

HYMN NOTES:

“Sing of God Made Manifest” (156)

This hymn was authored by Carl P. Daw Jr. and was first published in 1990. Today we observe the Baptism of the Lord or the First Sunday after the Epiphany. “Epiphany” means “manifestation” or “showing forth,” and this hymn explores a series of important occasions when Jesus was revealed to the world as God’s Anointed One. In Western Christianity, the Feast of the Epiphany (January 6) centers on the coming of the Magi—treated as the essential manifestation of the Messiah to the Gentiles. So this is the subject of the first stanza. By contrast, the second stanza focuses on the event that Eastern Christianity has regarded as the primary occasion of Christ’s manifestation, his baptism by John the Baptist (Matthew 3:13-17). As Orthodox icons make clear, this event is also understood as the initial revelation of the Trinity. Recent liturgical revisions in Western churches now provide for a prominent celebration of this occurrence which was formerly neglected. Because of this there are few hymns on the Baptism of Christ before the latter part of the 20th century.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, January 10: Patrick Turner, Riley Nigels
Monday, January 11: Elaine Findley, Shannon Dipolito, Andrew Carlstedt
Tuesday, January 12: Michele White, Megan Giese
Wednesday, January 13: Alice Nisk
Thursday, January 14: Ashley Long, Brianna Winder, Brooke Estavil
Friday, January 15: Chip Hill
Saturday, January 16: Kathy Bailey, Nora Gunderman, James Gunderman



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



Friends of Northwood



Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2021 Flower Reservation Chart” on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. During this time when we are not meeting for in person worship, please send your information directly to communications@northwoodpc.org. Please remember to mark “flowers” and the date on your \$30 donation. Thank you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

*Then God said,
“Let there be light,” and there was light.*

Genesis 1:3

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Wednesday Bible Study, led by Cindy Huffman

A study of the Book of Matthew meets every Wednesday at 7:00pm through Zoom. The study guide being used is *The Immersion Bible Study: Matthew* by J. Ellsworth Kalas. If you’d like to join the Wednesday Bible Study or need a study book, please email Cindy Huffman at lucindyl@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.

Fresh Brewed

Fresh Brewed will meet on the first Friday of every month at 10:30am via Zoom. The next meeting is February 5th. The book we are studying is “Deeply Rooted; Knowing Self, Growing in God” by Christopher Marcie. Please contact Louise Mylin for a Zoom code and if you have any questions (727) 787-9868.

**MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**Citylight Schedule
1/10 - 1/17**

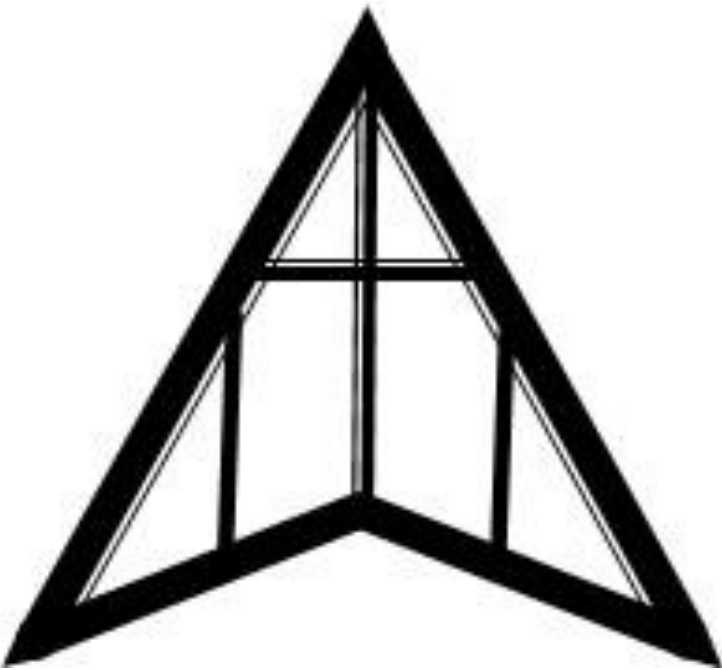
- ★ **SUNDAY 1/10**
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM - LIVE STREAM CHURCH
10:15 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS
7:30 PM - YOUNG MEN’S BIBLE STUDY VIA TEAMS
- ★ **TUESDAY 1/12**
8:00 PM - YOUNG WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM
- ★ **WEDNESDAY 1/13**
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM - CITYNIGHT IN THE GYM,
MASK REQUIRED
- ★ **SUNDAY 1/17**
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM - LIVE STREAM CHURCH
10:15 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS
7:30 PM - YOUNG MEN’S BIBLE STUDY VIA TEAMS
8:30 PM - COLLEGE GROUP VIA ZOOM

Follow the link to view our weekly email:
<https://mailchi.mp/51e6268a0b74/citylightupdate-152021>

**Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

January 10, 2021



Come, Grow, Go!

Ministers: All Members of the Church
E. Chris Curvin, Pastor
Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

Northwood Presbyterian Church
2875 State Road 580, Clearwater, FL 33761
(727) 796-8090 Fax (727) 797-8276
www.northwoodpc.org



Like us on Facebook!
facebook.com/npc.clearwater

Order for the Public Worship of God
January 10, 2021
Baptism of the Lord
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” Walter L. Pelz
(see the hymn at #96)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Jesus the light of the world.
Hail, the Sun of righteousness! Jesus, the light of the world.
We’ll walk in the light, beautiful light.
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
O, shine all around us by day and by night.
Jesus, the light of the world.*

--Charles Wesley, 1739; George D. Elderkin, 1890

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

HYMN #163 “Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice” ABERYSTWYTH
**Wild and lone the prophet's voice echoes through the desert still,
calling us to make a choice, bidding us to do God’s will:
“Turn from sin and be baptized; cleanse your heart and mind and soul.
Quitting all the sins you prized, yield your life to God’s control.”**

**“Bear the fruit repentance sows: lives of justice, truth, and love.
Trust no other claim than those; set your heart on things above.
Soon the Lord will come in power, burning clean the threshing floor:
then will flames the chaff devour; wheat alone shall fill God’s store.”**

**With such preaching, stark and bold, John proclaimed salvation near,
and his timeless warnings hold words of hope to all who hear.
So we dare to journey on, led by faith through ways untrod,
till we come at last like John to behold the Lamb of God.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

**Eternal God: you make all things new, and forgive old wrongs we
can’t forget. We confess we have spent time without loving, and years
without purpose. Daily we have done wrong, and failed to do what you
demand. Forgive the past; do not let evil cripple or shame us. Lead us
into the future, free from sin, free to love, and ready to work for your
Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 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.**

ANTHEM “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” arr. Mark Hayes
with “I Need Thee Every Hour”
(Chancel Choir, recorded on March 1, 2020, conducted by Mark Hayes)
*Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand.
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home, lead me home.*

*When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone;
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

—Thomas A. Dorsey, 1938

*I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord.
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.
I need Thee, O I need Thee. Every hour I need Thee!
O bless me now, my Savior; I come to Thee.*

—Annie S. Hawkes, 1872

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 #156 “Sing of God Made Manifest” SALZBURG
(stanzas 1,2)
**Sing of God made manifest in a child robust and blest,
to whose home in Bethlehem where a star had guided them,
Magi came and gifts unbound, signs mysterious and profound:
myrrh and frankincense and gold grave and God and king foretold.**

**Sing of God made manifest when at Jordan John confessed,
“I should be baptized by you, but your bidding I will do.”
Then from heaven a double sign—dove-like Spirit, voice divine—
hailed the true Anointed One: “This is my beloved Son.”**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Genesis 1:1-5; Mark 1:7-11; John 10:10
(NRSV)

SERMON “Abundant Life”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #610 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” AZMON
**O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear redeemer’s praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God’s grace.**

**The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner’s ears brings life, and health, and peace.**

**Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive;
the mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.**

**My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.**

**To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” Mark Sedio

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

IGNITE

ignite is a contemporary worship service at 9:00 that delivers the
message of Jesus Christ through Powerful Music, Media
& Scripture Based Sermons.

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME

PRAISE SONG

“Who You Are to Me”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG

“Reckless Love”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Our God Is in Control”

SCRIPTURES

Genesis 1:1-5

Mark 1:7-11

John 10:10

MESSAGE

“Abundant Life”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Is He Worthy?”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!