

**MUSIC NOTES:**

Today we present the first performance of a commissioned anthem by Joseph M. Martin. Last year, Northwood choir members Steve and Debbie Lang started the process to have Mr. Martin compose a musical piece in memory of their mothers, Rita M. Lang (1930-2017) and Lila G. Odom (1924-2003). Both women spent their lives actively participating in leadership roles in their respective churches in the Greenville SC area.

Rita was among the first women Ruling Elders in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) serving her local church and presbytery in multiple ways as well as serving nationally as a commissioner to the General Assembly.

Lila was an accomplished church musician serving as pianist and organist to Greenville churches for 60 years. She was an inspiration to thousands with whom she shared her gifts and also taught generations of students as a piano teacher.

Both were women of faith who lived their lives as an example of the love of Christ to their family and community. In "Daughters of Promise, Women of Faith" Joseph Martin has created a thoughtful text with uplifting music that fittingly honors these two women, but further summons us all to 'answer the call' and celebrate that 'we're one family of faith.'

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



**Jackie & Jerry Koski**  
In Memory of Jackie's Mom



**Jean Swintek**  
In Memory of John's Birthday

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2019 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, March 31:** Lynn Propst, Fleet Wulf
- Monday, April 1:** Ed Lyon, Ginny Zimmer
- Tuesday, April 2:** Jackie Kovilaritch
- Wednesday, April 3:** William Jeffrey, Janice Ridgway, Bernetta Williams, Colin Means
- Thursday, April 4:** Jim Speer, Sue Walker, Jack Mattson
- Saturday, April 6:** Mark Luther, Alexander Turner



*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**

**ACOLYTE:** Claire Cantin

**GREETERS:**

- (8:15) Barbara Moler & Bunny Bitner
- (11:00) Jane Winne & Carol Bushnell

**USHERS:**

- (8:15) Suzanne Hamilton & Jackie Rice  
Carol Rathmell & Sue Walker
- (9:30) Candy Spoenlein & Louise Mylin
- (11:00) Nancy Johnson & Carol Rathmell  
Nancy Marshall & Sharon Card

**VAN DRIVER:** Cynthia Lawrence



**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**3 Yr. Olds-2<sup>nd</sup> 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-1<sup>st</sup> Grade, Room 3**

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Justine Davis.

**2nd-5th Grade, Room 8**

Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8 with Jane Winne.

**11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

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**11:00 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

The Middle & High Schoolers (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 A.M. TCI (Today's Christian Issues) Rooms 9-11**

TCI is a gathering of adults and a few teens who want to explore how our faith informs our attitudes about complex modern issues ranging from war in the middle east to homelessness here in Pinellas County. We ground our discussions in scripture and celebrate the diversity of ideas drawn from the experiences and perspectives of the diverse group.

Today, we will again welcome Anne Hallum, the founder and director of the Alliance for International Forestation, an award-winning group working to improve the lives of Guatemalans through tree-planting and education. Then on April 7th, Fred Heider will take us to the other side of the world to examine the rising influence of China and how that influence challenges our Christianity.

**11:00 A.M. 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 A.M. 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 lucindy1@aol.com. This is a discussion class and is approximately one hour in length. All are welcome! Come join us!

Welcome To  
**Northwood Presbyterian Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church  
Organized February 19, 1978*

**March 31, 2019**

*Gifts of Women Sunday*



**Ministers: All Members of the Church**

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor  
Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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**Order for the Public Worship of God**  
**March 31, 2019**  
**4th Sunday in Lent/Gifts of Women Sunday**  
**8:15 & 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service**

**THE GATHERING**

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Responsive)* Heather Wood (8:15)  
Vickie Mills (11:00)

Leader: Let us praise the God of glory and of strength.

**People: Let us worship the God of grace.**

Leader: For the voice of God goes out across all the earth.

**People: And let all God's people say, glory!**

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

Celebration Ringers arr. Douglas E. Wagner

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

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** Chris Curvin, Pastor

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

**\*HYMN #14** “For the Beauty of the Earth” DIX

**CALL TO CONFESSION** JoAnne Spigarelli (8:15)  
Kim Blackmore (11:00)

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(together)*

Gracious God, you know us better than we know ourselves. Find in us, we pray, the pockets of resistance and patches of coldness that keep us closed to your movement among us. Root them out and open us that we may be agents of your grace and channels of your love. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581** GLORIA PATRI

**ANTHEM** “Daughters of Promise, Women of Faith” Joseph M. Martin

*(Commissioned by Steve & Debbie Lang in honor of their mothers, Rita Lang & Lila Odom)*

Adrienne Clover, Flute; Heather Wood, Clarinet;

Mark Johnston, Violin; Mitchell Johnston, Bongos

*O daughters of promise, O women of faith,  
come teach us compassion, and show us the way.*

*Come nurture our journey in glorious ways;*

*inspire us with wisdom, and lead us today.*

*O daughters of promise, so precious and rare,*

*great is your value; no gold can compare.*

*Gifted with marvelous mercy and love, you are a blessing from heaven above.*

*O daughters of promise, God's wondrous design,  
you are crafted and called for a purpose divine.*

*Now this is the season, the time and the place*

*to rejoice in your mission and celebrate grace.*

*Great is the challenge, walk worthy; stand tall.*

*Break down every barrier, and climb every wall.*

*With all of your strength, be a servant to all. This is your moment to answer the call.*

*Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou my inheritance now and always.*

*Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*Come, sons and daughters, together as one, our journey, our mission has only begun.  
Come, walk with the Shepherd, and trust and obey,  
for Christ is the Life and the Truth and the Way.*

*Let the joy of the Lord be our candle at night, leading us on to a harvest of white,  
Striving with passion and worship and praise, people of promise, one family of faith.  
People of promise one family of faith. We're one family of faith!*

**OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN**

*(Children ages 3yrs – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, are welcome to remain in service with their parents  
or join us in room 3 for Children's Church.)*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(page 35)*  
Ellen Stoup (8:15)  
Linda O'Leary (11:00)

**CALL TO OFFERING** Pam Wood (8:15)  
Marti Huff (11:00)

**MUSICAL OFFERING** “On Eagle's Wings” arr. Joel Raney  
Adrienne Clover, Flute

**\*A DOXOLOGY #606** OLD HUNDREDTH

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN #215** “What Wondrous Love Is This” WONDROUS LOVE

**WE HEAR THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS** Genesis 2:18 *(page 2)*  
1 John 4:7-12 *(page 991)*

**SERMON** “Walking a Steep Path” Rev. Ginny Ellis

**A LITANY FOR THOSE WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS**

Patty Martin (8:15) Sue Miskiewicz (11:00)

Leader: For all who risk their lives to give refuge to your people,

**People: We thank you, O God.**

Leader: For the faithful who take things into their own hands,

**People: We thank you, O God.**

Leader: For Hagar and the unnamed women who survived to do your will in the wilderness,

**People: We thank you, O God.**

Leader: For Mary Magdalene's heart and for all who linger at the cross,

**People: We thank you, O God.**

Leader: For the grace-filled women who, like Mary the mother of Jesus, carry your love into the world,

**People: We thank you, O God.**

Leader: For women created to be your beloved warriors,

**People: We thank you, O God.**

**\*HYMN #761** “Called as Partners in Christ's Service” BEECHER

**\*BENEDICTION**

**SUNG BLESSING** “Dona nobis pacem” arr. Barbara Wallace  
*(please be seated)* Elaine Cornillaud & Michele White

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY** “Toccata” Theodore Dubois  
(1837-1924)

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

Stephanie Carson, Music Director

Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

# 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**

“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

Celebration Ringers

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

**WELCOME**

**MEET & GREET**

**PRAISE SONG**

“The Only Name (Yours Will Be)”

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

“Revelation Song”

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

“The Way (New Horizon)”

**SCRIPTURE**

Luke 15: 11b-32

**MESSAGE**

“And What About His Mother?”

Cindy Huffman

**DRAMA**

“The Mother of the Prodigal Son”

Vicki Parker

*(Author, Liz Runkle; Director, Babs Bailey)*

**SONG OF DEDICATION**

“Grace Wins”

**GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU**

*Sermon notes...*

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*that Ignite Action!*