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EASTER SUNDAY

April 21, 2019 ~ 8:15 & 11:00 AM

THE GATHERING

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

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Partita on O FILII ET FILIAE” Wilbur Held
(O Sons and Daughters Let Us Sing, #235) (1914-2015)

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

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 *(page 936)*

INTROIT “Easter People, Rise” Joseph M. Martin
from *Festival of Faith*
Narration, Garry Justice; Timpani/Percussion, Zoe Schulz

*Easter people, rise today. See all stones are rolled away.
Stand and claim your victory. Set your alleluias free!
Easter people, raise your voice! With creation, now rejoice!
Death has dropped its sword of doom. Music pours from every tomb.
Alleluia!*

*EASTER GREETING *(Responsive)*

Leader: The Lord is risen!
People: He is risen indeed!
Leader: Christ is risen!
People: HE IS RISEN INDEED!

*HYMN #232 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” EASTER HYMN

*PASSING THE PEACE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

CHORAL CALL TO CONFESSION “All Shall Be Well” Timothy Dudley-Smith

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 20th at 10:45 am in Room 4 of the Christian Education Building.

Around Northwood

Home Communion Training

Elder and Deacon Home Communion Information and Training session on Sunday, May 5th from 12:15 to 12:45 in room 8 . This is an excellent opportunity for both active and resting Elders and Deacons to learn more and become involved in this important ministry of care and compassion to Northwood members who are homebound and unable to attend church. We need officers to serve on home teams or who would be willing to serve as a substitute. This training is needed to serve communion in the home, beyond any information received for serving communion during worship on Sunday morning. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Paul at 796- 8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.

Citylight Youth Fundraiser

There are approximately 250 envelopes on bulletin boards that were decorated by a member of our ministry. Each have a number that correlates to a dollar amount. If you are interested in donating, please take an envelope with a dollar amount you feel comfortable with and please return the envelope (sealed with your donation inside) to the church office Monday-Friday between 9-3pm or to the youth at the fundraising table today and next Sunday during all three services. Cash or checks made out to Northwood Presbyterian Church with "Youth" in the memo are gratefully accepted. Your donation will be used to help fund our off-site events like this year's summer mission trips to Talladega and Vero Beach. Thank you for your support!

Florida Music Workshop Registration

Music Camp registration forms are due now! A \$50 registration fee is due now. Workshop is June 9-14, 2019. Deliver completed forms to Tom Huffman. (There are copies of the form in the choir room).

Northwood Scholarship Application

NPC members who are high school seniors, college/vocational students or grad students are encouraged to pick up guidelines/applications from Emily Cantin, online, or in the church office now. Applications must be received by June 1, 2019. 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. Scholarship funds come from interest earned from the following: (1) The Fred and Kay Baker Scholarship Fund, (2) The Walter and Catherine Gordon Educational Endowment, (3) Clarence and Florence Wright Scholarship Fund, (4) Monies received from other sources.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

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 #239 *(stanzas 1,2)*

GELOBT SEI GOTT

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Lord of life has risen today! Death's mighty stone is rolled away.
Let all the earth rejoice and say:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

ANTHEM

"A Call to Alleluia"
Finale from *Festival of Faith*

Joseph M. Martin

*Let all creation lift a joyful noise. Let every nation raise a noble voice.
In celebration, let the church rejoice. Alleluia!
Let all the world in every corner sing. Let every voice declare the risen King.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Let glorious alleluias ring. Alleluia!*

*Now let your voices be an instrument of light.
Sing in the shadows and bring music to the night.
With every note you bring, live praises for the King!
Let your service be a grateful offering.*

*With every anthem, let your theme be more than art.
Live out your songs and let true adoration start.
With mercy, love and grace, live out your songs of praise.
Serve God with gladness all your days.*

*Set free a song of joy in every place.
Redeem the wrong and raise a hymn of grace.
Let hearts be strong and tuned for love and joyful praise! Alleluia!*

OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN

(Children, ages 3 years–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

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.

CALL TO OFFERING *(The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is also received today.)*

MUSICAL OFFERING "O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing" Michael Burkhardt
(based on the next hymn #235)

***A DOXOLOGY #609** LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures high and low:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise God in Jesus fully known; Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN #235** "O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing" O FILII ET FILIAE

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Matthew 28:1-6 NRSV *(page 811)*
Mark 5:35-42 NRSV *(pages 817)*

SERMON SERIES The Eyes of Faith Chris Curvin, Pastor
"Arise"

***HYMN #245** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!" LLANFAIR
(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.)

*BENEDICTION

***CHORAL ACCLAMATION** "Hallelujah" G.F. Handel
from *Messiah*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Toccata Brevis" Daniel Gawthrop

(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)

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

GETALIGHT

Sunday, April 21: Easter Worship
Monday, April 22: City Night 6-9pm
Wednesday, April 24: VBS Youth Guide Training 6:00pm
Friday, April 26th: Game Night 7-10pm

Upcoming Events:

- Youth Sunday- All 3 services: Sunday, April 28th
- YLT Meeting- April 28th at 12:30pm
- City Group: Narnia #2- April 28th, 3-6pm
- City Group: Narnia #3- May 5th, 3-6pm
- Cedarkirk Workday- May 18th, 9am-4pm

We are also in need of adult volunteers to help out in **May** for Youth Game Nights which are held on Friday nights from 7-10:00pm here at Northwood. If this is something that you might be interested in, please contact Vanessa Celotto at youthdirector@northwoodpc.org. Thanks!

****The Middle & High Schoolers will not be meeting for Sunday School this week. We'll start back up again on May 5th.**

Vanessa Celotto, Director of Youth & Family Ministries
youthdirector@northwoodpc.org



Shine On!

Congratulations to our Confirmands!

Last weekend we welcomed our four Confirmands into Membership in the Presbyterian Church. These students, grades 6-8, started classes on February 10th to learn about the History of the Church, Presbyterian Polity, Old Testament, New Testament, Worship and more. They also spent a fun weekend at Cedarkirk and attended the February Session Meeting. On Saturday, April 13th, they attended a Breakfast in their honor where they shared their faith statements. Palm Sunday we welcomed Adam Booth, Ava Catlin, Olivia Catlin, and Joey Weidner as brothers and sisters in Christ's Church! In addition to being confirmed, Joey Weidner was baptized.

About our Children's Ministry:

Welcome to Northwood Presbyterian Church! Our mission is to join with parents to help kids develop a faith in Jesus Christ that lasts a lifetime! We invite you to take a look at our website, www.northwoodpc.org, for more information about what we offer and join us for some of our exciting upcoming events! If you have any questions, please contact Justine Davis, Director of Children's Ministry.

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Children's Ministry

Vacation Bible School– June 3-7



“Go Beyond with God” and blast off on this epic adventure with us to Mars and Beyond! Vacation Bible School registration and information is now available on our website, www.northwoodpc.org, under the children's ministry section. If you have any questions, please contact Justine Davis, Director of Children's Ministry at childrensministry@northwoodpc.org.



Our last day of King's Kids will be April 24th and will be our end of the session party. Parents, please email Justine Davis to let her know what food items you will be bringing to share. Also remember parents must attend the party. King's Kids is our midweek program that takes place from 4:00-5:45 on Wednesday afternoon. This program is for children ages 3 years (must be potty trained) – 5th grade. It runs from mid to late September – April. King's Kids provides a fun and safe Christian environment for children; they will get to experience Bible time, music time and play/hang out time on the playground. All are welcome to attend, please contact Justine Davis at childrensministry@northwoodpc.org if you would like more information.

Welcome Friends & Guests!

April 21, 2019

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. *If you are interested in exploring membership and/or have questions, please contact me or Justine Davis, Membership Coordinator at 796-8090.* The next Discovering Northwood New Member Class is June 9th at 10:30AM 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.

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.

The Easter Lilies (in the sanctuary and around the church 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 Thornwell Building Families Program, 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. There are offering envelopes located in the holders in the pew.

HYMN NOTES:

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” (245)

This text by Charles Wesley was first published in 1739 under the title “Hymn for Easterday” in eleven four-line stanzas. For almost 100 years after this first appearance the text went into a great eclipse. In 1831 it reappeared in British Methodist hymnals and U.S. hymnals in 1849. The joyous ‘alleluias’ at the end of each line were added by some hymnal editor to make the words fit the tune. The usual tune, EASTER HYMN, also has a history from the 18th century of being named CHRISTMAS DAY and coupled with another of Wesley’s hymns “Hark, how all the welkin rings,” later altered to “Hark, the herald angels sing.” Today we sing that tune at the beginning to a translation of a 14th century Latin hymn. In our *Glory to God* hymnal, the Wesley Easter words are coupled with a different tune, LLANFAIR. This Welsh tune by Robert Williams is named for a village in Montgomery County, Wales. Llanfair’s full name is one of the longest words in any language: Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogoc which means “Church of St. Mary in a hollow of white hazel near the rapid whirlpool of the Church of St. Tysillio by the red cave.”

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO....

Monday, April 22: Edwin Smith, Garry Justice
Tuesday, April 23: Shirley Gleason
Wednesday, April 24: Keith Nadig, Kat Voss
Thursday, April 25: Billie Nesmith, Renee Smith
Friday, April 26: Diane Lynn, Jessie Lusk
Tom Michaels, Eli Jeffre,
Isaac Jeffre, Lukas Ruisz
Saturday, April 27: Anna Colon, Troy Harris,
Shaun Flaherty, Olivia French

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

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD TODAY

GREETERS:

(8:15) Mary Duffey & Jessie Loy
(11:00) Winnie & Chuck Robbins

USHERS:

(8:15) Fred & Charlotte McQuown
Rocky Davis & Bob MacFall
(9:30) Kim Peterson & Marie Ziegler

(11:00) Roger Snay & Jon Mills
Dean Rabenstine & Pete Towns

VAN DRIVER: Cynthia Lawrence

OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed tomorrow, **Monday, April 22**. The office will re-open Tuesday, April 23, at 9:00a.m.

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

Friends of Northwood



CHILDREN’S MINISTRY NEWS

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 Joyce, Ben, & Will Curvin.

2nd-5th Grades, Room 8

There will be no Sunday School TODAY.

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.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 AM TCI Sunday School Class (Today’s Christian Issues)

On Sunday, March 14th, the TCI class reviewed its mission contributions for the year. In January, the class collected \$2,000 which was distributed to federal government contractors who were furloughed during the government shutdown, \$1,500 of which was distributed. We collected \$440 in memory of Barbara Heck-Englehart to purchase two stoves for the Alliance for International Reforestation. The balance of the furloughed workers fund was divided between Metropolitan Ministries Pasco and the Helping Hands fund here at the church. Mission support is a major focus of TCI.

Today, Easter Sunday, Martha Tobiassen will explore a program suggested by Wired Word: What is Evangelism and is it right or wrong. On April 28th, Garry Justice will finish his series on church and state with an examination of church and the court. Both discussions should be provocative. Join us!

NOTE: THE CLASS WILL MEET IN ROOMS 8 & 10 FOR TODAY ONLY.

11:00 AM Experiencing God Class:

There will be NO class today. We will resume on Sunday, April 28th.

11:30 AM Sunday Morning Bible Study; Hebrews

There will be NO class today. We will resume on Sunday, May 5th.

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. The candle is first used during Holy Week 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.