

HYMN NOTES:

“Joy to the World” Isaac Watts, 1719

What’s up with that, you say—singing Christmas hymns in October? This hymn was part of Watts’ major work, *The Psalms of David, Imitated in the Language of the New Testament*. Shortly after his appointment to a London church he became ill and had to resign his post. He accepted an invitation to recuperate at the guest house of Sir Thomas Abney for a few weeks. He stayed 36 years! During his time there he completed his *Psalms of David*...which included “Joy to the World” It was originally titled “The Messiah’s Coming and Kingdom” and was not intended as a Christmas hymn. It is really appropriate for the entire year and is a paraphrase of Psalm 98. Watts has been called ‘the father of English hymnody’ for he, along with Charles and John Wesley, popularized “hymns of human composition.” Even seventy years later some at the first General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America despised these hymns calling them “the worst form of heresy.” Today, most would disagree.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, October 11: Gloria Whitfield, Jerry Koski,
Jacob Pope
Monday, October 12: Nancy Stevens
Wednesday, October 14: Bunny Bitner
Thursday, October 15: Bill Bilka, Sarah Jahosky, Carey Stevens,
Phillip Mackie, Warrick Williamson
Friday, October 16: Steve Cantin, Lorelei Robicheau
Saturday, October 17: Jack Mattheus, Trish Robicheau, Lucas
Johnston, Adam Booth, Olivia Scalera,
Gwendolyn Gordon



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

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

Babs Bailey

**In Loving Memory of My Son, Raymond,
on His Birthday, October 6th**



Jackie & Jerry Koski

In Honor of Jerry Koski’s Birthday



Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2020 Flower Reservation Chart” on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. During this time when we are not meeting for in person worship, please send your information directly to communications@northwoodpc.org

Please remember to mark “flowers” and the date on your \$30 donation.

Thank you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

*“For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth
takes its name.”*

Ephesians 3:14-15

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Wednesday Bible Study, led by Cindy Huffman

A study of the Book of Matthew meets every Wednesday at 7:00pm through Zoom. The study guide being used is *The Immersion Bible Study: Matthew* by J. Ellsworth Kalas. If you’d like to join the Wednesday Bible Study or need a study book, please email Cindy Huffman at lucindyl@aol.com and she will forward you the Zoom link. All are welcome!

Experiencing God Class, led by Vicki Krueger

If you’d like to join the Experiencing God class virtually via Zoom at 10:30am on Sunday mornings, please contact Vicki Krueger via email at vickilee33@aol.com and she will send you the meeting details each week.

Fresh Brewed

Fresh Brewed will meet on the first Friday of every month at 10:30am via Zoom. The next meeting is November 6th. The book we are studying is “Deeply Rooted; Knowing Self, Growing in God” by Christopher Marcie. Please contact Louise Mylin for a Zoom code and if you have any questions (727) 787-9868

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Citylight Schedule

10/11 - 10/18

★ **SUNDAY 10/11**
9:30 AM & 11:00 AM LIVE STREAM CHURCH
10:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS

★ **TUESDAY 10/13**
8:00 PM - YOUNG WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM

★ **WEDNESDAY 10/14**
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM IN PERSON BIBLE STUDY OUTSIDE
OF THE YOUTH ROOM
ALSO AVAILABLE TO JOIN VIA ZOOM

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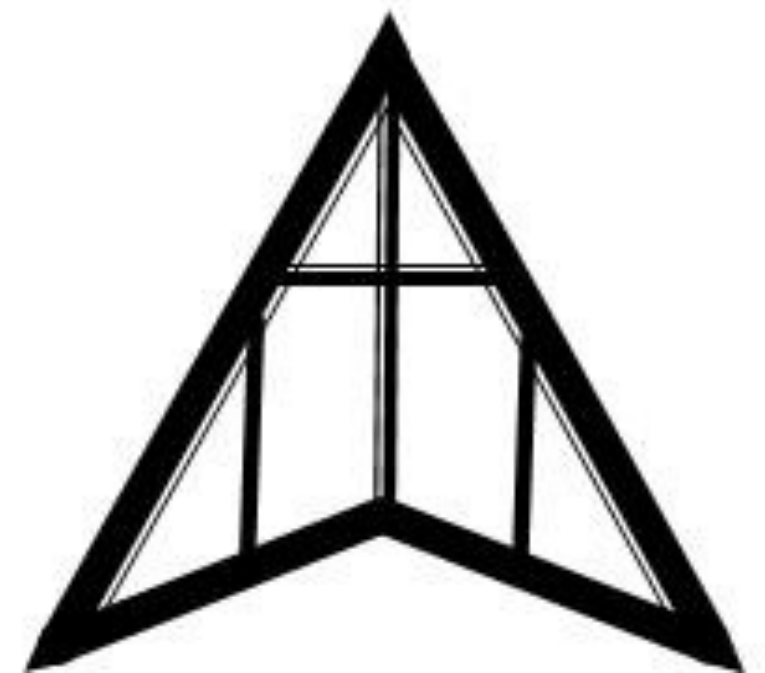
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Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
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October 11, 2020



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Order for the Worship of God
October 11, 2020
19th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Leader: God looks from heaven upon the children of earth to see whether there are any wise enough to seek the fellowship of God.

People: By faith, may Christ live within our hearts, that we may be rooted and grounded in love and filled with all the fullness of God.

Leader: When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, the people of faith shall rejoice, and the whole church be glad.

People: We bow down before the Father of Christ Jesus, from whom every family on earth is named.

Leader: To God be all the glory, in the church and in Christ Jesus.

People: Throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen!

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Wo soll ich fliehen hin” J.S. Bach
Whither shall I go from thy spirit? (1685-1750)
Or whither shall I flee from thy presence?
— *Psalms 139:7*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #365 “God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice” MARION
(stanzas 1,3,4)
God reigns! Let earth rejoice! Let oceans shout God’s might!
Borne up by truth and righteousness, God’s throne is our delight.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! God reigns! Let earth rejoice!

False idols rise to claim the weakness of our pride,
But cannot touch the faithful ones, for God stands at our side. *Refrain*

The radiance of God’s light beams joy into our days;
now filled with God’s own peace and love,
our hearts resound with praise. *Refrain*

CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

Lord, confession is not an easy thing to do. We would like to think that we have been good and faithful disciples, following your way. But like the people in the wilderness, we create for ourselves idols and worship them, only to discover their emptiness for our lives. Merciful God, come to us this day with your healing power and help us again to be your disciples, offering hope to your hurting world. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581 GLORIA PATRI
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.

VOLUNTARY “Do Lord, Remember Me” arr. Susan T. Sylvester
Handbell Quartet:
Stephanie Carson, Linda Feller, Pam Wood, Robert Wood

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

HYMN #629 “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee” ST. AGNES
(stanzas 1,3,4,5)
Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast.
But sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.

O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,
To those who fall how kind thou art! How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show.
The love of Jesus, what it is none but his loved ones know.

Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be.
Jesus, be thou our glory now, and through eternity.

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Exodus 32:1-6; 11-14 (NRSV)
Ephesians 3:14-19 (NRSV)

SERMON SERIES Some Things I’m Most Thankful For Just Now
#4 “Being Rooted and Grounded in Love”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #134 “Joy to the World!” ANTIOCH
Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Joy to the World” Michael Burkhardt

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

WELCOME

PRAISE SONG

“Resurrection Power”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG

“It Is Well”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“My Heart Is Yours”

SCRIPTURES

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Ephesians 3:14-19 (NRSV)

MESSAGE

Sermon Series

Some Things I’m Most Thankful For Just Now

#4 “Being Rooted and Grounded in Love”

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SONG OF DEDICATION

“Great Things”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!