

Music Notes:

The words to the last hymn, ‘We Pray for Peace’ were written by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette in response to the crisis in Ukraine. Ms. Gillette is well known for her hymn writing having written hymns that have been sung in every state and around the world. Although we have never met, I feel a kinship with her as we both graduated from the same alma mater, Lebanon Valley College, and after she was ordained in the Presbyterian Church, she and her husband were pastors at the church where my parents were charter members, Limestone Presbyterian in Wilmington, Delaware. I pray this hymn speaks to you as it does to me and may this be our prayer, when we don’t have any words that suffice.

Stephanie Carson, Director of Music

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, March 27: Mary Michaels
Monday, March 28: Jeanette Holloway, Michelle Hanway
Wednesday, March 30: Donna Bushman, John Hildebrand, Samantha Speer
Thursday, March 31: Lynn Propst
Friday, April 1: Ginny Zimmer, Ed Lyon
Saturday, April 2: Jackie Kovilaritch



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



Peggy Steele

**In Loving Memory of my Mother
Zella Morris**



Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2022 Flower Reservation Chart” on the bulletin board across from the kitchen, or you may 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!

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

GREETERS:

(9:00) Cynthia & David Lawrence
(11:00) Barbara Forsyth & Barbara Bozinski



USHERS:

(9:00) Nancy Turner & Linda Granata
(11:00) Barbara Moler & Jody Beattie

*“Jesus, remember me when you
come into your kingdom.”
He replied, “Truly I tell you,
today you will be with me in paradise.”*

Luke 23:42-43

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Experiencing God Class, led by Vicki Krueger

The Experiencing God class offers you a place to connect with other believers in the study of God's word and how it applies to our daily lives. Join us on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. We will be meeting online using Zoom. Email Vicki Krueger at vickilee33@aol.com for the link and for any technical help or questions.

Presbyterian Women, led by Patty Martin and Sue Miskiewicz

The Presbyterian Women unified circle meets the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00am in rooms 4-8. We are studying a 9 month bible study entitled *What my Grandmothers Taught Me* by Merryl Blair. Chris Curvin will be teaching each lesson via Livestream, and our circle will have a follow-up discussion of the lesson. The eighth lesson will be Thursday, April 7th at 11:00am. If you'd like a book, or more information regarding the multiple activities that Presbyterian Women engage in, please contact Patty Martin at bill.martin2@verizon.net or Sue Miskiewicz at susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com.

Fresh Brewed,

Fresh Brewed will meet Friday, April 1st at 10:30am. We will meet in rooms 5 & 7 of the Christian Education building. The book we are studying is *From Daughters to Disciples* by Lynn Japinga. If you need a book, please contact Marti Huff at marti.huff.np@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please contact Louise Mylin at (727) 787-9868 or LVNM1@hotmail.com.

Biblical TakeAways, led by Claudia Alwood & Garry Justice

“Biblical TakeAways” is a 10-10:45am adult Sunday School study class which is nestled between the two Northwood Sunday morning services in rooms 9 & 11 of the Christian Education building. This allows worshipers from both services to attend. The study and discussion will offer key “takeaways” based upon central Biblical truths and principles which are relevant for class participants to apply in their daily lives. The class draws on commentaries from noted scholars, and it will use Prof. N. T. Wright’s commentary, Early Christian Letters for Everyone as the class begins a study of New Testament letters of James, Peter, John, and Jude. Join us as we study God’s word!

**Citylight Schedule
3/23 - 4/3**

WEDNESDAY 3/23
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM - CITYNIGHT

FRIDAY 3/25
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM - GAME NIGHT

SUNDAY 3/27
9:00 AM - CONTEMPORARY SERVICE
10:05 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH ROSIE
11:00 AM - TRADITIONAL SERVICE

WEDNESDAY 3/30
NO CITYNIGHT

FRIDAY 4/1
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM - GAME NIGHT

SUNDAY 4/3
9:00 AM - CONTEMPORARY SERVICE
10:05 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH DAN
11:00 AM - TRADITIONAL SERVICE



Follow the link to view our weekly email:
<https://mailchi.mp/be67188c6695/citylightupdate322022-13495971>

**Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

March 27, 2022



“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

Softly and tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals he’s waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

Refrain: “Come home, come home!
You who are weary, come home.”
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, “O sinner, come home!”

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me? Refrain

O for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me. Refrain

Ministers: All Members of the Church

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

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Order for the Public Worship of God
March 27, 2022
4th Sunday in Lent
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “My Tribute” arr. Douglas E. Wagner
(To God be the Glory)
Celebration Ringers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive) (from Psalm 32)*
One: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
All: Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
One: Let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.
All: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.
One: Let us worship God!

*HYMN #39 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” FAITHFULNESS
(stanzas 1,3)
**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain: **Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!** *Refrain*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*
Eternal God, we know that we are your good creation; made in your image. In Jesus Christ, you redeemed our brokenness and brought us into right relationship with you. And yet, despite our best efforts, we have sinned. Our sin leaves us feeling distant from what we love. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us back to wholeness, for the sake of our crucified and risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(Responsive) (from 2 Corinthians 5:17-19)*
One: So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!
All: All this is from God, who reconciled us to God’s self through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation;
One: that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to God’s self, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. Believe the promise of the Gospel:
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*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**

ANTHEM “The Old Rugged Cross” arr. Vicki Wright
*On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.
So I’ll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.*

*In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, such a wonderful beauty I see;
For ’twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died, to pardon and sanctify me.
So I’ll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORDS 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

*DOXOLOGY—#606 OLD HUNDREDTH
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #418 “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling” SOFTLY AND TENDERLY
(see bulletin cover)

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Luke 15:1-3; 11b-32 (NRSV)
Luke 23:39-43 (NRSV)

LENTEN SERMON SERIES Journey to the Cross
Sermon #3 “Mercy and Love in the Journey”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN “We Pray for Peace” *(see music notes)* FINLANDIA
**We pray for peace, O God of love and justice,
as once again, we face a time of war.
The meek and humble try —amid the crisis —
to love and build, to nurture and restore.
May leaders hear the truth the prophets teach us —
that gifts of peace are well worth struggling for.**

**We pray for peace, O Christ who calmed the waters —
who stilled the storm, who stilled disciples' fear.
You spoke with love and with amazing power;
be with us now when trouble is so near.
May leaders see the miracle you offer —
that words and deeds can calm the nations here.**

**We pray for peace, O Spirit here among us;
your love emboldens, judges and restrains.
Take any hate and acts of impulse from us;
make leaders wise, amid competing claims.
May we seek peace, O God of love and justice;
may love and mercy be our highest aims.**

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” J.S. Bach

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

Stephanie Carson, Music Director; Linda Pointer, Guest Organist

IGNITE

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COUNTDOWN

WELCOME

PRAISE SONG
“Believer”

MEET & GREET

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG
“My Jesus”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY
“Jesus Is the Lifeline”
by Larry Stephen

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SONG OF DEDICATION
“God So Loved”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!