Winder, Emily Fisher
- 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



Sally Uhler

In Memory of her Mother's Birthday



Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2018 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!

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers needed to serve coffee and cookies after the 11:00 service. Please contact Michael Cromwell (mcromwell@tampabay.rr.com) or 727-580-7227 if interested.

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

ACOLYTES:

- (8:15)
- (11:00) Blake Ruisz

GREETERS:

- (8:15) Bill & Bunny Bitner
- (11:00) Sharon Card & Ed Puschmann



USHERS:

- (8:15) Myrl & Dot Chronister
- Charlie & Carol Herah
- (9:30) Carol Ziere & Linda Howard
- (11:00) Judy Hood & Cindy Whiteside
- Ernie & Carol Kirkwood



VAN DRIVER: Keith Nadig

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (17/18 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- 2nd Grade, Room 3
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Chrissy Raborn & Gulden Wulf

3rd-5th Grade, Room 8
Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8 with Jean Swintek & Justine Ruisz

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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 Jackie Koski, Chair of Worship Team.

9:30 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Middle & High School will meet this week for Sunday School. All youth are invited to attend worship together in the Sanctuary for the 9:30 Ignite service. We will attend service for the first 20 minutes and then move to the City for Sunday School.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

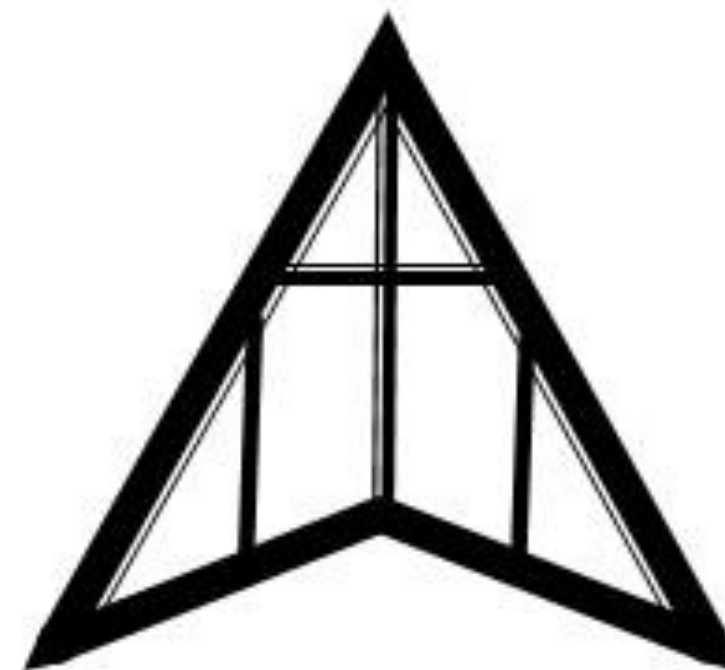
9:30 A.M. TCI (Today's Christian Issues) Rooms 9-11

11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class will meet today in room 15, led by Vicki Krueger.

Welcome To
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*A Stephen Ministry Church
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February 25, 2018



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Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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Order for the Public Worship of God
February 25, 2018
2nd Sunday in Lent
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

THE GATHERING

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Chris Curvin, Pastor

Leader: We are called to follow Jesus.

People: But following Jesus isn't easy.

Leader: No. It will demand our dedication and our energy.

People: It will change our whole lives.

Leader: Come, all of you. Come and learn of the Lord Jesus.

People: Lord, we come, seeking your wisdom and your guidance.

Amen.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“An Irish Medley” arr. Jason W. Krug
Hallelujah Ringers
Adrienne Clover, Flute

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Curvin, Pastor

CHILDREN'S CHOIR (11:00)

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus” by Trevor Manor
Angel Choir (3rd-5th grade); Flute, Adrienne Clover

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

***HYMN #49**

“The God of Abraham Praise” LEONI

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Grace, we confess our sins before you. Sometimes our lives are a mess, because of choices we have made or because of choices others have made. Sometimes our lives are great, and we're kind and generous but sometimes our lives are so good and we forget to be to grateful and humble. We trust that in the jumble of all of this, you are present. We trust in faith that you walk beside us, nudging us back to the right path, and waiting for us when we lag behind. So we thank you, and ask for your forgiveness in Jesus' name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***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

“The Old Rugged Cross” arr. Vicki Wright

*On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suff'ring and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.*

Refrain: *So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.
In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
such a wonderful beauty I see;
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
to pardon and sanctify me. Refrain
I'll cherish the cross, the old rugged cross.*

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.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (page 35)

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING “I Will Give Joyful Thanks” Douglas Nolan
Westminster Youth Choir

***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**

***HYMN #216** “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” ST. CHRISTOPHER

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8:31-38 (page 820)

SERMON

“Lost and Found” Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #39** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” FAITHFULNESS

***BENEDICTION**

SUNG BLESSING “May the Road Rise to Meet You” Lori True

(please be seated)

*May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
May the rain fall softly on your fields, and until we meet again,
May you keep safe in the gentle, loving arms of God.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Toccata on ‘The God of Abraham Praise’” Michael Burkhardt
(based on the opening hymn tune, #49)

(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.)

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

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

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

“An Irish Medley”
Hallelujah Ringers; Adrienne Clover, Flute

MEET AND GREET

“Banner of Love”
by Mary Rice Hopkins
NPC Children's Choirs

PRAISE SONG

“Thrive”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”
Angel Choir (3rd-5th grade); Flute, Adrienne Clover

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“At the Cross, (Love Ran Red)”

SCRIPTURE

Mark 8:31-38

VIDEO

“Simon Peter”

MESSAGE

“Lost and Found”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“O Come to the Altar”

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU