

Welcome Guest Organist

We welcome our guest organist today, Cheryl Brouette. Cheryl has had a rewarding career in church music, 11 years of which were at Northwood. She is now semi-retired and serves as a substitute organist for all denominations. Cheryl is an alumna of The University of Tampa and is certified as CAGO (Colleague of the American Guild of Organists.) She is currently the accompanist for the Dunedin Community Chorus. Today's Opening Voluntary and Offertory are in memory of Robert W. Thygerson.

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



Helene Zalay



In Memory of Cliff on our 48th Anniversary

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2018-2019 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

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, Dec. 30: Doug Winder, Kaleb Adkisson
Monday, Dec. 31: Mark Johnston, Nancy Turner
Tuesday, Jan. 1: Jacob Mattheus
Wednesday, Jan. 2: Sheena Watkins, Cambia Woodford, Robert Wood
Thursday, Jan. 3: Rocky Davis
Friday, Jan. 4: Martha Tobiassen, Louise Mylin,
Brenda Williams, Pam Jeffre, Olive Scales,
Oskar Scales
Saturday, Jan. 5: Jeff Faulkner, Elizabeth Turner



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

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD TODAY

GREETERS:

(8:15) Anna & Dan Hyden
(11:00) Kim Blackmore & Nancy Marshall

USHERS:

(8:15) Jackie & Jerry Koski
Herman Gaillard & Bob MacFall
(9:30) Bill & Louise Mylin
(11:00) Roger Snay & Jon Mills
Pete Towns & Sue Miskiewicz

VAN DRIVER: Jerry Koski

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (18/19 School Year)

Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship following the anthem.

9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-1st Grade, Room 3

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Dan Gipson & Mauricio Estavil.

2nd-5th Grade, Room 4

Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 4 with Chrissy Raborn & Kelly Tighe

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11:00 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Middle & High School youth (6th-12th graders) are meeting this week. 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 the Sunday School Social with the Journey Through class.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 A.M. TCI (Today's Christian Issues) Rooms 13-15

TCI will not meet today, December 30th. We'll resume on January 6, 2019 with new discussions of contemporary issues and their effects on our faith journey. And, as always, we'll have coffee and cookies to enrich the conversations.

11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class Room 15,

led by Vicki Krueger, Each day brings new questions. Should I stay? Should I go? Buy it? Sell it? Start it? Stop it? There is one question you can ask that makes it easy to determine the answer to all the other questions. In our video and discussion series, we will learn how asking this question has the potential to save us time, money and tears. All we have to do is ask it. Come join us!

10:45 A.M. "Journey Through" Room 4,

led by Vanessa Celotto. *Journey Through* is an adult Sunday school class that meet in the City (youth room) for a Sunday School Social with the Youth.

6:30 P.M. Sunday Evening Bible Study, Parlor

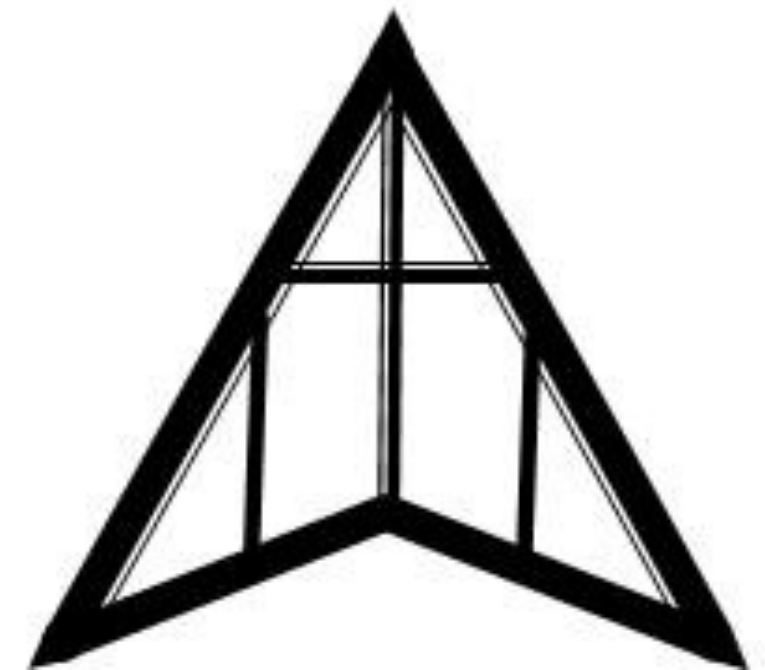
****This Bible study will NOT meet during the month of December. We will resume in January.**

We are studying the Book of Isaiah, using the study guide *Isaiah: Trusting God in Troubled Times* by Howard Peskett. This is a discussion study where we use the ancient writings of Isaiah, discuss his prophecy regarding the future coming of Christ and learn the meaning to us today. Please contact Cindy Huffman 727-409-8727 for more information. Come join us!

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

December 30, 2018



Come, Grow, Go!

Ministers: All Members of the Church

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor
Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission
Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

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**Order for the Public Worship of God
December 30, 2018
1st Sunday after Christmas Day
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services**

THE GAHTERING

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

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)* Paul Means, Associate Pastor

Leader: Let us proclaim the gracious deeds of God;
People: for the steadfast love of the Lord is great.
Leader: Now we have seen the saving love of the Lord,
People: the glory of God's people and a light to all.
Leader: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts;
People: in faith let us worship God!

OPENING VOLUNTARY "Still, Still, Still" Robert W. Thygeron
(based on the carol at #124)

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

God of love, as we reflect back on this past year and to live out our faith in the year upcoming, we confess our weaknesses, failures, and transgressions, our broken promises, our selfishness and our lack of faith in your goodness and grace. O Dear Lord, for these sins of commission and omission, may you show us mercy, grant us forgiveness and by your grace empower us to live faithful lives that make a difference for Jesus' sake in whose 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.

SOLO "Remember a Bethlehem" Gilbert M. Martin
Barbara Jordan, Soloist

*Remember a Bethlehem, long, long ago; remember a night sky aglow.
Remember a town with bright starshine above; remember a Bethlehem,
And whisper, "Christ is love!"*

*Remember a holy boy, there in a stall; remember a boy born for all.
Remember a family, so weary and worn; remember a holy boy,
And whisper, "Christ is born!"*

*Christmastide, and a baby is born in a manger.
Christmastide, and a baby, no longer a stranger.*

*Remember a Bethlehem, place of Christ's birth; remember our God came to earth.
Remember with music, with carols so dear; remember a Bethlehem,
And whisper, "Christ is here, Christ is here!"*

--text by Gilbert M. Martin

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OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN

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

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 "Angels We Have Heard on High"
Robert W. Thygeron

***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**

***HYMN #140** "Once in Royal David's City" IRBY

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:41-52 NRSV *(page 833)*

SERMON "An Urgent Search"
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #146** "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"
TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

***BENEDICTION**

SUNG BLESSING "God Be with Us When We Go" Alfred V. Fedak
(please be seated) Barbara Jordan, Soloist

*God be with us when we go from here:
help us to bear your peace and love where there is strife,
to find you in the least, the last, the lost.
Grant us the grace to sow the seeds of life,
to nurture hope, to grow in faith and love,
and be Christ's living Body:
seeking, serving, setting free.
God be with us.*

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CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Variations on SUSSEX CAROL"
Raymond H. Haan

(You are invited to reflect on the worship service during the closing voluntary. If you must leave before the end of the service, please respect those who remain and leave quietly.)

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.

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME

PRAISE SONGS

*"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"
"What Child Is This"*

MEET & GREET

VIDEO

"Christmas Really Happened"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Christmas Offering"

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:41-52

MESSAGE

*"An Urgent Search"
Paul Means, Associate Pastor*

SONG OF DEDICATION

"The First Noel"

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!