

HYMN NOTES:

“Joy to the World” by Isaac Watts, 1719

What’s up with that, you say—singing Christmas hymns in September? This hymn was part of Watts’ major work, *The Psalms of David, Imitated in the Language of the New Testament*. Shortly after his appointment to a London church he became ill and had to resign his post. He accepted an invitation to recuperate at the guest house of Sir Thomas Abney for a few weeks. He stayed 36 years! During his time there he completed his *Psalms of David*....which included “Joy to the World.” It was originally titled “The Messiah’s Coming and Kingdom” and was not intended as a Christmas hymn. It is really appropriate for the entire year whenever the theme of the “Kingdom” is observed. Today we sing it to an alternate tune which I think will help us more fully focus on the text based on Psalm 98.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

- Sunday, Sep 25:** Peach Richardson, Bob Cooney, Rick Cassidy, Leah Dipolito, Cecelia Turner
- Tuesday, Sep 27:** Peter Judd, Suzanne Alexander, Eric Kemerer, Meagan Decker
- Wednesday, Sep 28:** Loisanne Bilka, Joe Zeigler, Diana Fisher, Todd Adkisson
- Thursday, Sep 29:** Gerry Krause, Todd Cash
- Friday, Sep 30:** Cicile Sawiris, Helen Whitaker, William Irizarry, Connor Vecchio
- Saturday, Oct 1:** Diane Musto, Ethan Crossley

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



Jean Swintek



In Loving Memory of My Husband, John

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2016 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!

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

ACOLYTES:

- (8:15) **Kayla Dabbs**
- (11:00) Claire Cantin

GREETERS:

- (8:15) Joyce Lange & Ellen Stoup
- (11:00) Lauren & Bob Meier



USHERS:

- (8:15) Wayne & Nancy Rodewald
Gene Baker, Bob MacFall
- (9:30) Louise & Bill Mylin
- (11:00) Cindy Whiteside & Sue Miskiewicz
Carol Rathmell & Ed Puschmann



VAN DRIVER: Jane Winne

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 Dan Gipson & Mauricio Estavil.

1st-2nd Grade, Room 2

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

3rd-5th Grades, Room 8

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 8 with Cassondra Fredriksen & Jean Swintek.

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 class following the anthem.

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

Middle & High School Sunday School during the 9:30am service will meet in the sanctuary to worship together for the first 30 minutes, then move to the youth room for the lesson with Youth Director, Jon Drawdy.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Class– Rooms 9 & 11

The University of Miami recently received \$2.2 million to fund a study of "Atheism, Humanism and secular values." Is this study a threat to Christianity or an opportunity to understand the hope we have in Christ? Come and join our discussion, led by Martha Tobiassen, and share our coffee and cookies.

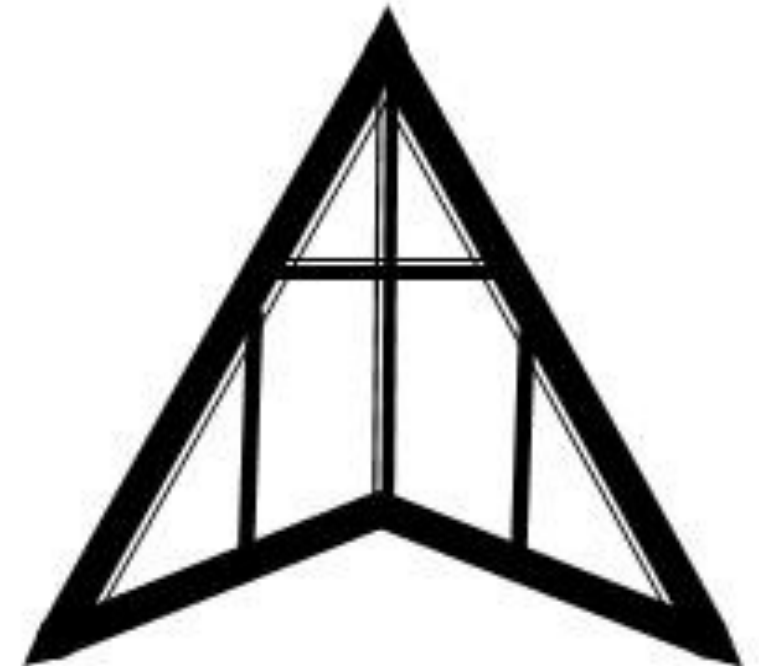
9:30 Serendipity Class in rooms 13 & 15 at 9:30– Fall Series, “Reconfirming the Faith, What it Means to be a Presbyterian, ‘History of Presbyterianism’”.

11:00 Experiencing God Class in room 15 led by Vicki Krueger.
All are welcome!

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Church

September 25, 2016



Come, Grow, Go!

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
September 25, 2016
19th Sunday after Pentecost
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

WE GATHER

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Chris Curvin, Pastor

Leader: Do not put your trust in earthly riches.

People: Our hope is in the Lord our God.

Leader: Take hold of the gift of eternal life.

People: To this we are called in Christ Jesus.

Leader: Let us worship God.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him” Jan Bender
(1909-1994)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***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

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign God, we confess that we have not turned away from sin. We dress ourselves in fine clothing while others sit in tattered rags. We fill ourselves with rich food while others beg for scraps of bread. Forgive us, God of grace. Make us rich in good works, generous, and eager to share all the blessings of abundant life; through Jesus Christ our 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.

ANTHEM “In This House of Worship” Allen Pote
Trumpets, Emily and Steve Cantin

I was glad when they said unto me: “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

*How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord,
My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my flesh sing for joy for the living God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house ever singing your praise.*

*In this place of worship may we dedicate our lives,
As we listen and receive your Holy Word.
May your living spirit move among us and inspire,
As we sing and offer thanks for what we’ve heard.*

*May the circle of this fellowship to which we all belong,
Be a blessing to each one who enters here.
May this place of worship bring us to a faith that makes us strong,
May we feel your Holy Presence ever near.*

*I was glad when they said unto me: “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”
Blessed are they who dwell in your house ever singing your praise.*

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.)*

WE UNITE IN PRAYER

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

MUSICAL OFFERING “Chorale Prelude on RICHMOND” Alec Rowley
(based on the tune of the next hymn, #266) (1892-1958)

***DOXOLOGY—#606** OLD HUNDRETH

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 #266 “Joy to the World”** RICHMOND

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Genesis 12:1-3 *(page 8)*
Galatians 3:7-14 *(page 946)*

SERMON “Called by God, Now What?” Rev. Cameron Scalera

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #816 “If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”**
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***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Toccata on ‘The God of Abraham Praise’” Michael Burkhardt

*(The closing voluntary is the final act of worship. If you must leave before the end of
the service, please respect those who are listening and leave quietly.)*

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

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

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message of Jesus Christ through Powerful Music, Media
& Scripture Based Sermons.*

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME

PRAISE SONGS

“Today Is the Day”

“Flawless”

MEET & GREET

“Chain Breaker”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIDEO

“When Storms Come”

“Eye of the Storm”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

(3rd-5th Grade Children move to Sunday School)

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 12:1-3

Galatians 3:7-14

MESSAGE

“Called by God, Now What?”

Rev. Cameron Scalera

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Blessed Be Your Name”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU