

MUSIC NOTES:

In the traditional service today we will hear a recording from March 2019 of an anthem presented by our combined adult and youth choirs. "By Faith" is a powerful hymn from Keith Getty and Stuart Townend arranged by Lloyd Larson. This is an energetic work with a text about the mission of the Church. We were first introduced to this piece by our friend Lloyd Larson who was the adult choral leader at our annual Church Music Workshop (June 2018). The piece was a commission in celebration of God's faithfulness to a 50-year-old Christian School in Minnesota in 2016. Larson heightens the message by pairing it with the refrain of that great hymn of faith, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness." As children of promise we are called to finish the work and walk by faith.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, May 3: Melissa Schultz, Sophie Dietrich
Monday, May 4: Fred Inkles, Barbara Jeffrey, Raymond Linville
Wednesday, May 6: Joyce Curvin, Trish Cole
Thursday, May 7: Beth Guterman, Jenny Carlstedt, Taylor Lyons, Sarah Birch
Friday, May 8: Pat Jackson, Bill Rimmmler, Carol Hopkins
Saturday, May 9: Lauren Warren, Kristen Williamson



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

Bob MacFall, Pam & Ed, Josh, Sydney & Jack
In Loving Memory of Our Wife,
Mother & Grandmother, Barbara



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

*"...fear not,
for I am with you;
be not dismayed,
For I am your God;
I will strengthen you,
I will help you, I will uphold you
with my righteous right hand."*

Isaiah 41:10

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Children's Ministry is sending out personal notes to the children of Northwood so watch for your note in the mail. If you want to receive a note for your child or grandchild contact Justine Davis at childrensministry@northwoodpc.org.
- Please be sure to check out and "like" the Children's Ministry Facebook group. Each week we will have a children's Bible lesson posted along with other activities.
https://www.facebook.com/groups/633579497423839/?source_id=263480270372443

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Given the guidance from the Presbytery and public health officials, we have suspended all group gatherings, including Christian Education for children, youth and adults until further notice. We are exploring ways in which we can meet virtually. Please use our website for up to date information.

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.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Citylight Virtual Schedule 5/3 - 5/10

- ★ **SUNDAY 5/3**
9:30 AM & 11:00 AM LIVE STREAM CHURCH
10:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH DAN JEFFRE VIA TEAMS
8:15 PM - CONFIRMATION CHAT VIA ZOOM
8:30 PM - JACKBOX VIA ZOOM
- ★ **TUESDAY & THURSDAY 5/4 & 5/7**
#BETTERTOGETHER BIBLE STUDIES!
- YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE STUDY WITH DAN JEFFRE VIA TEAMS AT 7:30 PM
- YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY WITH ROSALIE VIA ZOOM AT 7:00 PM
- ★ **WEDNESDAY 5/6**
7:30 PM - CITYNIGHT GROUP CHAT WITH ROSALIE VIA ZOOM
8:00 PM - HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020 MEETING VIA ZOOM (SAME LINK AS CITYNIGHT GROUP CHAT)
- ★ **FRIDAY 5/8**
8:30 PM - JACKBOX VIA ZOOM
- ★ **SUNDAY 5/10 *MOTHERS DAY***
9:30 AM & 11:00 AM LIVE STREAM CHURCH
10:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH DAN JEFFRE VIA TEAMS
8:15 PM - CONFIRMATION CHAT VIA ZOOM
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<https://mailchi.mp/ec7ff586fb91/citylight-updates-1357180>

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

May 3, 2020



Ministers: All Members of the Church

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Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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Order for the Worship of God
May 3, 2020
4th Sunday of Easter
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Leader: Why do you look up toward heaven?

People: Christ has risen; Christ will come again.

Leader: The word of God is truth.

People: Let us be sanctified in truth.

Leader: The Lord says: I am coming soon.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Celtic Celebration” Joseph M. Martin

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

HYMN #451 “Open My Eyes, That I May See” OPEN MY EYES

CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

God of mercy, grace, reconciliation and goodness: we are sorry for so much; for words we cannot bear to say, for memories we cannot bear to relive, for thoughts we cannot bear to admit. But you know our hearts. Relieve us of our burdens, bind our hearts not to the unbearable but rather to you, O God, so that, in all ways, we may live in the joy of your salvation and the delight of your loving embrace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

APOSTLES’ CREED *(Together)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM “By Faith ” arr. Lloyd Larson
(recorded at the 11:00 service, March 3, 2019)
Chancel Choir and Westminster Youth Choir

By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation’s grand design

In the lives of those who prove his faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear

With the pow’r to break the chains of sin and death, and rise triumphant from the grave.

*We will stand as children of the promise, we will fix our eyes on Christ, our souls’ reward;
Til the race is finished and the work is done, we’ll walk by faith and not by sight.*

*By faith the church was called to go in the pow’r of the Spirit to the lost,
To deliver captives, and to preach good news in every corner of the earth.
By faith this mountain shall be moved, and the pow’r of the gospel shall prevail;
For we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon his name.*

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided,
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!
By faith we see the hand of God. By faith the mountain shall be moved.
We’ll walk by faith, and not by sight. We’ll walk by faith!*

CALL TO OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 24:13-35 (NRSV)

SERMON SERIES Faith in Unprecedented Times
#5 “Distracted? Confused? Keep Focused!”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

HYMN “Emmaus-Bound on Easter Day” O WALY WALY
**Emmaus-bound on Easter Day,
Two travelers walked along the way.
They’d once had hope, but hope had died
when you, O Lord, were crucified.**

**When you appeared beside the two,
They could not see that it was you;
But as they talked and shared their pain,
You gave them hope and joy again.**

**For as you spoke to them God’s word,
Explaining all they’d seen and heard,
They understood what God had done
And that a new day had begun.**

**They shared their home; you broke the bread.
They saw you, risen from the dead!
That moment’s grace helped them to see
The gift of God’s eternity.**

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER *(Together)*
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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF THE CUP; THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND CUP
(Please plan to celebrate communion during this livestream service by preparing a small portion of juice—or something to drink—and bread for your use at home.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #835 “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” CLOSER WALK
(stanzas 1,2)

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” Michael Burkhardt

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

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

“Nothing Ever Could Separate Us”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG

“Behold the Lamb”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

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CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Through the Grace of God”

by Larry Stephen

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:13-35

MESSAGE

Sermon Series: #5 Faith in Unprecedented Times

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COMMUNION

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU