

**MUSIC NOTES:**

Tom Huffman is on vacation today and we welcome our guest organist, Mark Prater. Mark recently retired after 14 years as Director of Music/Organist at First Presbyterian of Brandon. He received the Bachelor of Music Education degree from the University of Memphis and has earned the Associate and Choir Master Certificates from the American Guild of Organists.

We also welcome home Liana Stephen as our soloist today while the choir is away. Liana is a junior at the University of Central Florida majoring in vocal performance and composition. Liana grew up at Northwood and is the daughter of Larry and Jeanne Stephen.

**EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES**

**8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

3 Yr. Olds-5<sup>th</sup> Grade (2014/15 School Year), Room 3, join us in the multi-age Sunday School worship class after the Children's Message.  
*Teacher: Nathan Rodewald*

**9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (14/15 School Year) Room 3**  
*Teachers: Dan Gipson & Mauricio Estavil*

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades Room 16**  
Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 16.  
*Teachers: Tracey Birch & Jean Swintek*

**3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grades Room 8**  
Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 8.  
*Teachers: Trish Cole & Kim Peterson*

**11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

3 Yr. Olds - 5<sup>th</sup> grade (14/15 school year) join us as we bring the Bible to Action through games and activities in room 3 beginning at 11:00. Should your child like to attend worship up until the Children's message, they can join in on the fun in room 3 after the Children's Message or remain in worship with their parents.  
*Teacher: Barbara Englehart & Nancy Stevens*

**Middle & High School Christian Education**

Come join us for combined middle/high school Sunday school. We will be studying the "Elements" of our faith. Through new and exciting curriculum, we will learn how to grow in our walk with God.  
9:30 AM Youth Room  
11:00 AM Youth Room

**Children Welcome to the Lord's Table**

*Parents, if you wish for your children to receive communion please have them remain with you in the worship service on Communion Sundays. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Elder Jackie Koski (jackieandjerry@verizon.net), Chair of Worship Team. (Communion is normally celebrated on the first Sunday of each month).*

**9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15**  
**TODAY:** Join us as we study different Biblical Figures each week! Coffee and cookies are provided!

**TCI (Today's Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11**  
**TODAY:** Does God have a nation? We'll use the tenets of our reformed faith and scripture as Garry Justice and Barbara Englehart lead our discussion of God and Country. Please join the conversation while enjoying coffee and cookies.

**11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 & 15**  
**TODAY:** Led by Vicki Krueger.

**Welcome To  
Northwood Presbyterian  
Church  
A Stephen Ministry Church**

**December 28, 2014**

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



*Georgianna Winder and family  
in honor of  
Doug Winder's 60th birthday*



*Hugh & Margie Gott  
in Honor of  
Our 45th Wedding Anniversary*

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2014-15 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!

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.**

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO....**

- Monday, December 29th:** Carolyn Voytko
- Tuesday, December 30th:** Kaleb Adkisson, Doug Winder
- Wednesday, December 31st:** Mark Johnston, Nancy Turner
- Thursday, January 1st:** Jacob Mattheus
- Friday, January 2nd:** Cambia Catarelli, Vicki Stedman, Sheena Watkins, Robert Wood
- Saturday, January 3rd:** Rocky Davis, Pat Simmons

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

**FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY**

**ACOLYTES:**

- (8:15) Nyden Rodewald
- (11:00) Kylie Crossley



**GREETERS:**

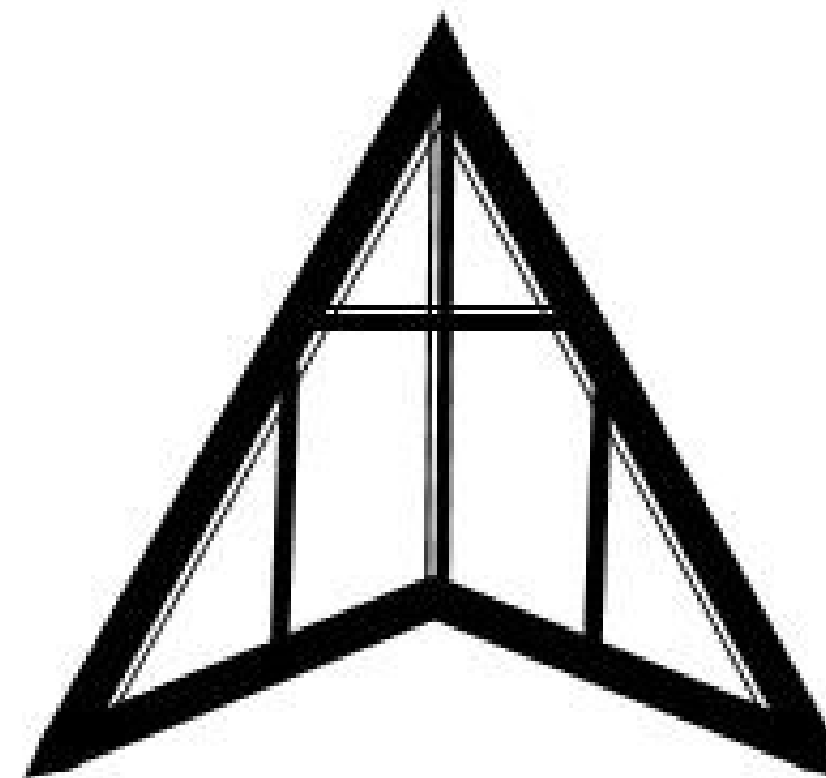
- (8:15) Bill Marshall & Sandra Rasmussen
- (11:00) Roger Snay, Sr. & Margaret Mawhinney



**Greeters & Ushers**

**USHERS:**

- (8:15) Ken & Linda Andreassen  
David & Suzanne Hamilton
- (9:30) Sam and Barbara Musgrave
- (11:00) Pete & Evelyn Towns  
Dane & Vicki Phillips



**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 Public Worship of God  
December 28, 2014  
1st Sunday after Christmas Day  
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services**

**WE GATHER**

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

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** “Sheep May Safely Graze” J.S. Bach

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

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

**\*HYMN #143** “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” REGENT SQUARE

**WE CONFESS**

**SILENT MEDITATION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)**

God of love, as we reflect back on this past year, surely we have much to be thankful for. In the good times and in times of challenge you have been with us. You faithfully offer us love, grace, faith, peace, strength, courage, and hope. O Dear Lord, we know that far too often we either take your presence and blessings for granted, or we let the troubles and cares of this world lead us into doubt about whether you are truly there, and if you are there whether you truly care. Forgive us, we pray, for our lack of faith and trust in you. By your grace, enable us to live our lives through the eyes of faith and in so doing may our lives make a difference for Jesus’ sake, in whose name we pray. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581**

“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.”

**SOLO**

“Mary, Did You Know” Lowry/Greene  
Liana Stephen, Soprano arr. Jack Schrader

*Mary, did you know that your baby boy would someday walk on water?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters?  
Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?  
This child that you delivered, will soon deliver you*

*Mary, did you know that your baby boy will give sight to a blind man?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy will calm a storm with his hand?  
Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?  
When you kissed your little baby, then you kissed the face of God.*

*The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again;  
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak the praises of the Lamb.*

*Mary, did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy will one day rule the nations?  
Did you know that your baby boy was heaven’s perfect Lamb?  
This sleeping child you’re holding, is the great “I AM!”*

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**FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN** *(Children age 3 (by 9/14) through fifth grade may go to Room 3 for Children’s Worship.)*

**WE UNITE IN PRAYER**

**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.”

**WE SHARE**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**MUSICAL OFFERING** “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” Wilbur Held  
*(based on the tune of hymn #129 in Glory to God)*

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

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**WE HEAR THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING** *(page 437)* Psalm 27:1,4,7-8,13-14 (NRSV)

**\*HYMN #145** “What Child Is This” GREENSLEEVES

**SCRIPTURE READING** *(page 833)* Luke 2:22-40 (NRSV)

**SERMON** Associate Pastor, Paul Means  
“Simeon’s Last Song”

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

**\*HYMN #134** “Joy to the World” ANTIOCH

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY** “Toccata on REGENT SQUARE” Lani Smith  
*(based on the tune of the opening hymn, #143)*

*(You are invited to remain for the final act of worship, the closing voluntary. A closer look is welcomed if you wish to come stand next to the organ console.)*

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

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

# ignite

*ignite is a contemporary worship service at 9:30 that delivers the message of Jesus Christ through Powerful Music, Media & Scripture Based Sermons.*

**LET THE COUNTDOWN BEGIN**

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”  
“What Child Is This”

**MEET & GREET**

**SOLO**

“Mary, Did You Know”  
Liana Stephen, Soprano

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WORSHIP CONTINUES**

“Go”  
Pierced

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER**

*(1st-5th Grade Children move to Sunday School)*

**CALL TO OFFERING  
OFFERTORY**

“Oceans”  
Pierced

**VIDEO**

“The Epic Christmas Story”

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 2:22-40 (NRSV)

**MESSAGE**

“Simeon’s Last Song”  
Associate Pastor, Paul Means

**SONG OF DEDICATION**

“Fix My Eyes”  
Pierced

**GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU**



*Sermon notes...*

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*that Ignite Action!*