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# NORTHWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## EASTER SUNDAY April 4, 2021 ~ 11:00 AM

### WE COME TO WORSHIP

*(Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins. Please silence electronic devices.)*

OPENING VOLUNTARY      “O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing”      Michael Burkhardt

#### \*EASTER GREETING *(Responsive)*

Leader:      The Lord is risen!

**People:      He is risen indeed!**

Leader:      Christ is risen!

**People:      HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

#### \*HYMN #246

“Christ Is Alive!”

TRURO

*(stanzas 1,4,5)*

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.**

**Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

**Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.**

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love and praise.**

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Curvin, Pastor

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

**Mighty God: by your power is Christ raised from death to rule this world with love. We confess that we have not believed in Him but fall into doubt and fear. Forgive our dread of dying, our hopelessness, and set us free for joy in the victory of Jesus Christ, who was dead but lives, and will put down every power to hurt or destroy, when your promised kingdom comes. Amen.**

## Learn about Being Presbyterian

### What is a Presbyterian?

In the New Testament, “Presbuteros” means elder, and refers to the democratic custom of choosing leaders and advisors from among the members of the church.

Presbyterians are a group of Protestants whose church is founded on this concept of democratic rule under the Word of God. The Presbyterian denomination is a form of Christianity democratically organized to embrace the faith common to all Christians.

### All that is required to be a Presbyterian is to...

- Confess the Christian faith
- Trust in Christ as our forgiving Savior
- Promise to follow Christ and Christ’s example for living
- Commit oneself to attend church and to become involved in its work.

### Presbyterians have two main sources for inspiration and guidance in their faith:

1. The Bible: The Bible is an inspired record of the revelation of God to all. Presbyterians have always believed that the Bible is the most authoritative source for faith and practice for all people. Presbyterians do not believe that the authors of the Bible were “pens of God” as the pre-Christian writers believed. Instead, they believe the authors were inspired by God to reveal God to all people.
2. Creeds & Confessions: These are statements of doctrine that express the beliefs of a church or congregation. They include:
  - The Apostles’ Creed
  - The Nicene Creed
  - The Scots Confession, 1560
  - The Heidelberg Catechism
  - The Second Helvetic Confession
  - And others

### Presbyterians recognize two Sacraments—as described in the Bible.

1. Baptism: This sacrament unites us with Jesus Christ and makes us members of God’s family, the Church. For Presbyterians, baptism...
  - Is an initiation into the church community, as ordered by Christ
  - Is a public confession, not a private one—it’s a statement of faith made in the presence of others
  - Does not guarantee access to heaven—un-baptized people are not denied salvation
  - Can be performed in another church—there is no need to be re-baptized in a Presbyterian Church.
2. Communion: This is also called the Lord’s Supper, Holy Communion or the Eucharist. It’s a time to renew faith and strengthen participants for the duties and privileges of Christian service. In communion, the bread and the wine represent the sacrificial body and blood of Christ and recall the last meal shared with the apostles. Together they symbolize the new covenant between God and all people.

To learn more about what it means to be a Presbyterian, and a member of Northwood, please join us for our Discovering Northwood New Member Class May 23rd at 10:00 am in Room 4 of the Christian Education Building.

## Around Northwood

### Northwood Photo Group

The Photo Group has been meeting remotely on the second Tuesday of every month via Zoom since the pandemic and will have its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, April 13th at 7:00pm. If you are interested in "attending" our monthly discussion on photography, please contact [david@primeimagesinc.com](mailto:david@primeimagesinc.com) or [curtis.krueger@gmail.com](mailto:curtis.krueger@gmail.com) and we'll send you the Zoom link for the meeting.



### Kids' Corner Preschool—Registration is OPEN

Registration is currently open for the 2021-2022 school year! We have openings in our 2's, 3's, and VPK. Please share the news! You may stop in the preschool office and pick up your registration forms. If you are interested in a tour of the school, please contact the school director, Laura Garcia at [schooldirector@northwoodpc.org](mailto:schooldirector@northwoodpc.org) or 727-723-7679.

FLORIDA CHAPTER OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF UNITED METHODISTS IN MUSIC AND WORSHIP ARTS PRESENTS  
2021 ANNUAL CHURCH MUSIC WORKSHOP

*From*  
**GENERATION**  
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intergenerational worship arts for all  
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**June 14-18, 2021**

**James Wells and Victor Johnson**

**Clinicians**

WARREN WILLIS UMC CONFERENCE AND CAMP CENTER  
FRUITLAND PARK (LEESBURG), FLORIDA

### Florida Music Workshop Registration

The Workshop planning committee of the Fellowship is working hard to produce a unique five day experience this summer for adults and youth—both in person and virtual. Adults and youth will be singing together, there will be handbells, daily worship, specialty classes, instrumental ensembles and more, and it will all be done with safety in mind.

Northwood will again be supporting those wishing to attend with substantial financial assistance from the garage sale proceeds. If you are interested in attending, please contact Tom Huffman (727) 409-8726 or [hufftom@aol.com](mailto:hufftom@aol.com). If you want more information, especially on the COVID protocols that will be followed, go to the FL Fellowship website at [floridafummwa.org](http://floridafummwa.org). Registration will be opening soon, but don't register on your own. We will register for you and apply the appropriate discounts. Any questions, check with Tom Huffman.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #236

VICTORY

*(refrain, stanza 1, refrain)*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is won;  
The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

### VOLUNTARY

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

arr. Joel Raney

Organ and Piano duet

### 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 *(The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is also received today.)*

#### \*HYMN #248

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

HYMN TO JOY

**Christ is risen! Shout hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!**

**Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.**

**In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.**

**Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.**

**Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.**

**Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.**

**Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.**

**Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.**

**Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.**

**Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.**

**Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"**

**God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!**

## WE GROW IN THE WORD

### SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-18 (NRSV)

### LENTEN SERIES

From Dust to Promise: Refreshing Our Hearts  
Sermon #7 “The Resurrection of Jesus”  
Chris Curvin, Pastor

## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

### \*HYMN

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”

EASTER HYMN

Handbells: Stephanie Carson and Ginny Zimmer

arr. Hal H. Hopson

*(all humming or singing quietly)*

**Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! All creation join to say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!**

**Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle done, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!**

**Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!**

**Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!**

**And he shall reign forever and ever. Hallelujah!**

### \*BENEDICTION

### CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”

John Leavitt

*\*Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.*

*Quartet: Melanie Brown, Dick Casper, Rachelle Cox, Bill Martin*

## Citylight Schedule

### 4/4 - 4/11

**ALL IN-PERSON EVENTS REQUIRE MASKS**

**EASTER SUNDAY 4/4**  
9:00 AM - OUTDOOR CONTEMPORARY EASTER SERVICE (NO SUNDAY SCHOOL)  
11:00 AM - IN-PERSON INDOOR TRADITIONAL SERVICE  
8:30 PM - COLLEGE GROUP VIA ZOOM

**TUESDAY 4/6**  
7:00 PM - YOUNG WOMEN'S VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY

**WEDNESDAY 4/7**  
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM - CITYNIGHT

**SUNDAY 4/11**  
9:00 AM - IN- PERSON OUTDOOR CONTEMPORARY SERVICE  
10:15 AM - OUTDOOR SUNDAY SCHOOL  
11:00 AM - IN-PERSON INDOOR TRADITIONAL SERVICE  
7:30 PM - YOUNG MEN'S VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY

**Follow the link to view our weekly email:**  
<https://mailchi.mp/850720965676/citylightupdate-5509203>

## Beach Clean Up & Sunset

Wednesday April 21st at 5:30 pm

KEEP PINELLAS Beautiful  
KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE

Arrive at the bathrooms on the Dunedin causeway at 5:30 pm or meet at the church at 5:00 pm to ride on the van for a simple beach clean-up at 5:30 pm followed by a nature-inspired devotion, simple dinner & sunset.  
All are welcome!

## - Save the Date -

### Confirmation Class Refresher Workshop

**Sunday, April 18th from  
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm**



## **Music Ministry's Annual Garage Sale** **Friday, May 28th and Saturday, May 29th**

We are so happy to let you know we will be having our 2021 Garage Sale on Friday, May 28th and Saturday, May 29th. Your donations and the donations you request from family and friends are so important to the success of the sale. For all of those who have provided many generous items during the past year, we thank you.

We will be accepting your donations on the following days and times in the Family Life Center:

May 15 – May 21 - 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
May 22 – May 26 – 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

We cannot accept older electronics, TV's, entertainment centers or furniture that is not in 'new' condition. Everything else is most welcome – clothes, jewelry, furniture, household, linens, fine collectibles, holiday, books, tools, outdoor, etc.

Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, sorting, cashiering, security, and clean-up. Please call Susan or e-mail her if you can help (727) 709-8237 or [susank-curry@verizon.net](mailto:susank-curry@verizon.net).

Thank you, Stephanie Carson (Director of Music Ministries), Susan Curry (Chair)

## ***Welcome Friends & Guests!***

April 4, 2021

***A Happy and Joyous Easter to you! Your presence adds greatly to our celebration of the victory of Christ over sin and death. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!***

We invite you to register your attendance on the friendship sheets where you are seated and place in the "friendship sheets" baskets located in the hallway. If you are new to Northwood, we hope that you'll worship with us again and consider becoming a part of our friendly and caring church family. *If you are interested in exploring membership and/or have questions, please contact me at 796-8090.* The next Discovering Northwood New Member Class is May 23rd at 10:00AM in Room 4 of the Christian Education building.

Anyone wishing to discuss a commitment/recommitment to Christ, or anyone who has a special prayer concern may speak with one of the pastors after the worship service.

**The Easter Lilies** (in the sanctuary and around the church today) are given to the glory of God by friends and members of Northwood Presbyterian Church in honor and in memory of their loved ones. (See insert).

We hope you will take time to look through this information and take note of all the events taking place in the life of Northwood. If you are visiting, we hope to see you again soon!

He is risen!  
Pastor Chris



***Thank you for participating by bringing flowers today for Northwood's flower cross!***



### One Great Hour of Sharing, Easter Sunday

For more than 50 years through the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, the refugee and the stranger have found food and safe shelter, those stunned by the aftermath of disasters have found relief and help rebuilding, and communities seeking to take control of their future have found partners in development. This year 80% of the money received will be divided equally between local ministries, Metropolitan Ministries and Presbyterian Disaster Fund, and 20% will go to the Presbytery of Tampa Bay. The hundreds of millions given over the last half century have enabled a powerful witness to the love of the One who came that all might have life more abundantly.

### **HYMN NOTES:**

#### **“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”**

This text by Charles Wesley was first published in 1739 under the title “Hymn for Easterday” in eleven four-line stanzas. For almost 100 years after this first appearance the text went into a great eclipse. In 1831 it reappeared in British Methodist hymnals and U.S. hymnals in 1849. Much of the interest since then has probably been the result of its pairing with the tune EASTER HYMN (which we sing today). The composer of the music has never been identified. The joyous ‘alleluias’ at the end of each line were added by some hymnal editor to make the words fit the tune. The tune also has a history from the 18<sup>th</sup> century of being named CHRISTMAS DAY and coupled with another of Wesley’s hymns “Hark, how all the welkin rings,” later altered to “Hark, the herald angels sing.” In our *Glory to God* hymnal, the famous Easter words are coupled with a different tune.

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

**Sunday, April 4:** Jim Speer, Sue Walker,  
Jack Mattson  
**Tuesday, April 6:** Mark Luther, Alexander Turner  
**Wednesday, April 7:** Wilai McNay, Dayshaun Roberts  
**Thursday, April 8:** Jerry Cox, Greg Hatch  
**Friday, April 9:** Jackie Koski, Julie Giese,  
Jennifer Johnson, Phoebe Stark  
**Saturday, April 10:** Lloyd Kimball

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

### **OFFICE CLOSED**

The office will be closed tomorrow, **Monday, April 5th**. The office will re-open Tuesday, April 6th, at 9:00a.m.

### **FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD TODAY**

#### **GREETERS:**

Murle Whitten & Ellen Stoup

#### **USHERS:**

Roxie Swartz & Eleanor Cicerchi

**The flowers in the sanctuary today  
are given to the glory of  
God by:**



***Friends of Northwood***



### **Your Giving Matters**

For in-person worship, the plate will not be passed, however, offering boxes are located in the narthex. For those worshipping online, your giving matters too. Your continued faithfulness to the mission and ministry of Northwood through your giving is critical as the church's expenses do not stop. Please commit to maintain your regular schedule of giving throughout this time by mailing your gift or using one of the online platforms below for giving electronically:

1. Text NPCHURCH to 73256 and follow the prompts.
2. Visit [www.northwoodpc.org](http://www.northwoodpc.org) and click on the giving tab.
3. Click “Give” under the *ChurchLife* app menu options

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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 May 7th. 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, April 8th at noon, Pastor Paul will continue the study of the New Testament letter written by the Apostle Paul to the Galatians. Join us as we study God's word seeking by God's grace to grow in faith, hope and love.

### **Presbyterian Women Bible Study—May 6th, 11:00am**

Presbyterian Women are using a Bible study called “*Into the Light: Finding Hope through Prayers of Lament*” by P. Lynn Miller. This is a 9-month study on reclaiming the practice of lament through Biblical study. Study books are available for purchase. The study will be available through livestreaming only on the first Thursday of each month at 11:00 AM and is led by Pastor Chris Curvin. The next study will take place on Thursday, May 6th. Everyone is welcome to join us through livestreaming of the study! If you'd like more information or have any questions, please contact Cindy Huffman at [lucindy1@aol.com](mailto:lucindy1@aol.com).

### **The Paschal Candle**

Today on the chancel is a large candle that symbolizes both the pillar of fire that led Israel by night, and the risen Lord who stands among us at Easter. This large candle sits tall and it bears a light and witness to the risen Christ. The candle is called the paschal candle. "Pasch" comes from the Hebrew word "pesah," meaning deliverance or Passover-- thus connecting the Resurrection to the Exodus. The candle is first used during Holy Week and continues at each service through the Great Fifty Days—Easter through Pentecost. It is also appropriate to light it at initiation rites such as baptism, confirmation and ordinations as well as at funerals.