HYMN NOTES: “Jesus Calls Us” (720)

“A namby-pamby, childish style is most unpleasing to children. It is surprising how soon they can understand and follow a high order of poetry.” Thus wrote Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), author of the hymn “Jesus Calls Us.” She was a 19th century educator in her native Ireland and wrote many hymns for children, including “All Things Bright and Beautiful” and “Once in Royal David’s City.”

In 2017, some of us stood in front of the house that was Miss. Alexander’s with her husband, the Bishop of Derry, Northern Ireland. High on a hill with St. Columb’s Cathedral we no longer had to imagine the view which inspired her writing the hymn “There Is a Green Hill Far Away” as the verdant hills of the Irish countryside lay before us just as they did for her 160 years ago.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, March 21: Elaine Cornillaud, Peggy Steele
Monday, March 22: Suzanne Hamilton, Mandy Voss
Tuesday, March 23: Rich Spoenlein, Andy Strelcheck, Gabby Zimmer
Wednesday, March 24: Mary Corrello, Dallas Wood, Will Parker, Nicole Bullis, Henry Davis
Thursday, March 25: Grant Pelham
Friday, March 26: Fran Newman, Marie Purcell, Evelyn Towns
Saturday, March 27: Mary Michaels

If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven’t seen them in church recently, give them a call!

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 jucindy1@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 through 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 April 2nd. 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, March 25 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 3/21-3/25

ALL IN-PERSON EVENTS REQUIRE MASKS

★ SUNDAY 3/21
9:00 AM-11:00 AM - LIVE STREAM CHURCH

★ WEDNESDAY 3/24
6:00 PM-7:30 PM - CITYNIGHT

★ SUNDAY 3/28
9:00 AM OUTDOOR PALM SUNDAY SERVICE
10:15 AM OUTDOOR SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 AM - LIVE STREAM CHURCH AND IN-PERSON
7:30 PM - YOUNG MEN’S BIBLE STUDY VIA TEAMS

Follow the link to view our weekly email:
https://mailchi.mp/542912a53a99/citylightupdate-1435387

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Terry Steele In Honor of My Wife Peggy’s Birthday

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!

They came to Phillip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Phillip went and told Jesus.

John 12:21-22
Order for the Public Worship of God  
March 21, 2021 
5th Sunday in Lent 
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Prelude on ‘The Call’”  
Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath;  
Such a truth as ends all strife, such a life as killet death.  
—George Herbert, 1633

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS  
Chris Curvin, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP  
John D. Horman

CALL TO CONFESSION  
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

HYMN “Jesus Calls Us”  (stanzas 1,3,4)  
Galilee

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)  
Loving and gracious God, hold us close for we know how hard life can be. If we are honest, we see our own faults and failures mirrored in the lives of the people Jesus interacted with in his earthly ministry. We deny Your love by covering up our talents, shirking responsibilities and seeking self-serving entitlements. We are frightened by the costliness of following You and fear that we will be found fleeing the scene or joining in the accusing crowd. In this life it is so easy to compromise our faith and betray your trust. Loving God, hold us close so we may move through the shadows, confront the darkness, and rejoice in the surprising triumph of Your stronger-than-death love, made known through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE  
GLORIA PATRI

HYMN #724 “O Jesus, I Have Promised”  (stanzas 1,4)  
Angel’s Story

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING  
John 12:20-33  (NRSV)

SERMON  
“So You Want to See Jesus?”  
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY  
“So You Want to See Jesus?”

MESSAGE  
“So You Want to See Jesus?”  
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION  
“What a Beautiful Name”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Sharka Blu and Stephanie Carson, Music Directors

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Speaks

Stephanie Carson, Music Director