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The Paschal Candle

Today on the chancel is a large candle that symbolizes both the pillar of fire that led Israel by night, and the risen Lord who stands among us at Easter. This large candle sits tall and it bears a light and witness to the risen Christ. The candle is called the paschal candle. "Pasch" comes from the Hebrew word "pesah," meaning deliverance or Passover-- thus connecting the Resurrection to the Exodus. As we did last year, the candle is first used on Easter and continues at each service through the Great Fifty Days—Easter through Pentecost. It is also appropriate to light it at initiation rites such as baptism, confirmation and ordinations as well as at funerals.



Alleluia

*I'm alive forever
and always. —Revelation 1:18*



NORTHWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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EASTER SUNDAY April 20, 2014 ~ 8:15 & 11:00 AM

WE GATHER

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

AN EASTER MUSICAL DRAMA “He Is Risen” Lloyd Larson

Narrator: Garry Justice Mary Magdalene: Ally Wolf
Jesus: Scott Curkan Director: Babs Bailey

- I. Instrumental Prologue – Easter Dawns
- II. Reflection on the Crucifixion (*Mary Magdalene*)
- III. Resurrection Proclamation (*Choir*)
- IV. The People of God Rejoice (*all stand and sing the hymn*)

*Congregation stand and sing:

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin’s dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

(stanza 2, choir only, remain standing)

*Congregation:

Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth its song begin!
The world resound in triumph; and all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen, our Joy that has no end!

(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

*RESPONSORY (*remain standing*)

Leader: Thanks be to God who has given us the victory.

People: Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Leader: The Lord has risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: HE IS RISEN INDEED!

PASSING THE PEACE OF THE RISEN LORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE CONFESS

CHORAL CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

Mighty God: by your power is Christ raised from death to rule this world with love. We confess that we have not believed in Him but fall into doubt and fear. Forgive our dread of dying, our hopelessness, and set us free for joy in the victory of Jesus Christ, who was dead but lives, and will put down every power to hurt or destroy, when your promised kingdom comes. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (*from #248, stanza 1*)

HYMN TO JOY

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN (*Children age 3 (by 9/13) through fifth grade may go to Room 3 for Children’s Sunday School.*)

INTRODUCTION OF THE 2014 CONFIRMATION CLASS

9:30
Mitchell Johnston
Amy Kemerer
Brie Mattheus
Kayla McDermott
Grace Michalk

11:00
Sydney Blackmore
Andrew Booth
A.J. Hatch
Jon-Jon Luther
Josh Luther

(*Mitchell & Carissa Johnston will receive the Sacrament of Baptism at the 9:30 service.)

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Christ Triumphant, Alleluia"

arr. Valerie Stephenson

Jubilation Ringers; Tom Huffman, Organ; Kira Touchton, Trumpet

***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**

***HYMN #235**

“O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing”

O FILII ET FILIAE

(Please stand)

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (Pages 829-830) Mark 16: 1-11; Revelation 7 (Selected Verses) NRSV

SERMON

“We Are Safe Forever, But Safe From What?” Chris Curvin, Pastor

“And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.” Revelation 7:17

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN**

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”

EASTER HYMN

(Please stand)

*(All who desire are invited to come forward during the hymn to join the choir
in the loft for the “Hallelujah” chorus—scores are provided.)*

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where’s thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL ACCLAMATION**

“Hallelujah”
from *Messiah*

G.F. Handel

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Toccata Festiva”

Franklin W. Ashdown

*(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.*

Welcome Friends & Guests!

April 20, 2014

A Happy and Joyous Easter to you! Your presence adds greatly to our celebration of the victory of Christ over sin and death. Christ is risen! He is Risen indeed!

We invite you to register your attendance on the friendship sheets in your bulletin. If you are new to Northwood, we hope that you’ll worship with us again and consider becoming a part of our friendly and caring church family. Please speak to one of the pastors for information. *If you are interested in exploring membership and/or have questions, please call Pastor Chris Curvin or Katie Pacana, Membership Coordinator, at 796-8090.* The next Discovering Northwood New Member Class is May 18th at 10:45 AM in Room 4 of the Christian Education building.

We hope you will join us for fellowship, coffee, juice and cookies between services in the hallway outside the kitchen.

DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN? Infants and toddlers are provided care in our excellent nursery during the entire Worship Service and during the Sunday School hour. Children ages 3 (by 9/13) and older may remain in worship with their parents.

Restrooms are located in the Narthex across from the kitchen.

Anyone wishing to discuss a commitment/recommitment to Christ, or anyone who has a special prayer concern may speak with one of the pastors after the worship service.

Northwood provides transportation for those who need it to and from the 11:00 AM worship service. Call the church office, 796-8090, before noon on Fridays to reserve a seat.

THE EASTER LILIES IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY are given to the glory of God by friends and members of Northwood Presbyterian Church in honor and in memory of their loved ones. (See insert).

We hope you will take time to look through this information and take note of all the events taking place in the life of Northwood. If you are visiting, we hope to see you again soon!

He is Risen!
Pastor Chris



*Thank You for Participating by Bringing Flowers
today for Northwood’s Flower Cross!*

One Great Hour of Sharing, Easter Sunday

For more than 50 years through the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, the refugee and the stranger have found food and safe shelter, those stunned by the aftermath of disasters have found relief and help rebuilding, and communities seeking to take control of their future have found partners in development. This year 80% of the money received will be divided equally between local ministries RCS and Isaiah's Inn, and 20% will go to the Presbytery of Tampa Bay. The hundreds of millions given over the last half century have enabled a powerful witness to the love of the One who came that all might have life more abundantly.

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD TODAY

ACOLYTES:

(8:15) Eli Jeffre
(11:00) Kylie Crossley

GREETERS:

(8:15) JoAnne & Ray Spigarelli
(11:00) Vicki & Dane Phillips

USHERS:

(8:15) Janet George, Rina McGrath,
Howard Green, Edwin Smith
(9:30) Bill & Louise Mylin, Kim,
Morgan, & Lindsey Peterson,
Curtis & Vicki Krueger
(11:00) Pete and Evelyn Towns
Jon and Vickie Mills

VAN DRIVER: Joe Nelson

Hymn Notes

“O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing” (235, 255)

Easter music is usually loud and joyous and this Easter carol fits the mold. After an opening call to praise, we are reminded of the women coming to the tomb, the angels' message to them, Christ appearing to the disciples at the evening, and—in the second half of the text at #255—the story of doubting Thomas.

The first stanzas are a paraphrase of Matthew 28:1-7 and were written by a 15th century Franciscan monk and first published in an untitled booklet between 1518 and 1536. The booklet is now housed in the Bibliotheque Nationale in Paris.

The tune is a fifteenth century French melody and was probably composed as the original melody. The tune's name (O FILII ET FILIAE) is the first four words of the Latin. The opening 'alleluias' are sung only at the beginning.

REMINDER: The office will be closed tomorrow, **Monday, April 21, 2014.**

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, April 20th: Faith Garcia, Anna Hyden, Ed Puschmann
Monday, April 21st: Agnes Blair
Tuesday, April 22nd: Garry Justice, Edwin Smith
Wednesday, April 23rd: Shirley Gleason
Thursday, April 24th: Charlie Hersh, Keith Nadig, Jaedon Wade
Friday, April 25th: Billie Nesmith, Renee Smith
Saturday, April 26th: Elias Jeffre, Isaac Jeffre, Jessie Lusk, Tom Michaels



Happy Birthday!

If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven't seen them in church recently, give them a call!

EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (13/14 School Year) Room 3, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children's Message.

Teachers: Nathan Rodewald & Kelsey Propst

9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (13/14 School Year) Room 3

Teachers: Hallie Pelham & Pat Cheek, Diane Musto

1st & 2nd Grades

Room 16

Teachers: Mr. Bill Sutton & Nancy Turner

3rd-5th Grades

Room 8

Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front 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 (13/14 School Year) Room 3, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children's Message.

Teachers: Barbara Engelhart & Carissa Johnston

Please plan ahead and prepare for the celebration of the Sacrament of Communion on the first Sunday of the month. It is a prayerful time for giving thanks and confessing our sins, renewing our commitment to God, and hearing the Word proclaimed. 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 this process, please contact elder Jackie Koski (jackieandjerry@verizon.net), Chair of the Worship Team.

9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SERENDIPITY—Rooms 10 & 12

TODAY: We are about to finish the Book of John. This book has been widely used to bring people to Christ. Class starts at 9:45, but come early for coffee and fellowship.

