

HYMN NOTES:

“For the Healing of the Nations” (346)

This hymn was written in 1965 by the pastor/hymnwriter Fred Kaan (1929-2009). The author commented about this text: “Of all the hymns I have written, this is the text that has been more widely reprinted and incorporated in major hymnbooks than any other. It was first used in 1965 in a worship service at the Pilgrim Church, Plymouth, to mark Human Rights Day (December 10). Subsequently, it has been used on many official occasions, such as the 25th anniversary of the United Nations organization.” Kaan was born in Haarlem in the Netherlands and was baptized at the famous St. Bavo Cathedral but his family did not attend church regularly. He lived through the Nazi occupation, saw three of his grandparents die of starvation, and witnessed his parents deep involvement in the resistance movement. He became a pacifist which is reflected in this and many of his hymns. He became a minister in the United Reformed Church in Wales and served the Pilgrim Church in Plymouth for whom he began to write hymns. His works appear in over 50 hymnals including five in our *Glory to God*.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, November 15: Claudia Alwood
Monday, November 16: Dan Hyden, Cheryl Isler
Tuesday, November 17: Mary Torisi, Beth Linville, Don Booth
Friday, November 20: Betty O’Shea
Saturday, November 21: Don Maclellan, Muriel Antonakes

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



Jean Swintek
In Honor of My Daughter Nina
and Granddaughter Kelsey



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 to all those who have, more will be given,
and they will have an abundance;
but from those who have nothing,
even what they have will be taken away.”*

Matthew 25:29

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 December 4th. 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 11/15 - 11/22

- ★ **SUNDAY 11/15**
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM LIVE STREAM CHURCH
10:15 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS
7:30 PM - YOUNG MEN’S BIBLE STUDY VIA TEAMS
- ★ **TUESDAY 11/17**
8:00 PM - YOUNG WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM
- ★ **WEDNESDAY 11/18**
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM IN PERSON BIBLE STUDY OUTSIDE OF THE YOUTH ROOM
FRIENDSGIVING EDITION TAKING INDIVIDUAL CHICK FIL A ORDERS FOR DINNER, TURN YOUR ORDER & \$5 IN TO ROSALIE
- ★ **SUNDAY 11/22**
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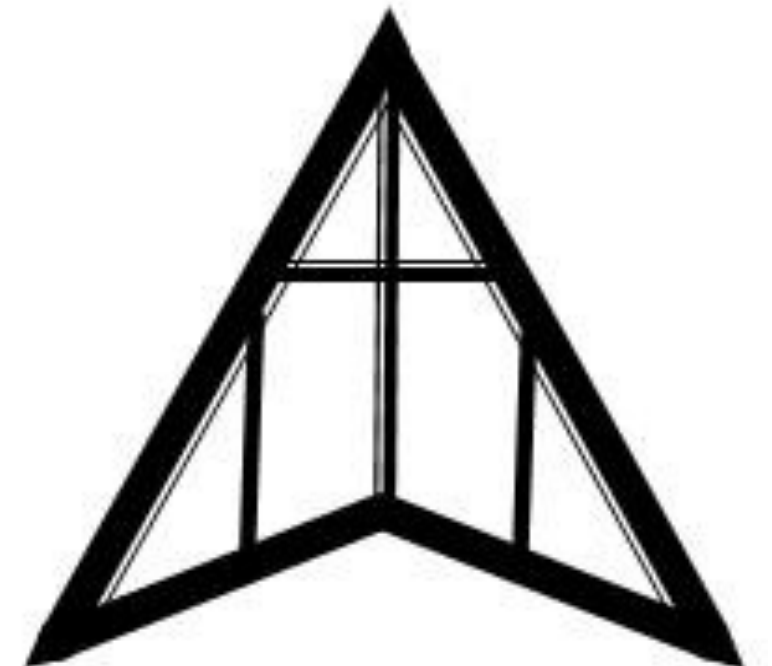
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Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

November 15, 2020



Come, Grow, Go!

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 Worship of God
November 15, 2020
24th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Leader: Ever-present God, forever seeking us and always teaching us:

People: Open our minds to the truth of Your word.

Leader: Open our hearts to the gentle power of Your love.

People: Open our lips to share good news.

Leader: Open our hands to create beauty, to do justice, and to show kindness.

People: Open our souls to the breath of Your Spirit.

Leader: Open our mouths to prayer and praise.

People: Let us worship God!

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Variations on KREMSER” Wilbur Held
(1914-2015)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #612 “We Praise You, O God” KREMSER
**We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.**

**We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;
through trial and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o’er take us, you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we will.**

**With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.**

CALL TO CONFESSION Chris Curvin, Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

**Almighty and loving God, in the providence of your love you have cre-
ated human beings in your image. You have blessed us with gifts and
abilities to live lives full of joy and meaning. You call us to live out our
God-given gifts not just for ourselves, but also for the blessing and
benefit of our neighbors and for your church. Forgive us dear Lord
when we live as if the gifts and talents you give are all about us, or
when we are negligent in cultivating and employing them in the doing
of your will. By your grace may we always be open to your Spirit
working in us and through us for Jesus’ sake. 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.**

ANTHEM “When Morning Gilds the Skies” arr. Hal Hopson
(Chancel Choir, recorded on October 13, 2019)

*When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries, may Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair, may Jesus Christ be praised!*

*The night becomes as day when from the heart we say, may Jesus Christ be praised!
The powers of darkness fear when this sweet chant they hear, may Jesus Christ be praised!*

*Let earth’s wide circle round in joyful notes resound; may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply, may Jesus Christ be praised!*

*Be this, while life is mine; my canticle divine, may Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song through all the ages long, may Jesus Christ be praised!*

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 #716 “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” BEACH SPRING
**God whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
nature’s wonder, Jesus’ wisdom, costly cross, grave’s shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall raise forever, gracious donor of our days.**

**Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ,
your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.**

**Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace
conferred: ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel
word. Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ’s ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:14-30 (NRSV)

SERMON “Taking Seriously the Gifts God Gives”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN “For the Healing of the Nations” CWM RHONDDA
(stanzas 1,2,3)
**For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;
to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word,
help us rise and pledge our word.**

**Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase,
fear will die and hope increase.**

**All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned;
pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life’s brief span,
may we hallow life’s brief span.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Now Thank We All Our God” J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

IGNITE

ignite is a contemporary worship service at 9:00 that delivers the
message of Jesus Christ through Powerful Music, Media
& Scripture Based Sermons.

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME

PRAISE SONG

“My Feet Are on the Rock”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Ellen Williamson

Rob & Kristen Bonnier (James)

PRAISE SONG

“Is He Worthy?”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“O Come to the Altar”

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:14-30 (NRSV)

MESSAGE

“Taking Seriously the Gifts God Gives”

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Great Things”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!