MUSIC NOTES:  

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 & donations 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/  
USHERS:  
ACOLYTE:

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 
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  
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.

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 in-
forms our attitudes about complex modern issues ranging from war in the middle 
east to homelessness here in Pinellas County. We ground our discussions in scrip-
ture 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 Alli-
ance 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, Per-
fected Priest by John MacArthur. If you have any questions or would like to purchase a 
book for the study, please contact Cindy Huffman 727-409-8723 or lu-
cindy@aoel.com. This is a discussion class and is approximately one hour in length. 
All are welcome! Come join us!

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO….  
Sunday, March 31:  
Lynn Propst, Fleet Wulf  
Monday, April 1:  
Ed Lyon, Ginny Zimmer  
Tuesday, April 2:  
Jackie Kowalarich  
Wednesday, April 3:  
William Jeffrey, Janice Ridgway,  
Bernetta Williams, Colm 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 Bitter  
(11:00) Jane Winne & Carol Bushnell

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

VAN DRIVER:  

Welcome to  
Northwood Presbyterian Church  
A Stephen Ministry Church  
Organized February 19, 1978

March 31, 2019

Gifts of Women Sunday  

CELEBRATE  
special women  
in your life

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 sit, 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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
Chris Curvin, Pastor

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
(Complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle)

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

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 need 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 4yr – 2nd 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”
Adrienne Clover, Flute

*ADOXOLOGY #606
OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #215 “What Wondrous Love Is This”

WONDERFUL 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
Leader: For women created to be your beloved warriors,
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 the grace
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

*BENEDICATION

SUNG BLESSING “Donna nobis pacem” (please be seated)
Elaine Cornelius & Michelle 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

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

*HYMN #14

“Toccata”                          Theodore Dubois

“Revelation Song”

SHAREING 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