

HYMN NOTES:

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service (761)

This text was written for the Women’s Breakfast at the General Assemblies of the United Presbyterian Church U.S.A. and the Presbyterian Church U.S. held concurrently in Houston TX in May 1981, two years before the denominations reunited.

When the author wrote these words, she was thinking primarily of the partnership of men and women in the church. She was mindful of the recent (1980) 50th anniversary of the ordination of women as elders and the 25th anniversary of women ordained to the ministry of the Word and Sacrament. Because the language of the text is not limited to gender issues, however, it speaks to many kinds of painful, needless, and inappropriate divisions within the household of faith, and challenges those who sing and hear it to work for reconciliation and wholeness.

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. As we did last year, the candle is first used on Easter 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.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, April 18: Linda Howard, David Johnson
Monday, April 19: Joanne Bruno, Terry Curkan, Lex Long
Tuesday, April 20: Anna Hyden, Ed Puschmann, Faith Garcia
Thursday, April 22: Edwin Smith, Garry Justice
Friday, April 23: Shirley Gleason, Lindsay Frame
Saturday, April 24: Keith Nadig, Kat Voss



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



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FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

GREETERS:

(9:00) Babs Bailey & Nancy Turner
(11:00) Sue Miskiewicz, Ellen Stoup & Murle Whitten

USHERS:

(9:00) Cynthia Lawrence & Roxie Swartz
(11:00) Earle Lusk & Eleanor Cicerchi

Ushers & Greeters



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 22nd 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
4/18 - 4/25
ALL IN-PERSON EVENTS REQUIRE MASKS

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

TUESDAY 4/20
7:00 PM - YOUNG WOMEN'S VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY 4/21
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM - CITYNIGHT AT THE CAUSEWAY FOR EARTH DAY.
MEET AT 5:00 PM AT THE CHURCH IF YOU NEED A RIDE OR 5:30 PM BY THE BATHROOMS NEXT TO THE GIANT LOBSTER ON THE CAUSEWAY.
WE WILL START WITH A BEACH CLEAN UP, THEN HAVE A DEVOTION & EAT A SIMPLE DINNER WITH SUNSET.
PICK UP AT 8:00 PM ON THE CAUSEWAY OR 8:15 PM AT THE CHURCH.
SIGN UP IN THE WEEKLY EMAIL!

SUNDAY 4/25
9:00 AM - INDOOR CONTEMPORARY SERVICE
10:15 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 AM - INDOOR TRADITIONAL SERVICE
7:30 PM - YOUNG MEN'S VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY

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Northwood Presbyterian
Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church
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April 18, 2021

Gifts of Women Sunday



Ministers: All Members of the Church

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

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