

MUSIC NOTES:

Tom Huffman is on vacation today and we welcome our guest organist, Mark Prater. Now retired, Mark was for many years Director of Music/Organist at First Presbyterian of Brandon. He received the Bachelor of Music Education degree from the University of Memphis and has earned the *Associate* and *Choir Master* Certificates from the American Guild of Organists.



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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO....

- Sunday, January 3rd:** Rocky Davis
- Monday, January 4th:** Martha Tobiassen, Louise Mylin, Pam Jeffre, Olive Scales, Oskar Scales
- Tuesday, January 5th:** Jeff Faulkner, Elizabeth Turner
- Wednesday, January 6th:** Barry Whitaker, Yvonne Cherry, Robert Holleman, Spencer Briggs
- Thursday, January 7th:** Kristen Faulkner
- Friday, January 8th:** Pat Speer, Joe Cernansky,
- Saturday, January 9th:** Susan Gajentan, Cody Carson, Steven Cole



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) Nyden Rodewald
 - (11:00) Sarah Birch



- GREETERS:**
- (8:15) Nancy & Wayne Rodewald
 - (11:00) David & Cynthia Lawrence

- USHERS:**
- (8:15) Bill & Bunny Bitner
Chip & Marian Hill
 - (9:30) Candy & Rich Spoenlein



VAN DRIVER: Ed Puschmann

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (15/16 School Year), Room 3, join us in the multi-age Sunday School worship class after the Children's Message. Justine Ruisz

9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-V (15/16 School Year), Room 3. Melissa Long & Joyce Curvin

Kindergarten- 2nd Grades, Room 4

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

3rd-5th Grades, Room 12

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 12**. Andy & Stephanie Strelcheck

11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (15/16 School Year), Children are welcome to remain in worship or dismiss to room 3 for children's worship.

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.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 AM Serendipity Class

Join us in rooms 13&15 to continue our study of Revelation led by Bob Meier and Jeanette Holloway.

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

Today's Christian Issues has invited the Imam of the Islamic Society of Pinellas County, Sheikh Saad Slaoui, to present the theology of Islam today. On January 10th, Imam Sheikh Saad will return to answer our questions about his faith. All are welcome to attend either or both presentations in rooms 9 & 11.

11:00 AM Experiencing God Class

Join us in room 15 led by Vicki Krueger. All are welcome.

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Church

January 3, 2016



Ministers: All Members of the Church

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor
Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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Order for the Public Worship of God
January 3, 2016
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.)*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Still, Still, Still” arr. Paul Manz
(based on the Christmas hymn, #124) (1919-2009)

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

*HYMN #150 “As with Gladness Men of Old” DIX

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

Eternal God: you make all things new. We confess we have spent time without loving and years without purpose; and the calendar condemns us. Daily we have done wrong and failed to do what you demand. Forgive the past; do not let the roads we have followed in the past cripple or shame us. Lead us into the future by another road, free from sin, free to love and ready to work for your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. 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.

***THE APOSTLES’ CREED (Together, page 35)**

ANTHEM “Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne” arr. Craig Courtney

Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy kingly crown when Thou camest to earth for me. But in Bethlehem’s home there was found no room for Thy holy nativity.

Refrain: *O come to my heart, Lord Jesus. My heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus.*

Heaven’s arches rang when the angels sang, proclaiming thy royal decree. But in lowly birth didst Thou come to earth and in great humility. (Refrain)

When the heav’ns shall sing and the angels sing at Thy coming to victory, Let thy voice call me home, saying, “Yet there is room, there is room at My side for Thee.” And my heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus, My heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus, My heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus, when Thou comest and callest me.

FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN Justine Ruisz, Director of Children’s Ministries

(Children age 3 (by 9/15) through fifth grade are welcome to go to Room 3 for Children’s Sunday School.)

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING “In dulci jubilo” J.S. Bach
(based on the carol at #132) (1685-1750)

*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 FOR THE OFFERING AND ALTERNATIVE GIFTS**

*HYMN #146 “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child” TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2:7-12 (page 784)

SERMON “Go Another Way” Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF THE CUP; THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(To symbolize our unity in Christ, we hold the bread until the Elders and Deacons are served and then all partake as one body. To symbolize our personal relationship with the Lord, we drink of the cup, as the Spirit leads.)

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #136 “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” GO TELL IT

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come” J.S. Bach
(based on the Christmas hymn #111)

(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

PRAISE SONGS

“He Has Come For Us”

MEET & GREET

“He Shall Reign Forevermore”
“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Peace On Earth (Little Drummer Boy)”
The Stephen Family

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

(5th Grade Children move to Sunday School)

**CALL TO OFFERING
OFFERTORY**

“Do You Hear What I Hear?”

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:7-12

MESSAGE

“Go Another Way”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

**COMMUNION
COMMUNION MUSIC**

“Mary Did You Know”
arr. Mark Hayes

SONG OF DEDICATION

“It’s Christmas”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU