WELCOME

PREPARATORY MEDITATION

“Allan Dodd’s Farewell to Scotland”
Gemma Briggs, Highland Bagpipers

BLESSING OF THE TARTANS
(see text from traditional service)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG
“This is Amazing Grace”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING
“Lean on Me”

SCRIPTURE
Luke 18:9-14

MESSAGE
“God’s Grace Makes All the Difference!”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION
“Amazing Grace” (My Chains Are Gone)

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU
“Amazing Grace”
Gemma Briggs, Highland Bagpipes

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 lucindyl1@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 vickile33@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 Marjie. 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 25th 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
2/21 - 2/28

Sunday 2/21
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 2/22
6:00 PM - YOUNG WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM

Wednesday 2/23
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM - CITYLIGHT IN THE GYM, MASK REQUIRED

Sunday 2/28
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM - LIVE STREAM CHURCH
10:15 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS
5:00 PM - 6:45 PM - SPRING BREAK MISSION MEETING
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/30cd61463cbd/citylightupdate22162021
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HYMN #664 “Morning Has Broken” (stanzas 1, 3, 5)

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

OPENING VOLUNTARY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

DOXOLOGY #606 OLD HUNDREDTH

CALL TO OFFERING

ANTHEM

Hymn "Morning Has Broken"

Music: "Morning Has Broken"

This hymn from the Scottish Iona Community is intended for the Lord’s Supper, however these inner stanzas speak of our need to confess and to grant pardon to others.

DOXOLOGY #606

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GRACE

"Thou gracious God, whose mercy lends the light of home, the smile of friends, Our gathered flock Thine arms enfold, as in the peaceful days of old.

Wilt Thou not hear us while we raise, in sweet accord of solemn praise, The voices that have mingled long in joyous flow of mirth and song?

For all the blessings life has brought, for all the sorrowing hours have taught, For all we mourn, for all we keep, the hands we clasp, the loved that sleep.

The noontime sunshine of the past, those brief, bright moments fading fast, The stars that gild our dark’ning years, the twilight ray from holier spheres. We thank Thee Father, let Thy grace our loving circle still embrace, Thy mercy shed its healing store, Thy peace be with us evermore. Amen!"

—text by Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809-1894)

Order for the Public Worship of God
February 21, 2021
First Sunday in Lent
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATORY MEDITATION

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“This is a 20th century text set to an old Gaelic melody; the tune is named for a small village on the Isle of Mull off the west coast of Scotland.”

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WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

SERMON

“God’s Grace Makes All the Difference!”

Luke 18:9-14 NRSV

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GROW IN THE WORD

HYMN #649 “Amazing Grace” (stanzas 1, 3, 5)

“I am a member of Northwood, the daughter of Spencer and Ann Briggs. I graduated from the College of Wooster (Ohio) where I was Pipe Major leading the band her senior year. Thanks to our piper today, Gemma Briggs. Gemma is a 2020 graduate of the College of Wooster (Ohio) where she was Pipe Major leading the band her senior year. Gemma is a member of Northwood, the daughter of Spencer and Ann Briggs.”

“All: Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You adorn us with your armor of light, but we hide ourselves in darkness. You trust us with the message of grace, but we bury that treasure in fear. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne. Amen.”

“We have been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we first began.”

BENEDICTION

Closing Voluntary

“We grow in the Word”

“Peace, to Soothe Our Bitter Woes”

Stephanie Carson, Music Director

“God’s Grace Makes All the Difference!”

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

“We thank our congregation of Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church for loaning the tartans displayed in the chancel area today.”

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Our annual Kirkin’ o’ the Tartan service this morning celebrates that 43 years ago on February 19th, 1978, just over 100 people gathered to officially organize Northwood Presbyterian Church. Today, 43 years later, Northwood has grown to approximately 900 members who are a part of a thriving church family reaching out to all ages. If you are viewing us online today, we invite you to join us as a member. While we are proud of our distinctive history as Presbyterians, we celebrate today the oneness of the Christian family across the world. Presbyterians are people of Christ; and this comes first and foremost in all that we do! Praise be to God!”