

HYMN NOTES:

“In Christ Called to Baptize” (297)

This “new” hymn was written by Ruth C. Duck (b. 1947) in 1995 for the Assembly of the Lutheran World Alliance held in Hong Kong in 1997. She was asked by her former Notre Dame classmate, who was in charge of worship for the meetings, to write a hymn on the theme of the Assembly, “In Christ—Called to Witness.” The occasion was both the first global meeting in Asia as well as the organization’s 50th Anniversary. When the author published the 1998 collection of her hymn texts, *Circle of Care: Hymns and Songs*, she recast the final stanza and placed it at the beginning of the hymn where it read:

*In Christ called to worship, we offer our praise,
with thanks for the mercies that bless all our days.
The Spirit that searches the depth of our hearts
gives form to our longings, our hopes, and our arts.*

--Ruth C. Duck, © 1996 The Pilgrim Press. Used by permission

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, January 24: Mollie Davis
Monday, January 25: Emily Cantin, Andrea Hayes
Tuesday, January 26: Eileen Zirk, Mildred Martin
Wednesday, January 27: David Tobiasen, Linda Feller, Katelyn Nelson
Thursday, January 28: Dean Rabenstine, Nadia Rodewald
Friday, January 29: Trudy Dougherty, Jeanne Stephen, Vicki Parker
Saturday, January 30: Maryanne McLarty, Andrew Booth



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



**Mike & Linda O'Leary
In Memory of Dan O'Leary**



**The Beattie Family
In Memory of Jack & Betty Beattie**

**Anonymous
In Memory of Betty Beattie**

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!

“The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe in the good news!”

Mark 1:15

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 1/24 - 1/31

- ★ **SUNDAY 1/24**
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 1/26**
8:00 PM - YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM
- ★ **WEDNESDAY 1/27**
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM - CITYNIGHT IN THE GYM,
MASK REQUIRED
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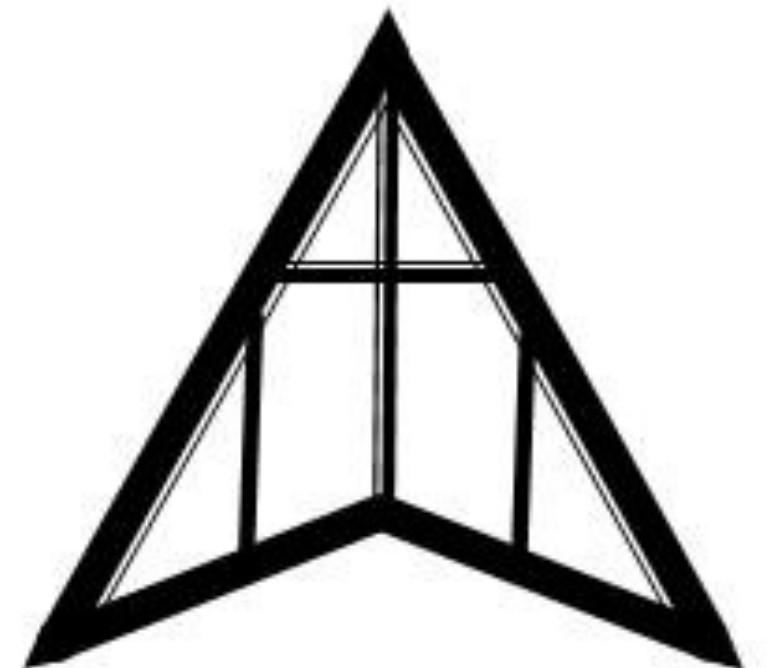
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<https://mailchi.mp/63c6831a7cb9/citylightupdate01182021>

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

January 24, 2021



Come, Grow, Go!

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
January 24, 2021
3rd Sunday after Epiphany
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY Michael Burkhardt
“Improvisation on ST. DENIO”
(based on the tune of the first hymn, #297)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP John L. Bell
“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.
—text and music arr. © 1987 WGRG, Iona Community (GIA Publications)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN #297 “In Christ Called to Baptize” ST. DENIO
(stanzas 1,3,4)
In Christ called to baptize, we witness to grace
and gather a people from each land and race.
In deep flowing waters, we share in Christ’s death,
then, rising to new life, give thanks with each breath.

In Christ called to witness, by grace we will preach
a life giving gospel; God’s love we will teach.
By grace may our living give proof to our praise
in costly compassion reflecting Christ’s way.

Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love,
For you are within us, around us, above.
Equip us for service with gifts you bestow.
In Christ is our calling. In Christ may we grow.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)
Almighty and loving God, we praise You for everything You have
done for us. Have mercy on our feeble efforts to make our lives match
our beliefs. When we fail, in your grace pick us up and give us the
commitment and courage to try again to live into your love and to live
up to Your expectation of us. May the life and teaching of Jesus be-
come the measure by which we assess each day’s events and opportu-
nities. Strengthen our intention to live faithfully and responsibly as
followers of Jesus in today’s anguished and divided world. And it
means the world to us to know that you hear and accept our prayers,
through Jesus Christ our risen 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.

SOLO “Lord of the Dance” arr. Mark Hayes
Stephanie Carson, Soloist

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;
at Bethlehem I had my birth.
Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I’ll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I’ll lead you all in the dance, said he.
I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they wouldn’t follow me;
I danced for the fisherman, for James and John;
they came with me and the dance went on.
I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame,
the holy people said it was a shame;
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and they left me there on a cross to die.
I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
it’s hard to dance with the devil on your back;
They buried my body and they thought I’d gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on.
They cut me down and I leapt up high, I am the life that’ll never, never die;
I’ll live in you if you’ll live in me: I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

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 #720 “Jesus Calls Us” GALILEE
(stanzas 1,4)
Jesus calls us: o’er the tumult of our life’s wild, restless sea;
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying, “Christian, follow me.”

Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
Give our hearts to thy obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:14-20 (NRSV)

SERMON “Grace Responders”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #649 “Amazing Grace” AMAZING GRACE
Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.
‘Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d first begun.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Te Deum Laudamus” Dietrich Buxtehude
(We Praise You, God) (1637-1707)

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

“Old Church Choir”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG

“Build My Life”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“There Was Jesus”

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:14-20

MESSAGE

“Grace Responders”

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Grace Wins”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!