TCI (Today's Christian Issues)—Rooms 4 & 6

TODAY: Bill Bitner will lead a class discussion centering on “How do you want to be remembered” after you are gone? What has been important to you in your life that you would like to be remembered for? Is it time to start taking notes? These and many other questions should set an interesting basis for the class discussion.

11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EXPERIENCING GOD

TODAY: We are not meeting today. Happy Easter!

News About Our Children's Ministries

Workshop of Wonders Vacation Bible School, June 23-27, 2014

- Who?** Children 4 yrs. old (as of 9/1/14) through 5th grade (2013/14 school year)
When? Registration is now open to everyone
Where? Northwood Presbyterian Church
How Much? Registration is \$10 per child, \$15 day of. (Optional VBS t-shirts, \$5.00 per child)
Note: Registration fee is waived for children of full-time VBS volunteers and for children registered for the Northwood Child Care Summer Camp.

How Do I Register?

Register online at www.northwoodpc.org.

Click on the "Register for VBS" link and follow the instructions provided.

VBS Donations:

Items to be collected:

- Fruit and soup cans- emptied, cleaned and wrappers off.
 - Tuna cans – emptied, cleaned and wrappers off.
 - Duct Tape – decorative and colorful
 - Old hardware- nuts, wing nuts, electrical wire (multicolored), metal shower rings & wire nuts.
- Donated items can be placed in the collection box by the robot in front of the Noah's Ark table.

*If you are planning to help out with VBS again this year, please let Justine Ruisz or Marcy Kemerer know. We welcome the help and you will have such a wonderful week. Please stop by the office and leave a note in Justine's box where you will be helping.

Sunday School Classes:

The children are learning about Jesus' teachings and parables. These stories have lead us to Easter. And finally they will learn about Peter and how he changes from being wishy-washy to having a strong faith foundation.

King's Kids:

We have one more week of King's Kids and then our end of the year party on April 30th. It has been fun learning about Jesus' life each Wednesday evening, while singing and playing with friends. Thank you parents for volunteering and helping make this possible each week. If you would like to enroll your child, please check back in the fall for registration.

*Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry
Childrensministry@northwoodpc.org, 796-8090/ Cell- 641-8140*

Library News!!! Check out a DVD today! We have two new cases of DVD's available for children and family! Be sure to sign it out and leave the card in the basket on the desk. Check it out!

Youth Events

- **Sunday, April 20:**
Easter Sunday, No Youth Group
- **Friday, April 25:**
7-10 pm Game Night
- **Sunday, April 27:**
Youth Sunday!
Youth Sunday Lunch at Jason's Deli after 11:00 service
- **Friday, May 2:**
7-10 pm Game Night
- **Sunday, May 4:**
4:15-5pm Middle School
5-6pm Combined Middle & High School
6-6:45pm High School
- **Friday, May 9:**
7-10 pm Game Night
- **Sunday, May 11:**
Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast
No Youth Group
- **Friday, May 16:**
7-10 pm Game Night
- **Sunday, May 18:**
5-7 pm End of the Year Banquet

Sunday School: Every Sunday at 9:30am and 11:00am in the Youth Room. Join us before or after the service you worship!

Conyers Registration: Registration forms are now available in the youth room and on the youth bulletin board. The cost is \$200 per person. Sign up and place your deposit TODAY!

Youth Sunday is April 27th! Mark your calendars! We'll need ushers, greeters, readers, and more! After the services, we'll meet at Jason's Deli for lunch with the youth and their families. See Troy for more details.

Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast, May 11th: This is to support the Conyers Mission Trip. We will need cooks, servers, and many helpers. Please plan on helping with our final fundraiser for Conyers.

End of the Year Banquet, May 18th: All are welcome as we say good-bye to our seniors, as well as welcome our incoming 6th grade students. A time of great fellowship and good food. It will be during regular youth group time, Sunday, from 5:00-7:00. Please plan on being there with the whole family.

VBS Youth Guide Registration Has Begun! Look for forms on the Bulletin Board or sign up online: www.northwoodpc.org.

Attention Graduating Seniors: Please submit your pictures and post graduation plans to Katie Pacana by May 4th. Pictures can be dropped off in the office or e-mailed to Katie@Northwoodpc.org.

*Troy Harris, Director of Youth & Young Adults
YouthMinistry@Northwoodpc.org, 366-7762*

Kid's Corner Preschool & Northwood Child Care

If you haven't already, be sure to take a look at our 10+ years, NAEYC Accredited Preschool! Enrollment has already begun for the 2014-2015 school year! Do you need a camp for your children during summer? Why not look into our Northwood Child Care Summer Camp! For more information about our Preschool, After School and Summer Camp programs, visit us online at www.northwoodpc.org/schools.

Northwood Photo Group

If you like photography, come visit the Northwood Photo Group on the second Tuesday of each month. We talk about basic and advanced photography, visit some fantastic places to take pictures, and share our great and blurry pictures, in hopes of learning more. Our next meeting will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 13 in rooms 13 and 15 on the north side of the Christian Education Building. For more information contact David Lawrence at david@primeimagesinc.com or Curtis Krueger at curtis.krueger@gmail.com

Congratulations to our Confirmands!

Today we welcome our 10 Confirmands into Membership in the Presbyterian Church. These students, grades 7 and up, started classes back in February to learn about the History of the Church, Presbyterian Polity, Old Testament, New Testament, Worship and more. They also spent a fun weekend out at Cedarkirk and attended the March Session Meeting. On Saturday, April 12 they attended a Breakfast in their honor where they shared their faith statements. And today we welcome them as brothers and sisters in Christ's Church!

Blood Drive, May 4, 2014

Mark your calendars for the next blood drive. Donate blood and save lives! And remember, May the Fourth be with you!

Presbyterian Women

Everyone is invited to the PW Installation Service, Covered Dish Luncheon, and Annual Birthday Party on Tuesday, May 6, 2014, starting at 11:30 am in the Sanctuary. Luncheon follows the ceremony. Bring a dish to share. Beverages and Birthday cake are provided! Questions? Contact Ellen Stoup, 415-6585.

Scholarship Application Time

NPC members who are high school seniors, college/vocational students or grad students are encouraged to pick up guidelines/applications from Katie Pacana in the church office or download them online at www.northwoodpc.org. Applications must be received by June 1, 2014. Applicants need to be involved in the life of the church (either here or at college/Seminary). This scholarship can only be received twice. We give thanks to the Bakers, Gordons, Wrights and others whose generosity to Northwood was reflected in their last will and testament.

Learn about Being Presbyterian

What is a Presbyterian?

In the New Testament, "Presbuteros" means elder, and refers to the democratic custom of choosing leaders and advisors from among the members of the church.

Presbyterians are a group of Protestants whose church is founded on this concept of democratic rule under the Word of God. The Presbyterian denomination is a form of Christianity democratically organized to embrace the faith common to all Christians.

All that is required to be a Presbyterian is to...

- Confess the Christian faith
- Trust in Christ as our forgiving Savior
- Promise to follow Christ and Christ's example for living
- Commit oneself to attend church and to become involved in its work.

Presbyterians have two main sources for inspiration and guidance in their faith:

1. The Bible: The Bible is an inspired record of the revelation of God to all. Presbyterians have always believed that the Bible is the most authoritative source for faith and practice for all people. Presbyterians do not believe that the authors of the Bible were "pens of God" as the pre-Christian writers believed. Instead, they believe the authors were inspired by God to reveal God to all people.
2. Creeds & Confessions: These are statements of doctrine that express the beliefs of a church or congregation. They include:
 - The Apostles' Creed
 - The Nicene Creed
 - The Scots Confession, 1560
 - The Heidelberg Catechism
 - The Second Helvetic Confession
 - And others

Presbyterians recognize two Sacraments—as described in the Bible.

1. Baptism: This sacrament unites us with Jesus Christ and makes us members of God's family, the Church. For Presbyterians, baptism...
 - Is an initiation into the church community, as ordered by Christ
 - Is a public confession, not a private one—it's a statement of faith made in the presence of others
 - Does not guarantee access to heaven—un-baptized people are not denied salvation
 - Can be performed in another church—there is no need to be re-baptized in a Presbyterian Church.
2. Communion: This is also called the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion or the Eucharist. It's a time to renew faith and strengthen participants for the duties and privileges of Christian service. In communion, the bread and the wine represent the sacrificial body and blood of Christ and recall the last meal shared with the apostles. Together they symbolize the new covenant between God and all people.

To learn more about what it means to be a Presbyterian, and a member of Northwood, please join us for our Discovering Northwood New Member Class May 18th at 10:45 am in Room 4 of the Christian Education Building.