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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
Chesy Reborn & Jane Winn.
2nd–5th Grade, Room 8
Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8 with Justine Davis.

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
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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 (Today’s Christian Issues) is an adult class that focuses on how our Christianity
informs our attitudes toward modern scientific, political, religious and social chal-
lenes. Visitors are always welcome to explore whether their particular issue would enhance
their Sunday experience at Northwood.

Today, Bill Binner will examine the effect of Confederate monuments on the current
descendants of both the descendants of slaves and the descendants of Confederate
soldiers.
Next week, Eleanor Cicerchi will explore Generation Z: A Force for Change in Our
World? From Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School to calls for action on climate
change around the world, is Generation Z (those born in the 21st century) departing
from the complacency and self-centeredness of the millennials?

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-
fect 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 la-
cindy1@aol.com. This is a discussion class and is approximately one hour in length.
All are welcome! Come join us!

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...
Sunday, May 12:
Stacie Cody, Ryan Williamson, Kailfyn McManus, Kevin O’Leary
Pat Donnelly
Friday, May 17:
Adrienne Roberts, Kenny Giese
Saturday, May 18:
Bill Mylin, Mike Nigels

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by
Terry & Peggy Steele
In Loving Memory of our Mothers
Jackie & Jerry Koski
In Loving Memory of our Moms
Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made us-
ing 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!

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY
GREETERS: (8:15) Barbara Moler & Linda Ciokan
(11:00) Larry & Sandy Ingram
USHERS: (8:15) Barbara Moler & Earle Lusk
Rocky Davis & Don Stephens
(9:30) Curtis & Vicki Krueger
(11:00) Ken & Martha Tobissens
Polly Brown

VAN DRIVER: John Makal

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Order for the Public Worship of God
May 12, 2019
4th Sunday of Easter
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)
Leader: The One who created and formed us tells us this:
All: do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
Leader: The One who calls us by name tells us this:
All: I am the Lord your God. You are precious in my sight and I love you.
Leader: Let us take heart in the enduring presence of the One who calls us together. Let us worship God.

OPENING VOLUNTARY
“Exultation” Matthew Compton
Hallelujah Ringers
(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
(Responsive)

HYMN #246
“Christ Is Alive” TRURO

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)
God of mercy, grace, reconciliation and goodness: we are sorry for so much; for words we cannot bear to admit, for thoughts we cannot bear to admit. But you know our hearts. Relieve us of our burdens, bind our hearts not to the unbearable but rather to you, O God, so that, in all ways, we may live in the joy of your salvation and the delight of your loving embrace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsive)
One: Happy are we, when we walk in the ways of our God.
All: Happy are we, God’s beloved ones, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN
“Our God, We Sing and Celebrate” ELLACOMBE
Our God, we sing and celebrate! Your grace to us is clear!
For we recall your faithful love for all your people here.
We’ve worked together, yet we know it’s not the things we’ve done,
But you, who give us life and hope in sending us your Son.
You give us gifts to be your church, we follow as you call.

SUNG BLESSING
O worship the King! God, help us pray and search,
Yet by your Spirit, we are one, in word, in prayer, in deed!
Some reach to help the sick and poor, while some are called to lead;
Here some are teachers, others preach, to speak your truth to all.
You give us gifts to be your church; we follow as you call.

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Matthew 6:9-10 NRSV (page 787)
John 6:38 NRSV (page 868)

SERMON
“Praying for God’s Will” Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #687
“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” ST. ANNE

BENEDICTION

SUNG BLESSING (please be seated)
“What Is the World Like” Sally Ann Morris

CLOSING VOLUNTARY
“Prelude in Classic Style” Gordon Young
(1919-1998)
(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.

COUNTDOWN
HANDBELLS
“Exaltation”
arr. Matthew Compton
Hallelujah Ringers

WELCOME
VIDEO
“Epic Mother’s Day Trailer”

MEET AND GREET

PRAISE SONGS
“Old Church Choir”
“Raise a Hallelujah”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

SUNDBY SONGS
“Thy Will” Cambia Carson Woodford, Soloist

SCRIPTURES
Matthew 6:9-10
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SONG OF DEDICATION
“Behold the Lamb”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU