

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

PREPARATORY MEDITATION

"Allan Dodd's Farewell to Scotland"
Gemma Briggs, Highland Bagpipes

BLESSING OF THE TARTANS
(see text from traditional service)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG
"This Is Amazing Grace"

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY
"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

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!

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 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**
8:00 PM - YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM
- ★ **WEDNESDAY 2/23**
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM - CITYNIGHT 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 - 5:45 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/30cfd1403cdb/citylightupdate22162021>

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

February 21, 2021

Kirkin' o' the Tartan

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 21, 2021
First Sunday in Lent
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATORY MEDITATION Chris Curvin, Pastor

OPENING VOLUNTARY John M. MacKenzie
“Allan Dodd’s Farewell to Scotland”
Gemma Briggs, Highland Bagpipes

HYMN #664 “Morning Has Broken” BUNESSAN
Morning has broken like the first morning;
black bird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the word!

Sweet the rain’s new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dew fall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God’s feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation; praise every morning,
God’s re-creation of the new day!

(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)

LITANY OF BLESSING OF THE TARTANS AND CLANS OF THE KIRK

One: Thank you O Lord, for your Holy Word which has ordained a rich heritage of faith and sacrifice from our ancestors: from Adam to the incarnation of Jesus Christ, to the establishment of his church every where. Never let us forget that heritage of faith is a gift to be shared, not a treasure to be hoarded.

All: Bless us that we may be a blessing, O Lord.

One: We praise you, O Lord, for those who have lived and died in Christ that we might have the freedom to dwell in a community of faith. Never let us forget that the days of sacrifice are not yet over, that we too, have lives to live in faith.

All: On behalf of all clans, families, and nations, we are grateful before Almighty God of our heritage and pray God’s blessing on his servant people in all lands.

One: Eternal God, our Father, bless these tartans—symbols of our heritage—and grant that the families they represent may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you; through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

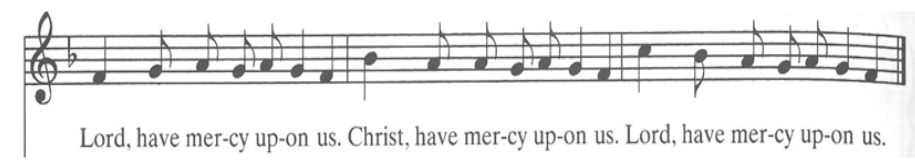
CALL TO CONFESSION John Bell
The words of hope I often failed to give,
The prayers of kindness buried by my pride,
The signs of care I argued out of sight: these I lay down.

Of those around in whom I meet my Lord,
I ask their pardon and I grant them mine,
That every contradiction of Christ’s peace might be laid down.
—Text and music © 1989 WGRG, Iona Community
(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.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
One: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

All: Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You adorn us with the 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.

KYRIE John Merbecke (1523-1585)



ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

DOXOLOGY #606 OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy ghost. Amen.

(This was the final stanza of Englishman Thomas Ken’s “All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night” from 1649. Known and loved in all Protestant churches including the Church of Scotland.)

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

ANTHEM “Thou Gracious God, Whose Mercy Lends” Mack Wilberg
(Chancel Choir with Madison Poth, Highland Bagpipes, recorded on February 17, 2019)

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, these 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 heav’nly store, Thy peace be with us evermore. Amen!
—text by Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809-1894)

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 18:9-14 NRSV

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

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #649 “Amazing Grace” AMAZING GRACE
(stanzas 1,3,5)
Introduction on the Highland Bagpipes by Gemma Briggs
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.

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

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 David Cherwien
“Peace, to Soothe Our Bitter Woes”

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

- ◆ Our thanks to the congregation of Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church for loaning the tartans displayed in the chancel area today.
- ◆ 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.

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!