

HYMN NOTES:

“There Is a Balm in Gilead” (792)

What is a “balm in Gilead?” In Genesis, Joseph’s brothers beat him up and threw him into a pit. Then they sold him to a caravan passing through. The merchants were traveling from Gilead to Egypt with spices, balms, and myrrh. Gilead, the area just east of the Jordan near Galilee, was famous for its medicinal balms. Later on in the Old Testament, we read of Jeremiah crying out for the healing of his people. “Is there no balm in Gilead?” he asks and the expected answer is “no.” But the spiritual turns the negative into affirmation, and hopelessness into hope. It is probable that this African American spiritual grew out of slaves’ experience of hymns by Charles Wesley and John Newton, for both used the phrase “sin-sick soul.”

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, February 7: Terry Steele, Pam Means, Kim Blackmore, Jessica Catlin, Joshua Walker

Monday, February 8: Linda Ciokan, Bev Ventrella, Renee Voss, Todd Pope, Ryan Weitz, Aidan McDermott

Tuesday, February 9: Jeri Haycock, Kathy Gunderman, Alex Booth

Wednesday, February 10: Dane Johansen, Brandon Capito

Thursday, February 11: Dennis Lambert

Friday, February 12: Emily McMullen, Brooke Allison, Bitzi Evans

Saturday, February 13: Marie Phillips, Marti Raiche



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

 **Dr. Raymond & Beth Linville** 
In Loving Memory of Our Parents

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!

“He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up.”

Mark 1:31

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 lucindy1@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 March 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.

Brown Bag Bible Study, led by Pastor Paul Means

Thursday, February 11th at noon, Pastor Paul will continue the study of the New Testament letter written by the Apostle Paul to the Galatians. Join us via Livestream or Facebook as we study God's word seeking by God's grace to grow in faith, hope and love.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Citylight Schedule
2/7 - 2/14

- ★ **SUNDAY 2/7**
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM - LIVE STREAM CHURCH
10:15 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS
NO YOUNG MEN’S BIBLE STUDY, SUPER BOWL SUNDAY
- ★ **TUESDAY 2/9**
8:00 PM - YOUNG WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM
- ★ **WEDNESDAY 2/10**
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM - CITYNIGHT IN THE GYM,
MASK REQUIRED
- ★ **FRIDAY 2/12**
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM - GALINTINES PARTY,
PHILLIPPE PARK, SHELTER #7
- ★ **SUNDAY 2/14**
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7:30 PM - YOUNG MEN’S BIBLE STUDY VIA TEAMS

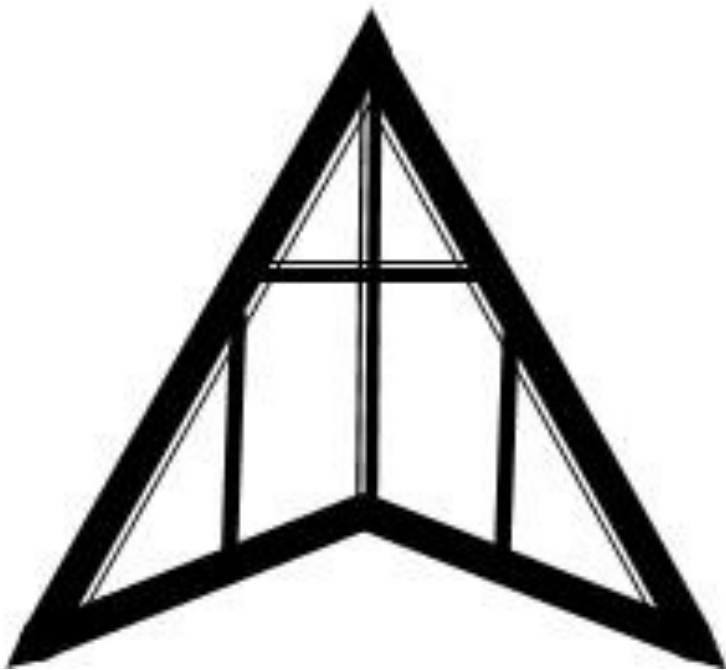
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Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church

A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978

February 7, 2021



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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
February 7, 2021
5th Sunday after Epiphany
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “On Eagle’s Wings” Charles Callahan

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP William J. Gaither
*Shackled by a heavy burden, neath a load of guilt and shame,
Then the hand of Jesus touched me, and now I am no longer the same.
He touched me, O he touched, and O the joy that floods my soul!
Something happened, and now I know, he touched me and made me whole.*
--© 1963 William J. Gaither

PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN #645 “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” MIT FREUDEN ZART
(stanzas 1,2,3)
Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!

What God’s all mighty power has made God’s gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade God’s watchful eye ne’er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of God’s might, lo! all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,
an ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing,
as with a mother’s tender hand God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!

CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*
Almighty God, we often forget the glory of creation and everything
you have done for us. We ignore the beauty you place all around us.
We brush aside the ways you strengthen us. We sing songs of lament
instead of songs of praise and thanksgiving. We lose ourselves in the
business of life, and forget that we are only found in you. Forgive us.
Fill our hearts and our lips with your praises, and turn our lives to-
ward you. In Jesus name. 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.

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.

SOLO “There Is a Balm in Gilead” arr. Mark Hayes
Barbara Jordan, Soloist
*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*
*Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work’s in vain;
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.*
*If you can preach like Peter, if you can preach like Paul,
Go home and tell your neighbor, “He died to save us all.”* --Traditional Spiritual

CALL TO OFFERING

HYMN #796 “We Come to You for Healing, Lord” LAND OF REST
(omit stanza 4)
We come to you for healing, Lord, of body, mind, and soul,
and pray that by your Spirit’s touch we may again be whole.

As once you walked through ancient streets and reached toward those in pain,
we know you come among us still with power to heal again.

You touch us through physicians’ skills, through nurses’ gifts of care,
and through the love of faithful friends who lift our lives in prayer.

We come to you, O loving Lord, in our distress and pain,
In trust that through our nights and days your grace will heal, sustain.

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 147:5-7; Mark 1:29-39 (NRSV)
SERMON “The Touch of Jesus’ Hands”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.)*

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #465 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” CONVERSE
What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he’ll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Emma Lou Diemer
“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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

IGNITE

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message of Jesus Christ through Powerful Music, Media
& Scripture Based

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME

PRAISE SONG

“Open Up the Heavens”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG

“God So Loved”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

APOSTLES’ CREED

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 cruci-
fied, 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.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“God Is Love”

by Larry Stephen

SCRIPTURES

Psalm 147:5-7 *(NRSV)*

Mark 1:29-39 *(NRSV)*

MESSAGE

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HOLY COMMUNION

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SONG OF DEDICATION

“Goodness of God”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU