Welcome!

We welcome you to worship this evening and to the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. We are truly one in Christ as we gather in remembrance of Him! Please pray during this special time of the year that God will transform people and situations for God’s own mighty purposes as we remember the events of Holy Week and celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ around the world this Sunday! If you are joining us through livestream, please plan to celebrate communion during this Maundy Thursday service by preparing a small portion of juice (or something to drink) and bread for your use at home.

Northwood Presbyterian Church
2875 State Road 580, Clearwater, FL 33761
727-796-8090

The Rev. Dr. E. Chris Curvin-----------------------------Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Paul D. Means-----------------------------------Associate Pastor
Stephanie Carson------------------------------------------Director of Music
Tom Huffman---------------------------------------------Associate Music Director, Organist
Laura Garcia----------------------------------------------Director of Schools
Rosalie Bradford------------------------------------------Director of Youth & Families
Emily Cantin----------------------------------------------Director of Communications
Chris Hurst-----------------------------------------------Business Administrator
Linda O’Leary---------------------------------------------Bookkeeper
Mark Johnston---------------------------------------------Technical Arts Coordinator

Do this in Remembrance of me.

Maundy Thursday

April 1, 2021
Maundy Thursday Service
Northwood Presbyterian Church
Thursday, April 1, 2021  7:00PM

OPENING VOLUNTARY  “Pleading Savior”  arr. Mark Thewes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Chris Curvin, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)
Leader:  What shall we render unto the Lord for all God’s blessings to us?
People:  We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.
Leader:  Jesus said, “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”
People:  Let us worship God and rejoice in His love as we come together sharing the love of Christ with one another.

*HYMN #223  “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”  HAMBURG (stanzas 1,3,4)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)
Paul Means, Associate Pastor
Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Leader:  After Jesus had washed the disciples’ feet he said to them, “Do you know what I have done for you?”
People:  If I, Your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. You also ought to wash one another’s feet.”
Leader:  Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

CALL FOR THE OFFERING AND OFFERTORY PRAYER
The Offering this evening is for Religious Community Services known as RCS, a mission project supported by Northwood and eighty other Christian and Jewish congregations. “The mission of RCS is to feed the hungry, help homeless families return to self-sufficiency, and empower survivors of domestic violence.” (You may give your gift through our website or mail it to the church office or you may place it in one of the Giving Stations in the hallway as you leave.)

SOLO  “Lamb of God”  Twila Paris
Stephanie Carson, Soloist
Your only Son no sin to hide, but you have sent Him from your side to walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.
Your gift of love they crucified, they laughed and scorned Him as He died.
The humble King they named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God.
Oh Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God. I love the Holy Lamb of God.
Oh wash me in His precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.
I was so lost, I should have died, but You have brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and rod and to be called a Lamb of God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING  1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (NRSV)

COMMUNION MEDITATION  “Nothing Ordinary Here!”  Chris Curvin

*SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER  (Together)
Paul Means
Invitation and the Words of Institution
Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE SHARING OF THE CUP

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER  (Together)
Paul Means
Invitation and the Words of Institution
Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE SHARING OF THE CUP

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER  (Together)
Paul Means
Invitation and the Words of Institution
Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.

SOLO  “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”  Cheraponi (stanzas 1,2,3)

STRIPPING OF THE CHANCEL
The service concludes in silence after the closing hymn. There is no benediction as our worship service continues at Noon tomorrow, Good Friday.

*Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.
When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, 
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down; 
did e’er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; 
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)
Let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)

Refrain: When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, 
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees)
Let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees) Refrain

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love; 
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, 
Master who acts as a slave to them. Refrain

Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race, 
Neighbors are near us and far away. Refrain

These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love, 
All these are neighbors to us and you.