

HYMN NOTES:

“The Day of Resurrection” (233)

This hymn from the early 8th century is one of the oldest found in most hymnals. Its origin is rooted in the liturgy of the Greek Church. It was written by one of the famous monks of the church, John of Damascus (c. 676-c. 780). This writing occurred several centuries before the Byzantine or Greek Orthodox Church split with the western Roman Church in 1044. The hymn is still sung in Greek churches at midnight before Easter as the congregation lights candles to dispel darkness and the silence is shattered by sounds of drums and trumpets. The hymn moves from the Exodus (crossing the Red Sea appears in all Greek Easter hymns) to the New Testament story of Easter morning.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, April 11: Pamela Peters, Babs Bailey, Christopher Parker
Tuesday, April 13: Rob Bonnier, Sandra Rasmussen, Dee Bryant, Kasandra Mattson
Wednesday, April 14: Pokey Smith, Barbara Forsyth, Eileen Nelson, Donald Faulkner
Thursday, April 15: Nick Weidner
Friday, April 16: Janice Patteson, Lars Greff
Saturday, April 17: Ibelise Luther



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



Hallie Pelham In Honor of My Mom'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. If you are worshipping livestream, please send your information directly to communications@northwoodpc.org. 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!

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

GREETERS:

(11:00) Sue Miskiewicz, Ellen Stoup & Murle Whitten

USHERS:

(11:00) Earle Lusk & Sandra Rasmussen



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 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 15th 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
4/11 - 4/18
ALL IN-PERSON EVENTS REQUIRE MASKS

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

TUESDAY 4/13
7:00 PM - YOUNG WOMEN'S VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY 4/14
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM - CITYNIGHT

FRIDAY 4/16
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM GAME NIGHT IN THE GYM - SIGN UP REQUIRED

SUNDAY 4/18
9:00 AM - IN-PERSON OUTDOOR CONTEMPORARY SERVICE
10:15 AM - OUTDOOR SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 AM - IN-PERSON INDOOR TRADITIONAL SERVICE
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM CONFIRMATION CLASS WORKSHOP
7:30 PM - YOUNG MEN'S VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY

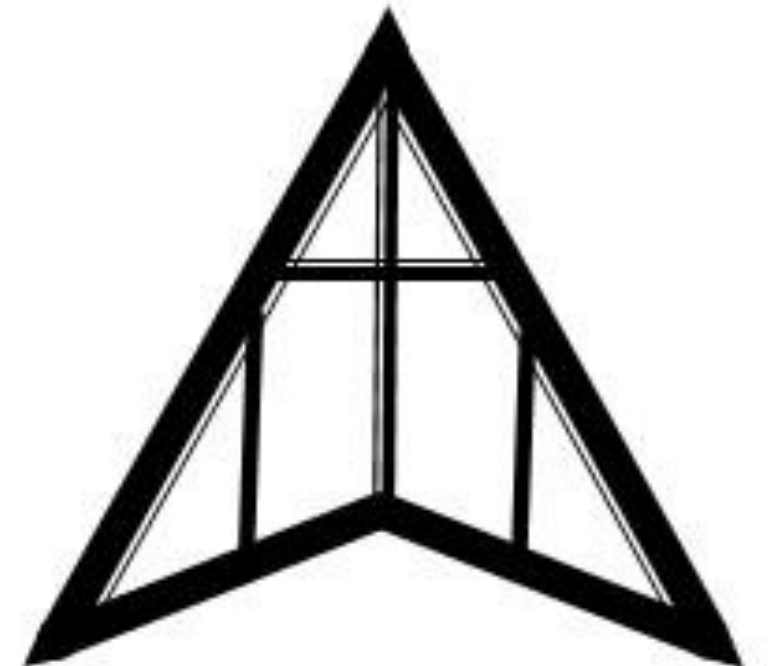
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Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
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April 11, 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
April 11, 2021
Second Sunday of Easter
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY Michael Burkhardt
“Now the Green Blade Rises”
(based in the Easter hymn #247)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: We gather to worship as God’s dearly beloved children.

People: By God’s grace that is who we are!

Leader: Let us love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength,

People: and let us love our neighbors as ourselves.

All: In faith and with joy, let us praise and worship God who first loved us!

*HYMN #233 “The Day of Resurrection!” LANCASHIRE
**The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin’s dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.**

Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own “All hail!” and hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful; let the earth its song begin;
the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.

CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

Loving and faithful God, you made the hearts of the discouraged disciples glad with the knowledge of the resurrection of Jesus. We confess that like them, we find the truth of Easter so hard to believe. Forgive us when we are easily discouraged, and given to despair. Forgive us that, although we claim to live by resurrection faith, we so often appear to believe that death is the end. Come to us, Lord God, in the power of the risen Christ. Take away our crippling doubts and fears, and through your Holy Spirit empower us to live obedient lives that make a difference for Jesus’ sake. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581 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 “Alleluia, Sing to Jesus” arr. Mark Hayes
Stephanie Carson, Soloist

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter; His the throne.

Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood.

Jesus, out of every nation, has redeemed us by His blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now.

Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes nor questions how.

Though the clouds from sight received Him when the forty days were o’er,

Shall our hearts forget His promise: “I am with you evermore.”

Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, You on earth our food and stay!

Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to You from day to day.

Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth’s Redeemer, plead for me.

Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

—John of Damascus, 8th century

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

*HYMN #239 “Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing! GELOBT SEI GOTT
(stanzas 1,2,3) Stephanie Carson, Piano
**Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**The Lord of life is risen today!
Death’s mighty stone is rolled away.
Let all the earth rejoice and say:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise we in songs of victory
that love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING John 20:19-31 (NRSV)

SERMON “My Lord and My God!”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #254 “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”
PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

**That Easter day with joy was bright;
the sun shone out with fairer light when,
to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord.**

**He bade them see his hands, his side,
where yet the glorious wounds abide,
the tokens true which made it plain their Lord indeed was risen again.**

**From every weapon death can wield,
your own redeemed forever shield;
O Lord of all, with us abide in this our joyful Eastertide.**

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Robin Dinda
“Come, You Faithful Raise the Strain”

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

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

Quartet: Tracey Birch, Mike Elza, Dennis Rasmussen & Gail Rothrock

IGNITE

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

“My Feet Are on the Rock”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG

“Jesus”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“King of Kings”

SCRIPTURE

John 20:19-31

MESSAGE

“My Lord and My God!”

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Great Things”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!