

MUSIC NOTES:

The handbell piece today includes the hymntune used for Isaac Watts’ great Lenten hymn “**Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed.**” The tune has Scottish origins and the bell arrangement has a Celtic flavor to it using suspended bell mallet rolls to simulate a bagpipe drone.

The closing hymn is by Midwesterner Clara Scott (1841-1897). She was the first woman to publish a volume of anthems, the *Royal Anthem Book*, in 1882. “**Open My Eyes That I May See**” was written in 1895 two years before her death after being thrown from her carriage by a spooked horse. The hymn was inspired by Psalm 119, verse 18, “Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.” Michael Hawn writes, “The image of open eyes is common in the Bible. In some cases, this is a sign of Christ's healing power, as in [today’s] scripture when Jesus gave sight to the blind man at the pool of Siloam in John 9. Closed eyes, on the other hand, could be a metaphor for avoiding the truth as in the case of John 12:40, a passage following the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem and beginning his journey to the cross: ‘He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.’”

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, Mar. 26: Fran Newman, Marie Purcell, Evelyn Towns, Lisa Weitz, Will Allen

Monday, Mar. 27: Laureen Meier, Mary Michaels

Tuesday, Mar. 28: Jeanette Holloway, Michelle Hanway

Wednesday, Mar. 29: Tyler Atkinson


Thursday, Mar. 30: Donna Bushman, Joshua Youngblood, Samantha Speer

Friday, Mar. 31: Lynn Propst, Tim Madison, Fleet Wulf


Saturday, April 1: Ed Lyon, Ginny Zimmer

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



Jackie & Jerry Koski
In Memory of Jackie’s mom



Jean Swintek
In Memory of my dear husband John

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2017 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) Jade Johnson

(11:00) Dylan Cantin

GREETERS:

(8:15) Betty O’Shea & Lorrie Janusik

(11:00) Elaine Cornillaud & Judy Hood


USHERS:

(8:15) Rocky & Natalya Davis
Don & Nancy Stevens


(9:30) Louise & Bill Mylin

(11:00) Ernie & Carol Kirkwood
Sue Miskiewicz & Steve Winder

VAN DRIVER: Jane Winne



Acolytes



Ushers & Greeters

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 Meagan & Keith Decker.

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 Tanya & Todd Adkisson.

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.

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 service and leave for the youth room at 10:30.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

9:30 A.M. Serendipity Class will be meeting with TCI in rooms 9 & 11.

11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class in rooms 9 & 11 led by Vicki Krueger.

6:30-7:30 P.M. Bible Study in rooms 4 & 6
Join us as we continue our Bible study, Sunday evenings at 6:30. We are beginning a study on characters in the Old Testament, learning more about some of the familiar ones as well as some less well-known characters. Come see how God used ordinary, flawed people like us for his work in this world. We meet in Room 6 for one hour. This is a discussion class where everyone has a voice. The book we are using is "Characters of the Old Testament" by Peter Scazzero. Any questions? Please call Cindy Huffman at 727-733-8726.

Welcome To

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Order for the Public Worship of God
March 26, 2017
4th Sunday in Lent
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 Paul Means, Associate Pastor
Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,
People: slow to anger and abounding in love.
Leader: Live as children of the light.
People: Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.
Leader: Let us worship God.

OPENING VOLUNTARY
“What Shall I Render to the Lord” arr. Karen Thompson
(includes the hymn at #212, “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”)
Westminster Handbell Choir

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

(11:00) **CHILDREN’S SONG** “I’m Gonna Sing/Over My Head”
NPC Children’s Choirs (age 3– 5th Grade)

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**
(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle.)

***HYMN #12** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” ST. DENIO

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)
Holy Jesus, we confess that we fail to question our own sightlessness. Being so sure that we “see,” we miss the truths you would teach us. With the poultice of your love, cure this blindness. Open our eyes to our own misunderstandings, our own failures and our own faults. Make our “shadow side” known to us and help us to diminish it with the light of your grace. For it is only when we see ourselves clearly that we can worship you truly. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** AMAZING GRACE
Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

ANTHEM “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” arr. Larry Shackley

How deep the Father’s love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns his face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.
How high, how wide, how deep the Father’s love for us.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished;

His dying breath has brought me life. I know it is finished.
How pure, how strong, how deep the Father’s love for us.

I will not boast of anything: no gifts, no pow’r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.
How high, how wide. How pure, how strong.
How deep the Father’s love for us.

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
“Trumpet Tune on CWM RHONDDA” arr. David Lasky
Robert Rickel, Trumpet

***A 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 #215** “What Wondrous Love Is This” WONDROUS LOVE

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING John 9:1-13, 28-41 (ESV)

SERMON “Once Was Blind, Now I See” Rev. Cameron Scalera

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #451** “Open My Eyes, That I May See” OPEN MY EYES

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY
“Trumpet Tune on ST. DENIO” arr. David Lasky
Robert Rickel, Trumpet
(based on the tune of the opening hymn, #12)

(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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COUNTDOWN

WELCOME

“What Shall I Render to the Lord”
arr. Karen Thompson
Westminster Handbell Choir

MEET & GREET

PRAISE SONGS

“Soul on Fire”
“Glorious Day”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“I’m Gonna Sing/Over My Head”
NPC Children’s Choirs (age 3– 5th Grade)

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

For more information and classroom assignments for Children’s Sunday School, please see Children’s Ministry News on the back panel of this bulletin.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“At the Cross/Love Ran Red”

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Andy Strelcheck
Curtis Krueger

SCRIPTURE

John 9:1–13, 28–41 (ESV)

MESSAGE

“Once Was Blind, Now I See”
Rev. Cameron Scalera

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU