

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 Ms. 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
Lisa Weitz, Will Allen

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!



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

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 lucindyl@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 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 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

3/21- 3/28

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

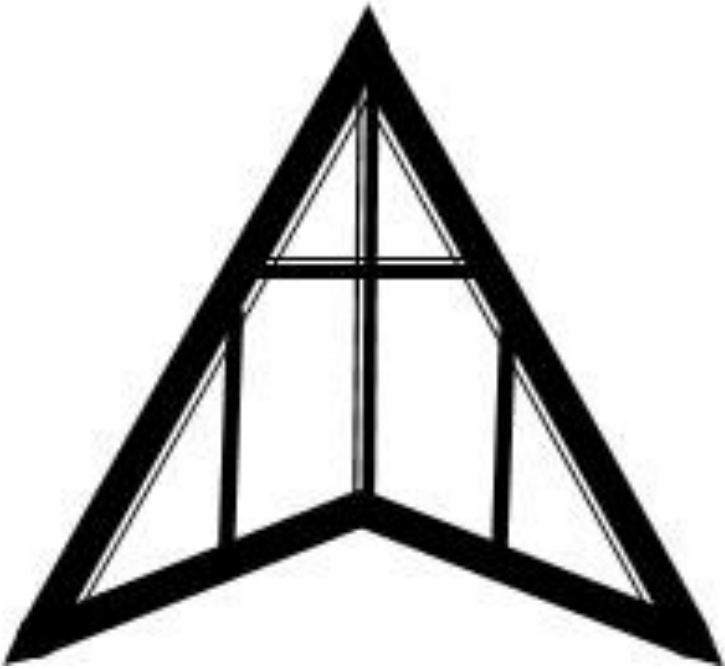
★ **SUNDAY 3/28**
9:00 AM OUTDOOR PALM SUNDAY SERVICE
10:15 AM OUTDOOR SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 AM - LIVE STREAM CHURCH AND IN-PERSON
7:30 PM - YOUNG MEN’S BIBLE STUDY VIA TEAMS

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**Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

March 21, 2021



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E. Chris Curvin, Pastor
Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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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 Vaughan Williams/Burkhardt
“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 killeth death.*
--George Herbert, 1633

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP John D. Horman
*O Christ, you come among us still, the Sower and the Seed.
As once you sowed the truth of God in glowing word and deed,
Implant your Word in waiting hearts, and let it there take hold,
Until it bears in fruitful lives a harvest hundred-fold.*
--Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr., 1998
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN #720 “Jesus Calls Us” GALILEE
(stanzas 1,3,4)
**Jesus calls us: o’er the tumult
of our life’s wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth
saying, “Christian, follow me.”**

**In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
“Christian, love me more than these.”**

**Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thy obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.**

CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor

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
**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 “Psalm 139” Allen Pote
Recorded by the Chancel Choir on January 14, 2018
*Lord, you have searched me and known me, You know everything I do.
When I rise up, when I lie down, you are with me through and through.
Before a word is on my tongue, you know what I will say,
your presence follows me day by day.*

*Where can I flee from your spirit? Where can I go to run away?
If I go to heaven, or live in hell, you are there.*

*Search me, O God, and know me, try me and know my heart. See if there be any
wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.*

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

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

HYMN #724 “O Jesus, I Have Promised” ANGEL’S STORY
(stanzas 1,4)
**O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from thy pathway if thou wilt be my guide.**

**O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY John A. Behnke
“‘Come, Follow Me,’ the Savior Spake”

Stephanie Carson, Music Director

Tom
Organist
ate Music

IGNITE

Huffman,
& Associ-
Director

*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
“Rescuer”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG
“At the Cross” (Love Ran Red)

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY
“Above All”

SCRIPTURE
John 12:20-33

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

SONG OF DEDICATION
“What a Beautiful Name”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!