

HYMN NOTES:

“Lead On, O King Eternal” (269)

The opening hymn today was written with an eye to the future. Ernest W. Shurtleff penned the hymn for his 1887 graduating class of Andover Theological Seminary. This hymn, like “Onward, Christian Soldiers” calls the faithful to fight in a war against sin to establish God’s kingdom of peace and love—without fear. The context of the hymn changes as we use it now; the conclusion of worship replaces graduation as “the day of march” that follows “days of preparation” into “fields of conquest.” The rousing marching tune by the self-taught English organist and composer, Henry Smart, adds to the excitement of the call to march. Smart also wrote the tune REGENT SQUARE (“Angels, from the Realms of Glory.”)

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, July 26: Eric Gajentan, Lauren Mackie, Eli Scales, Ethan Scales
Monday, July 27: Darrough Diamond, Missy Turner
Tuesday, July 28: Nancy Zareczny
Wednesday, July 29: Elsie Proctor, Richard Cargill
Friday, July 31: Carolyn Rickrode, Isabelle Doce
Saturday, August 1: Thomas Zareczny



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



Charlotte & Fred McQuown
In Honor of our 68th Wedding Anniversary



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!

*“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid;
do not be discouraged, for the LORD your GOD
will be with you wherever you go”*

Joshua 1:9

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

Wednesday Bible Study, led by Cindy Huffman

The Sunday Bible study has moved to Wednesdays and is meeting on Zoom. The group is studying the book of Ecclesiastes. If you’d like to join the Wednesday Bible Study that meets on Wednesdays at 7:00pm, please email Cindy Huffman at lucindy@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.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Citylight Schedule **7/26 - 8/2**

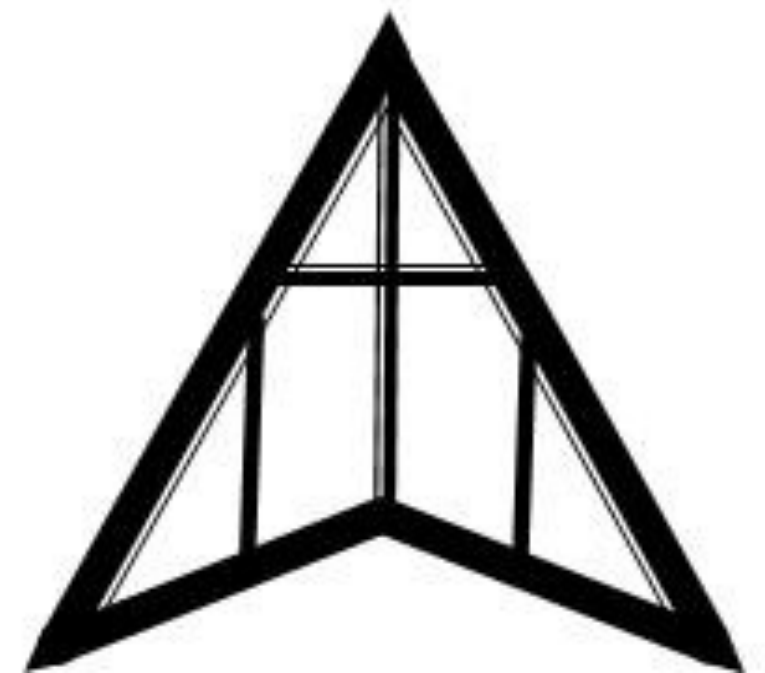
- ★ **SUNDAY 7/26**
9:30 AM & 11:00 AM LIVE STREAM CHURCH
10:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS
8:30 PM - JACK BOX VIA ZOOM
- ★ **TUESDAY 7/28**
7:00 PM - YOUNG WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM
7:30 PM - YOUNG MEN’S BIBLE STUDY VIA TEAMS
- ★ **WEDNESDAY 7/29**
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM KAYAKING & PADDLE BOARDING AT COVE CAY
- SEE FLYER FOR SIGN UP - NO CITYNIGHT
- ★ **THURSDAY 7/30**
7:00 PM - YOUNG WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM
7:30 PM - YOUNG MEN’S BIBLE STUDY VIA TEAMS
- ★ **FRIDAY 7/31**
10:00 AM - 12:30 PM MISSION EXPERIENCE - FEEDING TAMPA BAY
PINELLAS PARK MOBILE PANTRY - SEE FLYER FOR SIGN UP
- ★ **SUNDAY 8/2**
9:30 AM & 11:00 AM LIVE STREAM CHURCH
10:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS
8:30 PM - JACKBOX VIA ZOOM

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<https://mailchi.mp/2578abbffa02/citylight-updates-1396128>

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

July 26, 2020



Come, Grow, Go!

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
July 26, 2020
8th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Leader: In the midst of life’s confusion, God calls out to us, saying “trust in me, and I will make straight your paths. Follow my light, and I will bring hope to your life.”

All: So let us worship today in faith and commitment, ready to listen for Christ and to follow where he leads.

Leader: Let us worship God!

OPENING VOLUNTARY arr. Susan T. (Nelson) Sylvester
“Ain’t-a-That Good News”

Handbell Quartet:

Robert Wood, Stephanie Carson, Linda Feller & Pam Wood

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #269 “Lead On, O King Eternal” LANCASHIRE

**Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come;
hence forth in fields of conquest your tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong,
And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.**

**Lead on, O King eternal, till sin’s fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords’ loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums;
With deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.**

**Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning where’er your face appears;
your cross is lifted o’er us; we journey in its light.
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!**

CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

O God who travels with us, you know who we are. We long for life that is full and free. We long to know the truth, and we want to leave behind all the things that hold us back. We want to move forward in faith, but the way often seems fraught with problems and dangers. We stand in helpless fear before the complexities of our past and the hiddenness of our future. Stand beside us, gentle Christ. Walk before us, brave Jesus. Call us into life, Holy Spirit. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

VOLUNTARY “Gather Us In” arr. Mark Albrecht
Heather Wood, Clarinet

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 #801 “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” CRIMOND

**The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want;
he makes me down to lie in pastures green;
he leadeth me the quiet waters by.**

**My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness,
e’en for his own name’s sake.**

**Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill, for thou art with me;
and thy rod and staff me comfort still.**

**My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me,
and in God’s house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Numbers 13:25-33 (NRSV)

SERMON “The Grasshopper Syndrome”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #815 “Give to the Winds Thy Fears” FESTAL SONG
(stanzas 1&2)

**Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be undismayed.
God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.**

**Through waves and clouds and storms God gently clears the way.
Wait patiently; so shall this night soon end in joyous day.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Lead On, O King Eternal”
arr. David Cherwien

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

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 SONG

“Today Is the Day”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG

“Turn, Turn, Turn”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Whom Shall I Fear” (God of Angel Armies)

SCRIPTURE

Numbers 13:25-33

MESSAGE

“The Grasshopper Syndrome”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

VIDEO

“In Uncertain Times”

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Stand in Your Love”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!