

MUSIC NOTES:

Two hymns of Easter today:

“The Day of Resurrection” (233) is a translation of Ode I in the Golden Canon of Easter—a Greek hymn from before the 8th century by John of Damascus (c. 657-c. 749). It is sung in Greek churches at midnight before Easter as the congregation lights candles to dispel darkness and the silence is shattered by sounds of drums and trumpets. The hymn moves from the Exodus (crossing the Red Sea appears in all Greek Easter hymns) to the New Testament story of Easter morning.

“Christ Is Alive!” (246) is by Brian Wren, a minister in the United Reformed Church of England and Wales. Wren has been one of the shining lights in contemporary English hymn writing. The cross is empty, and Christ is alive here and now—not tied down to 2000 years in Palestine. The hymn was written in 1968 for an English church’s Easter worship just ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

- Sunday, April 23:** Shirley Gleason
- Monday, April 24:** Charlie Hersh, Keith Nadig, Kat Voss, Jaedon Wade
- Tuesday, April 25:** Billie Nesmith, Renee Smith
- Wednesday, April 26:** Diane Lynn, Jessie Lusk, Tom Michaels, Elias Jeffre, Isaac Jeffre, Lukas Ruisz
- Thursday, April 27:** Anna Colon, Troy Harris, Shaun Flaherty, Olivia French
- Friday, April 28:** Elinore Geer
- Saturday, April 29:** Wayne Rodewald, Jarrett Mattson

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



Bailey Shields
In Memory of Carol Lee Bailey



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:

(11:00) Jade Johnson

GREETERS:

(8:15) Jarrett Mattson, Jacob Pope
 (9:30) Sarah Flaherty, Lindsey Peterson
 (11:00) Brandon Strelcheck, Drew Strelcheck



USHERS:

(8:15) Lucas Johnston, Hannah Fish
 Andrew Carlstedt, Bob MacFall
 (9:30) Kaleb Adkisson, Dylan Cantin
 Sydney Blackmore, Grace Michalk
 (11:00) Aehron Hirsch

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 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 Cassondra Fredriksen & Jean Swintek.

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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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.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

At least 7 planets have been discovered in nearby solar systems, which may be able to support water-based, intelligent life. With new telescopes coming on line, contact may be near. Join us in Rooms 9 & 11 as Joe Zeigler leads what is likely to be a lively discussion. Coffee and cookies--always!!

11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class will not be meeting today but will resume next week.

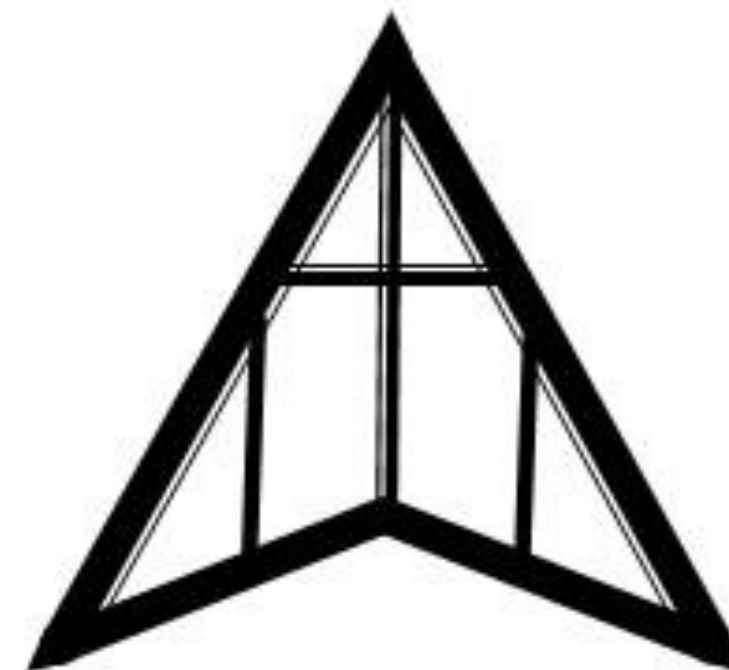
6:30-7:30 P.M. Bible Study in rooms 4 & 6

Join us as we continue our Bible study, Sunday evenings at 6:30. Any questions? Please call Cindy Huffman at 727-733-8726.

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

April 23, 2017



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Order for the Public Worship of God
April 23, 2017
2nd Sunday of Easter
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

David Hamilton (8:15)
Sarah Flaherty (11:00)

Leader: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Leader: Peace be with you. Jesus stands among us.

People: Peace be with you. The risen Lord is here.

Leader: Let us worship God.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Jubilo”

Matthew Prins

Westminster Handbell Choir (Middle School)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

***HYMN #233**

“The Day of Resurrection!”

LANCASHIRE

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Heather Wood (8:15)
Hannah Fish (11:00)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

Loving and faithful God, you made the hearts of the disciples glad with the knowledge of the resurrection of Jesus, your Son. Forgive us because, like them, we find the truth of Easter so hard to believe; forgive us that we are so easily discouraged, and given to despair. Forgive us that, although we claim to live by the resurrection faith, we so often appear to believe that death is the end; forgive us that we take so much convincing of the hope that you give to the world. Come to us, Lord God, in the power of the risen Christ. Take away our crippling doubts and fears, and through your Holy Spirit bring us to life in your service, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Heather Wood (8:15)
Hannah Fish (11:00)

***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.

YOUTH SONG

“Revival”

Pierced Youth Band

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

Faith Allen (8:15)

Kurt Kemerer (11:00)

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

Faith Allen (8:15)
Kurt Kemerer (11:00)

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Fantasy on RESTORATION” arr. Matthew Prins
(based on the tune at Hymn #415)

Westminster Handbell Choir (High School/College)

***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**

Anna Hamilton (8:15)
Kurt Kemerer (11:00)

AUTOBIOGRAPHIES OF GRACE

Carissa Johnston &
Anna Hamilton

ANTHEMS

“10,000 Reasons”

Hyrin/Redman
arr. Lloyd Larson

“You Are Mine”

David Haas
arr. Mark Hayes

Westminster Youth Choir

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Peter 1:3-9 *(NIV)*
John 20:19-31 *(NIV)*

SERMON

“Faith and Doubt” Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #246**

“Christ Is Alive!”

TRURO

***BENEDICTION**

Carissa Johnston & Anna Hamilton

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Fantasia on O FILII ET FILIAE” Gilbert M. Martin

(based on Hymn #255 for the Second Sunday of Easter)

(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

Mark Johnston, Director of Pierced

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

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COUNTDOWN

WELCOME

“Jubilo”

Middle School Handbell Choir

MEET & GREET

PRAISE SONGS

“Revival”

“Never Gonna Stop the Singing”

Pierced Youth Band

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“10,000 Reasons”

Westminster Youth Choir

CALL TO OFFERING

Amy Kemerer

OFFERTORY

“Fantasy on RESTORATION”

High School Handbell Choir

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

Jarrett Mattson

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

“You Are Mine”

Westminster Youth Choir

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SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 1:3-9 *(NIV)*

Amy Kemerer

“Never Alone”

Pierced Youth Band

SCRIPTURE

John 20:19-31 *(NIV)*

MESSAGE

“Faith and Doubt”

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Go”

Pierced Youth Band

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Carissa Johnston & Anna Hamilton