### **HYMN NOTES:**

### "Lift High the Cross" (826)

This hymn in eleven stanzas with the refrain was written for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel festival in Winchester Cathedral, June 1887. More than half a century after its publication, the hymn was introduced in the USA in Hymns for the Living Church, 1974, which led to its inclusion in all recent hymnals. The original first stanza has been reworked by numerous hymnal committees to reduce sexist and militaristic images. The original stanza 1 read:

> Come, brethren, follow where our Captain trod, Our King victorious, Christ the Son of God.

Other text changes in our hymnal's version provides the opportunity to express the spirit of "Onward Christian Soldiers" (not included in Glory to *God*) without singing militaristic metaphors.

### **BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...**

Sunday, February 28: Marie Elliott, Carol Justice, David Robicheau

Monday, March 1: Carol Zieres, Marcy Seckman, Pat Callan,

Charlie Larson

Tuesday, March 2: Georgianna Winder, Sonya Weidner

Wednesday, March 3: Steve Winder, Emily Fisher Thursday, March 4: Roger Winder, Drew Hatch

Saturday, March 6: Virginia Cromwell, Connie Evans, Sharon Card

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



## Friends of Northwood



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 called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them "if any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it".

Mark 8:34-35

## **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-

### Brown Bag Bible Study, led by Pastor Paul Means

Thursday, March 4th 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 2/28 - 3/7

ALL IN PERSON EVENTS REQUIRE MASKS

SUNDAY 2/28
9:00 AM - OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE
10:15 AM - OURDOOR SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 AM - LIVE STREAM CHURCH
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

TUESDAY 3/2 8:00 PM - YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM

★ WEDNESDAY 3/3 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM - CITYNIGHT IN THE GYM,

FRIDAY 3/5 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM - GAME NIGHT IN THE GYM & OUTDOORS

SUNDAY 3/7 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM - LIVE STREAM CHURCH 7:30 PM - YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA TEAMS

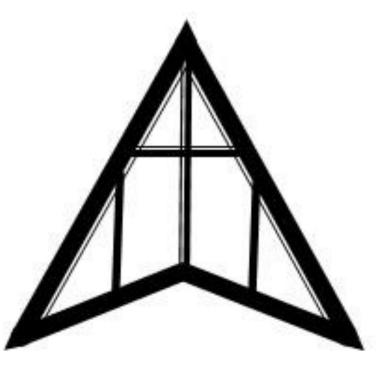
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# **Welcome To** Northwood Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Church Organized February 19, 1978

**February 28, 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 February 28, 2021 2nd Sunday in Lent 11:00 AM Worship Service

### WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Dietrich Buxtehude

"I Cry to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ"

(1637-1707) HYMN #216

CALL TO OFFERING

I said I know sometimes that the road is long.

And I know sometimes that you feel like you can't go on. So you just...

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ST. CHRISTOPHER

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand, the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land; a home within the wilderness, a rest up on the way, from the burning of the noon-tide heat, the burden of the day.

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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

Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see the very dying form of One who suffered there for me; and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess: the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place; I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face; content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss, my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

### WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8:31-38 (NRSV)

LENTEN SERIES From Dust to Promise: Refreshing Our Hearts Sermon #2 "The Way of Discipleship" Chris Curvin, Pastor

### WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #718 "Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said" GERMANY (stanzas 1.3.4)

Take up your cross, the Savior said, if you would my disciple be; Take up your cross with willing heart, and humbly follow after me.

Take up your cross; heed not the shame, and let your foolish pride be still; the Lord for you accepted death upon the cross, on Calvary's hill.

Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, and calmly every danger brave: it guides you to abundant life and leads to victory o'er the grave.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Prelude in B Flat" Dietrich Buxtehude

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

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT Brent Sinclair Chambers

In the presence of your people I will praise your name, For alone you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. Let us celebrate your goodness and your steadfast love; May your name be exalted here on earth and in heaven above.

--from Psalm 22

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN #826

"Lift High the Cross"

CRUCIFER

(stanzas 1,2,4)

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come Christians, follow where our Savior trod, the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain

All newborn servants of the crucified bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died. Refrain

So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the crucified for victory. *Refrain* 

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

God of Promise, thank you that you are with us and love us all the time. We know that not only this past week, but other times in the past, we have not always lived the way you call us to live. We have done wrong things and not done all the good things we should have done. So please forgive us and help us to live so that through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord, we deny our selfish living and take up our cross and follow you. We ask this 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.

SOLO

"Take Up Your Cross" Stephanie Carson, Soloist Ray Milliken/Ray Boltz

Take up your cross and follow Jesus.

Take up your cross everyday.

Don't be ashamed to say that you know Him.

Count the cost, then take up your cross and follow Him.

What are you doing for the King?

Have you really given everything for the one who gave his all for you? Don't you be satisfied just to know that the Lord has saved your soul?

Have you forgotten what you need to do?



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

"The River"

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

**PRAISE SONG** 

"Jesus Loves Me"

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

**CALL TO OFFERING** 

**OFFERTORY** 

"Goodness of God"

**SCRIPTURE** 

Mark 8:31-38

LENTEN SERIES

From Dust to Promise: Refreshing Our Hearts Sermon #2 "The Way of Discipleship" Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

"Stand Up"

**GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU** 

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