

MUSIC NOTES:

The anthem today is a modern arrangement of the old gospel hymn "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." Music teacher A.J. Showalter returned home after teaching to find letters from two former students who each shared that their wives had died—on the same day. As Showalter wrote condolence letters to them, verses from Deuteronomy 33:26-27 came to mind: "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms." (KJV). He also wrote to his friend Elisha Hoffman and asked him to write a hymn using that scripture reference. A quick response with three stanzas allowed Showalter to compose the music in 1887. In 2015, Dr. Eric Nelson, music professor and choral conductor at Emory University in Atlanta composed this arrangement for choir.

We welcome home Kylie Torres who is a sophomore music education major at Florida Southern and will play the flute part on the anthem.

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 with Justine Ruisz

9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-VPK (15/16 School Year), Room 3

Keith & Meagan Decker

Kindergarten- 2nd Grades, Room 2

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Nancy Turner & Billie Nesmith.

3rd-4th Grades, Room 6

Students are welcome to start in the classroom for Sunday school or they can gather in the beginning of the worship service with the 5th graders. After the Prayers and Concerns, they will join their class in room 6 with Mr. Bill Sutton & Judy Peterson.

5th Grade, Room 4

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 4** with Bridgette & Roger Ulrich.

11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (15/16 School Year), join us after the Children's message, in room 3 for a time of worship or you may remain in service with your parents.

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

Will be joining with the TCI class in rooms 9 & 11 this week.

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, will return to answer our questions about his faith. All are welcome to attend in rooms 9 & 11.

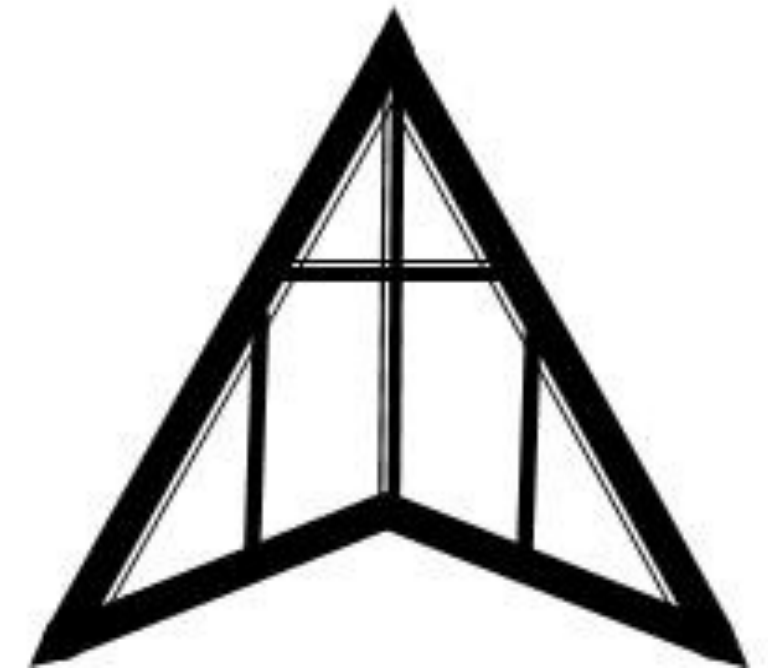
11:00 AM Experiencing God Class

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

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Church

January 10, 2016



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



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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!

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO....

- Sunday, January 10th:** Riley Nigels
- Monday, January 11th:** Elaine Findley, Shannon Dipolito, Chelsea Luther, Andrew Carlstedt
- Tuesday, January 12th:** Michele White, Megan Giese
- Wednesday, January 13th:** Kristen Kelly, Alice Nisk
- Thursday, January 14th:** Nick Papolos, Ashley Long, Brooke Estavil, Alyssa Beach
- Friday, January 15th:** Kay Maza, Chip Hill
- Saturday, January 16th:** Kathy Bailey, Nora Gunderman, James Gunderman, Josh Pursley, Zack Pursley



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) James Birch
- (11:00) Aidan McDermott

GREETERS:

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



USHERS:

- (8:15) Bill & Bunny Bitner
Gene Baker, Don Morrison
- (9:30) Curtis & Vicki Krueger
- (11:00) Sue Miskiewicz
Doug & Georgianna Winder



VAN DRIVER: Art Holloway

**Order for the Public Worship of God
January 10, 2016
Baptism of the Lord
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

“He Comes to Us as One Unknown” arr. Michael Burkhardt

(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 #475 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” NETTLETON**

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

God of Light, we confess that we have gone astray and have left Your light. We follow the dim lights that call us to be more religious by following rules. We follow the light of this world and the fading light of personal salvation alone. Forgive us for not seeking the true Light of Your love for all nations. In the name of Jesus the Messiah, we pray. 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 “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” Eric Nelson
Kylie Torres, Flute**

*What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

Refrain: *Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.
What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)*

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 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

“Once Again My Heart Rejoices” B. Wayne Bisbee
Kylie Torres, Flute

***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 “Christ, Your Footprints through the Desert” EBENEZER**

Christ, your footprints through the desert led to Jordan’s flowing stream. There you heard the herald crying Israel’s old, prophetic dream: “He is coming! He is coming! He will cleanse the earth with flame! Sinners, plunge beneath the waters! Wash away your guilt and shame!”

Christ, you heard the stirring summons as by Jordan’s bank you stood; Bathed, though sinless, with your people in the river’s cleansing flood. High above, the heavens opened; came the Spirit as a dove; Spoke a Voice beyond all hearing: “See my Son, the One I love!”

God, in baptism you have made us one with Christ, our risen Lord; Freed us, claimed us, cleansed, forgiven through the water and the Word. Help us hear your urgent summons, calling us to serve you now. Send us forth, your sons and daughters, with the cross upon our brow.

--Herman G. Stuempfle
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WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 42:1, 4; 5-9 (pages 584-585)
Luke 3:21-22 (page 834)

SERMON “The Question of Identity” Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

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

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Rise, Shine, You People!” arr. David Cherwien

(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

“Soul On Fire”

“The River”

MEET & GREET

“This Is Amazing Grace”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIDEO- “God of the New”

“Our God”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

(5th Grade Children move to Sunday School)

CALL TO OFFERING OFFERTORY

“Lord, I Need You”

SCRIPTURE

Luke 3:21-22

MESSAGE

“The Question of Identity”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“One Thing Remains”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU



Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!