

Hymn Notes

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” (306)

First published in 1782, the story goes that John Fawcett (1740-1817) received a pastoral call to a bigger and more prestigious church in London. After preaching his farewell sermon and loading his luggage on the wagons, he decided that he would prefer to stay with his fellowship in the smaller church. The hymn was said to have been written “to commemorate” Fawcett’s decision to stay. It was first titled “Brotherly Love.” It has appeared in nearly two thousand English-language hymnals all around the globe. Baptist and Congregational collections are especially likely to contain it, including those serving African American communities. *The Methodist Hymnal*, 1878 seems to be first to wed this text to the tune DENNIS. Given the Boston origins of the tune, its name likely honors the Cape Cod town named for Josiah Dennis (1695-1763), the first resident minister there.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, February 14: Robert Walker, Suzanne Schulhof, Peter Gajentan, Zoey Scalera
Monday, February 15: Larry Ingram, Kylie Torres
Tuesday, February 16: Dorothy Becker, Ken Tobiasen, Cheryl Preston, Kate Estavil, Pearce Turner
Wednesday, February 17: Jim Vander Slik, Mike Capito, Janet Winder, Kathleen Pope
Thursday, February 18: Nick Propst, Charlotte Hanway
Saturday, February 20: Michael Elza



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



June Arnold
In Loving Memory my Father
Herbert Williams, Sr.



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 a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud
there came a voice,
“This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!”*

Mark 9:7

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 18th 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 **2/14 - 2/21**

- ★ **SUNDAY 2/14**
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 2/16**
8:00 PM - YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM
- ★ **WEDNESDAY 2/17**
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM - CITYNIGHT IN THE GYM,
MASK REQUIRED
- ★ **SUNDAY 2/21**
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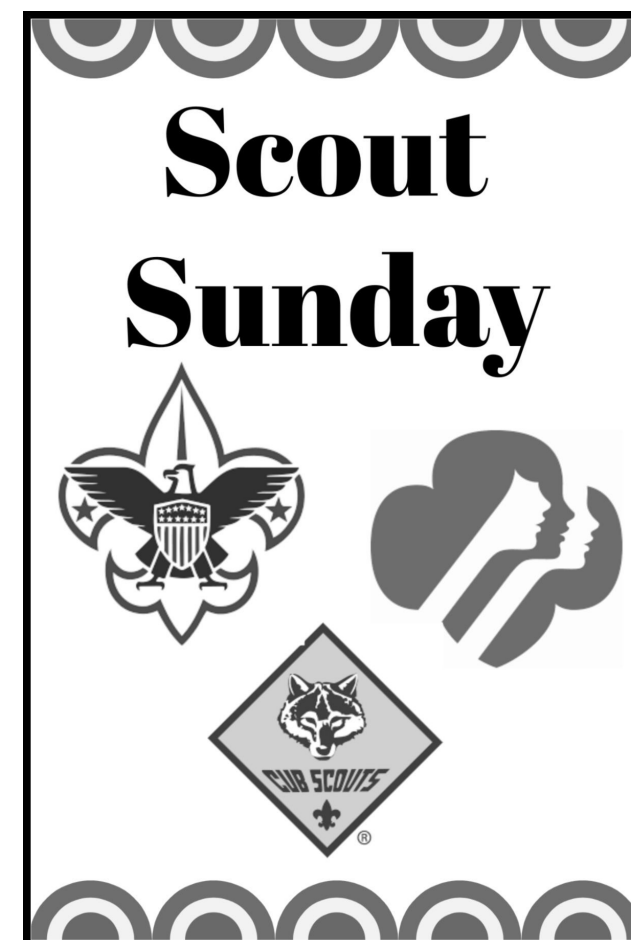
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Welcome To **Northwood Presbyterian** **Church**

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February 14, 2021



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 14, 2021
Transfiguration of the Lord
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”
arr. Emma Lou Diemer

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Carl F. Schalk
*When we are walking, doubtful and dreading, blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,
yet Christ walks with us, ever awaiting our invitation: Stay, do not part.
Christ, our companion, hope for the journey, bread of compassion, open our eyes.
Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning that all creation with you may rise.*

--Susan Palo Cherwien

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PROCESSION OF THE U.S. FLAG & CHRISTIAN FLAG
Hayden Turner

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG
**I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America,
and to the Republic for which it stands: one nation under God,
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.**

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE CHRISTIAN FLAG
**I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag and to the Savior for
whose Kingdom it stands: one Savior, crucified, risen, and coming
again with life and liberty to all who believe.**

HYMN #265 “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun” DUKE STREET
(stanzas 1,4,5)
**Jesus shall reign where’er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**Blessings abound where’er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to loose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.**

**Let every creature rise and bring
honors peculiar to our king;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen!**

CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*
**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too
deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts
can no longer bear, and what has become for us a judgment. Set us
free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which
we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your
likeness; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581 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 “The Light of God’s Love” Mark Burrows
(Angel Choir, recorded on March 17, 2019)

*Look into my heart, what do you see? God’s light shining in me.
Look into my heart, what do you see? God’s light shining in me.
And I can reflect God’s image, shine so bright, it will chase away the darkest night.
It’s a light that’s brighter than a thousand stars above, the light of God’s love.*

*Deep down in your heart, you’ve got it too, God’s light shining in you.
Deep down in your heart, you’ve got it too, God’s light shining in you.
And you can reflect God’s image, shine so bright, it will chase away the darkest night.
It’s a light that’s brighter than a thousand stars above, the light of God’s love.*

*This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*And we can reflect God’s image, shine so bright, it will chase away the darkest night.
It’s a light that’s brighter than a thousand stars above, the light of God’s love.*

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 #193 “Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain” UNSER HERRSCHER
(stanzas 1,2,5)
**Jesus, take us to the mountain, where, with Peter, James, and John,
we are dazzled by your glory, light as blinding as the sun.
There prepare us for the night by the vision of that sight.**

**What do you want us to see there, that your close companions saw?
Your divinity revealed there fills us with the self-same awe.
Clothed in flesh like ours you go, matched to meet our deadliest foe.**

**We who have beheld your glory, risen and ascended Lord,
cannot help but tell the story, all that we have seen and heard;
say with Peter, James, and John: “You are God’s beloved Son!”**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Acts 4:32-37; 15:36-41 (NRSV)
Mark 9:2-9 (NRSV)

SERMON “Transfigured by Encouragement”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #306 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” DENNIS
(stanzas 1,2,4,5)
**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

**Before our Father’s throne we pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.**

**When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.**

**From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Toccata on DUKE STREET” David Cherwien
(based on the tune of the opening hymn)

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

**PROCESSION OF THE U.S. FLAG &
CHRISTIAN FLAG**
Devin Sisson

PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG (Unison)
*I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of
America, and to the Republic for which it stands: one nation
under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.*

PLEDGE TO THE CHRISTIAN FLAG (Unison)
*I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag and to the Savior for
whose Kingdom it stands: one Savior, crucified, risen, and
coming again with life and liberty to all who believe.*

PRAISE SONG
“The River”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG
“The Blessing”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY
“Way Maker”

SCRIPTURES
*Acts 4:32-37; 15:36-41
Mark 9:2-9*

MESSAGE
“Transfigured by Encouragement”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION
“Oceans”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!