Hymn Notes:
“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” (829)
Dr. Ray Palmer, one of America’s most distinguished Congregationalist ministers, wrote his most famous hymn at the age of 22 shortly after he graduated from Yale in 1830. He wrote this hymn as a private reflection while he was teaching in a girls’ school in New York City. A year or so later, he had a chance meeting on a Boston street with the noted musician and teacher Lowell Mason who asked Palmer if he had any new hymns Mason could include in a new hymnal he was compiling. Palmer gave him this hymn and Mason immediately went home and wrote the tune OLIVET which we still sing. When they met again a few days later Mason said to him, “Mr. Palmer, you may live many years and do many good things, but I think you will be best known to posterity as the author of ‘My Faith Looks Up to Thee’.” That prediction has proved true as the hymn is today in nearly all English language hymnals.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (18/19 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-1st Grade, Room 3
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Dan & Karen Gipson.
2nd-5th Grade, Room 8
Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8 with Justine Davis & Jane Winn.

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (18/19 School Year)
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11:00 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
The Middle & High Schools (6th-12th graders) are meeting this week for Sunday School. All youth are welcome to worship together in the center-right-side of the Sanctuary at the 9:30 Ignite service. After the service, youth will meet in the City at 10:45am for Sunday School where we will be discussing today’s message.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 AM TC1 (Today’s Christian Issues) Rooms 9-11
TC1 is a group of adults and even teens who wish to explore the ways their Christian values guide their reactions to modern challenges. The group is particularly committed to mission efforts around the world and locally; that international focus will be in evidence for the final two weeks of March.
Today, March 24th, we will hold a Skype session with missionaries in the war-torn middle east -- brave people who are supported by Northwood Presbyterian. Then on March 31st, we’ll host Ann Hallum, the founder and director of the Alliance for International Reforestation, a group that supports Guatemalans as they plant trees to prevent erosion and improve the soil.

11:00 AM Experiencing God Class Room 15
led by Vicki Krueger, join us on the journey for the truth about Jesus. In this video-based study based on “The Case for Christ,” we will sift through historical evidence and expert testimony to help us see Jesus in a new way and find our lives transformed. We will also gain the tools to talk about Jesus with those who question whether Jesus existed or whether he is a good man, a prophet or the Son of God. Come join us!

11:30 AM Sunday Morning Bible Study
This Bible study meets at 11:30am on Sunday mornings in room 8. We are studying the Book of Hebrews, using the study guide: Hebrews: Christ-Perfect Sacrifice, Perfect Priest by John MacArthur. If you have any questions or would like to purchase a book for the study, please contact Cindy Huffman 727-409-8727 or lu-cindy1@aol.com. This is a discussion class and is approximately one hour in length. All are welcome! Come join us!

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MARCH 24, 2019
3RD SUNDAY IN LENT
8:15 & 11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICES

THE GATHERING
(LET THE CONGREGATION BE SILENT, AND TO PRAY AS THE MUSIC BEGINS. PLEASE SILENCE ELECTRONIC DEVICES.)

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE) PAUL MEAMS, ASSOCIATE PASTOR
LEADER: THROUGH THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
PEOPLE: GOD’S LOVE IS PURGED INTO OUR HEARTS.
LEADER: THE LAW OF THE LORD REVIVES THE SOUL;
PEOPLE: THE WORD OF GOD MAKES THE SIMPLE WISE.
LEADER: ALL WHO THRIST COME TO THE WATERS;
PEOPLE: LET ALL WHO ARE HUNGRY COME AND EAT.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“ALLELUIA, AMEN!” ARR. KAREN LAKEY BUCKWALTER
REVELATION RINGERS
(ACOLOYTES SYMBOLICALLY BRING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST & THEN TAKE IT OUT INTO THE WORLD.)

WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
YAMIKANI CHIPETA, TRANSFER OF LETTER, MONBE PRAYERHOUSE-MACHINGA
JOHN HILDEBRAND, TRANSFER OF LETTER, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, TAMPA

NORTHWOOD PUPPET MINISTRY
“TESTIFY TO LOVE” KELLY TEGHE, DIRECTOR
(SUNG BY WYNONNA JUDD; WRITTEN BY RALPH VAN MANEN, ROBERT RIEKERK, PAUL FIELD AND HENK POOL)

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

(PLEASE COMPLETE THE BULLETIN INSERT, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” AND PASS IT TOWARD THE CENTER AISLE.)

HYMN #396 “BRETHREN, WE HAVE MET TO WORSHIP” HOLY MANNA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (TOGETHER)
O GOD, LIKE BONES IN THE DESERT OUR FAITH IS DRIED UP AND LIFELESS. THE WINDS OF FALSE DOCTRINE SEAR OUR SPIRITS; THE HEAT OF CONFLICT SAPS OUR STRENGTH. WE SEEK AN OASIS TO ESCAPE YOUR JUDGMENT; WE WANDER AIMLESSLY IN SEARCH OF FALSE DOCTRINE. WE WALK WAYWARD, THIRSTING FOR THE WATERS OF GOD’S LOVE.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

(CALL TO OFFERING)

MUSICAL OFFERING

“MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE” ARR. DAVE WOOD

DOXOLOGY—#606 OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAISE SONGS

“MORE FAITH, LESS RELIGION” KELLY TEGHE, DIRECTOR
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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN #829 “MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE” OLIVET

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

LUKE 13:6-10 NRSV (PAGE 964)
1 TIMOTHY 4:7-8 NRSV (PAGE 964)

SERMON

“MORE FAITH, LESS RELIGION” CHRIS CURVIN, PASTOR

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #649 “AMAZING GRACE, HOW SWEET THE SOUND” AMAZING GRACE

BENEDICTION

SUNG BLESSING

“GO IN PEACE” KENNETH E. WHITE
(SING THE BLESSING AS THE PASTOR, MUSIC DIRECTOR, ORહ ORMAN LEADS.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“COME, THOU FOUNTED OF EVERY BLESSING” ARR. DIANE BISH
(YOU ARE INVITED TO REFLECT ON THE WORSHIP SERVICE DURING THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY. IF YOU MUST LEAVE BEFORE THE END OF THE SERVICE, PLEASE RESPECT THOSE WHO REMAIN AND LEAVE QUIETLY.)

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME

“ALLELUIA, AMEN!” REVELATION RINGERS

MEET AND GREET

PRAISE SONGS

“GREATER!” “KING OF MY HEART!”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS
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JOHN HILDEBRAND

MINUTE FOR MISSION

SPENCER BRIGGS-CEDARKIRK

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SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“SO WILL I!” SCRIPTURE

LUKE 13:6-10, 1 TIMOTHY 4:7

MESSAGE

“MORE FAITH, LESS RELIGION” CHRIS CURVIN, PASTOR

SONG OF DEDICATION

“I WALK BY FAITH”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU