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 ma-  
joring in vocal performance and composition. Liana grew up at North-  
wood and is the daughter of Larry and Jeanne Stephen.

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.

EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES  
8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION  
3 Yr. Olds–5th 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

1st & 2nd 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

3rd & 5th 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 – 5th 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 mes-  
sage, they can join in on the fun in room 3 after the Children’s Message  
and 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 cur-  
riculum, 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 nor-  
mally 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 discus-  
sion 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.

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 Matheus  
Friday, January 2nd: Cambia Catarcelli, Vicki Stedman,  
Scheva 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  
USHERS:  
(8:15) Ken & Linda Andreassen  
David & Suzanne Hamilton  
(9:30) Sam and Barbara Musgrave  
(11:00) Pete & Evelyn Towns  
Dane & Vicki Phillips

Welcome To  
Northwood Presbyterian  
Church  
A Stephen Ministry Church

December 28, 2014  

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

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 uphold us with your grace, and in the face of suffering, you offer us comfort and hope. Where shall we turn, but to you O Lord our God? In the midst of darkness we cry out for your light, your strength, and your love.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*HYMN #851  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.”

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!”


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

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.

LET THE COUNTDOWN BEGIN

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

“What Child Is This”

MEET & GREET

“Go”  Pierced

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

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

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“They started singing while they were still in the boat”  Tom Huffman

*HYMN #134  “Joy to the World”  Lani Smith

ANTIOCH

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Fix My Eyes”  Tom Huffman

Pierced

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU


**LET THE COUNTDOWN BEGIN**

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MEET & GREET

“So”  Pierced

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