Hymn Notes:

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”
Although not included in Presbyterian hymnals since The Hymnal 1955 published two stanzas, this hymn has still remained one of the most familiar on the subject of prayer. There is some uncertainty regarding the author but one story attributes it to an obscure and blind lay preacher and owner of a small trinket shop in the village of Coleshill, Warwickshire, England. The account goes that a Coleshill Congregational clergyman, Thomas Salmon, stopped at William Walford’s shop for a visit with his blind friend who had just completed a new poem on prayer and who asked him to write a tune for it. Three years later on a visit to the United States Salmon showed Walford’s poem to the editor of the New York Observer who printed it in the September 13, 1845 issue. The tune we sing, “Sweet Hour of Prayer” is not by Salmon as the author requested, but by the famous 19th century American gospel tune writer, William B. Bradbury. (Bradbury also composed tunes for “My Hope Is Built,” “Jesus Loves Me,” “Just As I Am,” “He Leadeth Me” and more.)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

8:15 & 11:00 AM
CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (18-19 School Year)
Children’s worship will be talking a break for the summer. Nursery is for children ages birth-5 years old, during the worship service. Children’s bulletins are available in the narthex.

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten, Room 3
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with June Winne & Carissa Johnston.
1st-5th Grade, Room 8
Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8 with Justine Davis

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) will not meet during the summer and will resume in the fall.

11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class Room 15, led by Vicki Krueger
The Experiencing God Class will not meet during the summer and will resume in the fall.

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 lucy1@aol.com. This is a discussion class and is approximately one hour in length. All are welcome! Come join us!

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

GUESTERS:
(8:15) Anna & Dan Hyde
(11:00) Kim Blackmore & Ed Puschmann

USHERS:
(8:15) David & Suzanne Hamilton
Herman Gaillard & Bob MacFall
(9:30) Bill & Louise Mylin
(11:00)

VAN DRIVER: Keith Nadig

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The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, your help. Restore us to right relationship with you and all those in our and our choice not to depend on you or anyone else. We confess we need and often faith only in ourselves. Forgive our faithlessness, our arrogance we wander from the path that you have set and put our faith in other "gods" from bondage to freedom. We have found no fault in your promises. Yet 

People: so my soul thirsts for the living God. 

Leader: As a deer longs for flowing streams, 

People: Let the redeemed of the Lord rejoice; 

Leader: Through our baptism, we are dead to sin. 

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; 

Our Ministry with Children (Children ages 3yr – 2nd Grade, are welcome to remain in service with their parents or join us in room 3 for Children’s Church.)

Call to Worship (Responsively) Paul Means, Associate Pastor
Leader: Through our baptism, we are dead to sin. 
People: Now we are alive to God in Christ Jesus. 
Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord rejoice; 
People: for the steadfast love of God, give thanks! 
Leader: As a deer longs for flowing streams, 
People: so my soul thirsts for the living God.

Opening Voluntary “Like the Golden Sun Ascending” Paul Manz (1919-2009) (Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

Welcome & Announcements

*HYMN #298 “Lord, You Give the Great Commission” ABBOT’S LEIGH

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Together)
Dear God, we have known your love for us since you led our ancestors from bondage to freedom. We have found no fault in your promises. Yet we wander from the path that you have set and put our faith in other "gods" and often faith only in ourselves. Forgive our faithlessness, our arrogance and our choice not to depend on you or anyone else. We confess we need your help. Restore us to right relationship with you and all those in our midst. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581 GREATOREX
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Anthem “He Shall Feed His Flock” John Ness Beck
He shall feed His flock like a shepherd: He shall gather the lambs with His arm. And carry them in His bosom, and gently shall lead those that are with young. 
He shall gather the lambs in His arm, and carry them close to His heart; And gently, so gently, ever so gently shall lead those with young. 
The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. Amen.

Our Ministry with Children

*HYMN #36 “For the Fruit of All Creation” AR HYD Y NOS
WE HEAR THE WORD
SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 29:1, 4-8a, 10-13 NRSV (page 658)

SERMON #4 “Prayer—The Way to Find God” Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN “Sweet Hour of Prayer” SWEET HOUR
Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! That calls me from a world of care, 
and oft escaped the tempter’s snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! The joys I feel, the bliss I share of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for thy return! With such I hasten to the place where God my Savior shows his face, and gladly take my station there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer! 

Sweet hour of prayer! Thy wings shall my petition bear to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless. And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word, and trust his grace, I’ll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer! 

—William Wallfart, 1845

*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
MUSICAL OFFERING “Folk tune Sketch on AR HYD Y NOS” Dale Wood (1934-2003)

*Doxology—#606 OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Together)
Loving God, thank you for this high moment in worship and in life when we have something to give that others need. Take these gifts, our weakness, our lives to benefit all your human family. May your glory be known among us and in all the world. We pray in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sung Blessing “May the Peace of God Be Your Peace” Neil McLaren

Countdown
WELCOME
PRAISE SONGS
“Indescribable”
“May the Peace of God Be Your Peace” 
MEET AND GREET
PRAISE SONG “The River”

Announcements

Sharing Joys & Concerns in Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory “Come As You Are”

Scripture Jeremiah 29:1. 4-8a, 10-13

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Song of Dedication “Resurrection Power”

God’s Blessing to You

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