

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Church

September 21, 2014

MUSIC NOTES:

The traditional spiritual "Give Me Jesus" is a favorite song of Louvena "Mom" Pointer. In 1999, she founded the Great Day Chorale in New York City to perform this song and others like it from her heritage. Mom Pointer and the members of the chorale are convinced that African-Americans survived the cruel, dehumanizing institution of slavery, emerging full of hope and faith, because they had these special songs in their hearts. They believe God turned the evil of the experience into the soaring gift of song.

Born out of pain, loneliness and suffering (see Psalm 88) a song like "Give Me Jesus" could be a response to the common tragedy of losing children and other family to the auction block. Pointer says, "If you've got Him, you've got everything. I think of the many times when 'dark midnight was my cry, just before the break of day.' Oh, give me Jesus."

EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (14/15 School Year) Room 3, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children's Message
Teachers: Nathan Rodewald

9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (14/15 School Year) Room 3
Teachers: Melissa Michalk Long & Amy Kemerer

1st & 2nd Grades Room 16
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 16.
Teachers: Lauren & Jim Warren

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.
Teachers: Melissa Patel & Pam Jeffre

11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (14/15 School Year) Room 3, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children's Message.
Teachers: Barbara Englehart

Middle & High School Christian Education

Come join us for combined middle/high school Sunday school. We will be studying the "Elements" of our faith. Through new and exciting curriculum, we will learn how to grow in our walk with God.

9:30 AM Youth Room
11:00 AM Youth Room

9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15

TODAY: Our focus will be Bible Personalities starting with Nehemiah. If you are interested in leading a discussion of your favorite Bible Personality, please contact Bailey Shields at 727-723-1351 or at bshields4@tampabay.rr.com.

TCI (Today's Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11

TODAY: Georgianna Winder is leading the second of three classes on the video/book God's Story, Your Story: When His Becomes Yours by Max Lucado. This series will inspire us to see how our day-to-day story intersects with God's epic of everlasting redemption. All are welcome, please plan to attend and join in on our discussion. Don't forget, we have cookies and coffee.

11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 & 15

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by



*Naomi Cline
In Memory of
My Husband and Son*



Friends of Northwood

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2014 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!

PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO....

Sunday, September 21st: Alex Farina, Hannah Gipson, Alyssa Long
Monday, September 22nd: Jolynn Farina, Rachel Granata, Steve Lang, Matilde Naider, David Nelson
Tuesday, September 23rd: Tanya Adkisson, Carl Corrello, Paul Dillon, Klara Hortobagyi, Tyler Vecchio
Wednesday, September 24th: Doris Croasmun, Lou Weislogel
Thursday, September 25th: Rick Cassidy, Bob Cooney, Leah Dipolito, Peach Richardson
Saturday, September 27th: Suzanne Alexander, Isabella Brown, Pete Judd, Eric Kemerer



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

ACOLYTES:

(8:15) Katie Birch
(11:00) Ethan Crossley & Grace Thompson



Acolytes

GREETERS:

(8:15) Norman & Jeanne Smith
(11:00) Margaret Mawhinney & Nancy Erickson



Greeters & Ushers

USHERS:

(8:15) Rocky & Natalie Davis
Wayne & Nancy Rodewald
(9:30) Kim, Morgan & Lindsey Peterson
(11:00) Ed Puschmann, Jon Mills,
Sue Miskiewicz, Carol Rathmell

VAN DRIVER: Cynthia Lawrence

Psalm 88

¹ LORD, you are the God who saves me; day and night I cry out to you.
² May my prayer come before you; turn your ear to my cry.
³ I am overwhelmed with troubles and my life draws near to death.
⁴ I am counted among those who go down to the pit; I am like one without strength.
⁵ I am set apart with the dead, like the slain who lie in the grave, whom you remember no more, who are cut off from your care.
⁶ You have put me in the lowest pit, in the darkest depths.
⁷ Your wrath lies heavily on me; you have overwhelmed me with all your waves.
⁸ You have taken from me my closest friends and have made me repulsive to them.
I am confined and cannot escape;
⁹ my eyes are dim with grief.
I call to you, LORD, every day; I spread out my hands to you.
¹⁰ Do you show your wonders to the dead? Do their spirits rise up and praise you?
¹¹ Is your love declared in the grave, your faithfulness in Destruction?
¹² Are your wonders known in the place of darkness, or your righteous deeds in the land of oblivion?
¹³ But I cry to you for help, LORD; in the morning my prayer comes before you.
¹⁴ Why, LORD, do you reject me and hide your face from me?
¹⁵ From my youth I have suffered and been close to death; I have borne your terrors and am in despair.
¹⁶ Your wrath has swept over me; your terrors have destroyed me.
¹⁷ All day long they surround me like a flood; they have completely engulfed me.
¹⁸ You have taken from me friend and neighbor—darkness is my closest friend.

Ministers: All Members of the Church

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor
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**Order for the Public Worship of God
September 21, 2014
15th 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.)*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

OPENING VOLUNTARY Cardon Burnham
“Variation on ‘Give Me Jesus’”

(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 place it in the offering plate later in the service).

***HYMN #463** “How Firm a Foundation” FOUNDATION

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)
Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen 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 “Give Me Jesus” arr. Craig Courtney

*In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.
And when I am alone, and when I am alone, and when I am alone, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You may have all this world, give me Jesus.*

*Dark midnight was my cry, dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You may have all this world, give me Jesus.*

*And when I come to die, and when I come to die,
oh when I come to die, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You may have all this world, give me Jesus.*

FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN

Justine Ruisz, Director of Children’s Ministry
*(8:15 am & 11:00 am: Children’s church is taking a break through August.
Children over three may remain with their parents in worship.)*

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 “Lord Jesus, Think on Me” Charles W. Ore

***DOXOLOGY—#606** OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (page 919) Romans 8:18-30 (NRSV)

SOLO “Lord, I Lift My Hands to You” Jay Althouse
Barbara Jordan, Alto

SCRIPTURE READING (pages 474-475) Psalm 88 (NIV)

SERMON SERIES Chris Curvin, Pastor
**Stop, Look and Listen to the Psalms:
#12 “Is This A Psalm To Tear Out Of The Bible?” (Psalm 88)**

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #417** “Lord Jesus, Think on Me” SOUTHWELL

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Toccata on LEONI” Michael Burkhardt

(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.

LET THE COUNTDOWN BEGIN

PRAISE SONGS

“We Won’t Be Shaken”
“How Great Thou Art”

MEET & GREET

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”
“Lean On Me”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALL TO OFFERING
OFFERTORY**

“Hungry”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

WORSHIP CONTINUES

“Your Great Name”

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 88 (NIV)

SERMON SERIES

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#12 “Is This A Psalm To Tear Out Of The Bible?”
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SONG OF DEDICATION

“Thrive”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!