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EASTER SUNDAY April 17, 2022 ~ 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 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
Revelation Ringers & Jubilation Ringers

*EASTER GREETING *(Responsive)*

Leader: The Lord is risen!
People: He is risen indeed!
Leader: Christ is risen!
People: HE IS RISEN INDEED!

*HYMN “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
Revelation Ringers & Jubilation Ringers EASTER HYMN

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

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

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now your sting, Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia! Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia! Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

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.

Kids' Corner Preschool—Registration is OPEN



Registration is currently open for the 2022-2023 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 or download off of the church website. If you are interested in a tour of the school, please contact Roxane Fineo at 727-723-7679 or schooldirector@northwoodpc.org.

Boy Scout Troop 413 Carwash—April 23

Northwood's Boy Scout Troop 413 is holding a car wash in the church parking lot on Saturday, April 22nd from 9 am to 3 pm. For \$5 the scouts will enthusiastically scrub your vehicle, with the proceeds helping them attend summer camp and other events. Let the scouts brighten your car and help them make a big splash this summer.

Immediate Need – Help in the Sound Booth

We need volunteers to help in the sound booth for both the 9:00 and 11:00am services. Training is as easy as pushing the spacebar for the words and more opportunities to give. We need your assistance.

Please email David Seay at dcseay@alumni.fullsail.edu and we will train you. Thank you!

Northwood Photo Group—May 10

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, May 10th at 7:00pm. If you are interested in "attending" our monthly discussion on photography, please contact david@primeimagesinc.com or curtis.krueger@gmail.com and we'll send you the Zoom link for the meeting.

Sunday School for Children

Children's Sunday School for age 3 to 5th grade will be held today during the 11:00am church service in classroom 16. We look forward to working with your children. Please contact the church office or send an email to childrensministry@northwoodpc.org if you have any questions. We hope you will join us!

Children's Sunday School is breaking for summer starting April 23rd. The last children's Sunday School class will be Easter Sunday, April 17th. Please contact the church office or send an email to childrensministry@northwoodpc.org if you have any questions.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #236

VICTORY

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

ANTHEM

“He Is Not Here”

Russell Nagy

*‘Twas at the break of day when women came with spices to anoint our Lord,
And walking to the tomb, said, “Who will move the mighty stone that bars the door?”
Then, behold they found no stone; but a man was standing there instead,
Dazzling bright in raiment white, saying, “Jesus is not dead!”*

*Refrain: He is not here! He is risen! See, the tomb is empty where He lay.
He is not here! He is risen!” Jesus rose on Easter Day.*

*When John and Peter heard the strange account, they doubted that it could be true;
But running there to find the empty tomb, they suddenly believed it, too.
In the place where Jesus lay sat the burial clothing of the dead,
Laid aside, like death denied, for He was on longer dead! Refrain*

*The tomb is empty, He is risen! Jesus Christ is risen, Alleluia!
For Jesus Christ is risen from the dead!
And so we do proclaim on Easter Day that Jesus is not in the grave;
But risen from the dead, just as He said, in majesty and power to reign. Refrain*

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Mia Grace Bullis, Daughter of Bryan and Nicole Bullis

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 #247

“Now the Green Blade Rises”

NOEL NOUVELET

(stanzas 1,2,3)

**Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.**

In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
thinking that he would never wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

Forth he came at Easter like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-8 (NRSV)

SERMON

“The Message of the Empty Tomb”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #238

“Thine Is the Glory”

JUDAS MACCABEUS

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled in stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. *Refrain*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *Refrain*

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Hallelujah”
from Messiah

G.F. Handel

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

Citylight Schedule

4/13 - 4/24

WEDNESDAY 4/13

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM - CITYNIGHT

FRIDAY 4/15

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM - GAME NIGHT

SUNDAY 4/17 EASTER SUNDAY

9:00 AM - OUTDOOR SERVICE

11:00 AM - TRADITIONAL SERVICE

WEDNESDAY 4/20

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM - CITYNIGHT

FRIDAY 4/22

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM - GAME NIGHT

SUNDAY 4/24

9:00 AM - CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

10:00 AM - GIVING WALL DEMO

11:00 AM - TRADITIONAL SERVICE

11:30 AM - MONTREAT SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

AT 1ST PRES SAFETY HARBOR 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM - SIGN UP IN EMAIL

upcoming events:

- 5/1 - 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm - Montreat Meeting in youth room
- 5/13 - 5:00 pm - College Hangout - Axe Throwing
- 5/15 - 9:00 am - Graduation Sunday
- 5/15 - 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Dinner & Devotion Dunedin Causeway
- 5/27 - 5:00 pm - Senior Dinner at Outback, followed by Graduation Party at Game Night
- 5/29 - Beach Day & Sunset Devotion

Follow the link to view our weekly email:

<https://mailchi.mp/d4d558eebd09/citylightupdate322022-13497571>

Class of 2022!

- Save the date for Graduation Sunday, May 15th. You will be invited to participate in the 9:00 am Contemporary Service followed by a reception. We just need a couple of things from you: A headshot photo, and a small approximately 200 word statement providing what you have been involved with throughout highschool or college, and what your plans are after. The congregation would love to hear about you and your transition and support you through it!

- Save the Date for Friday May 27th for our Annual Highschool Senior Dinner with Rosalie at Outback Steakhouse in Palm Harbor at 5:00 pm followed by a celebration for you all at Game Night.

Student Ministry Giving Wall Fundraiser

There are over 200 envelopes on our bulletin board that have been decorated by the youth! Each have a number that correlates to a dollar amount. If you are interested in donating to our Mission Work and Retreats, please take an envelope and return the envelope (unsealed with your donation inside) to the church office Monday-Friday between 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Cash or checks made out to Northwood Presbyterian Church with "Giving Wall" in the memo are gratefully accepted. Your donation will be used to help fund our 2022 trips. Thank you for your support!

Northwood's Got Talent!—May 1st at 4pm

Come and join us and make your Sunday afternoon a little brighter with a fun afternoon of entertainment! Our wonderful performances of talented & untalented persons will be held on Sunday, May 1st at 4:00 PM in the sanctuary. You don't want to miss it. Right after the talent show, we will be serving pizza, salad, cookies & drinks in the fellowship hall! See you then!

Northwood Scholarship Application 2022

NPC members who are high school seniors, college/vocational students or grad students are encouraged to pick up guidelines/applications from Emily Cantin, online, or in the church office. **Applications must be returned to JoAnne Spigarelli @ jpspig1@tampabay.rr.com. Applications must be received by June 1, 2022.** Applications will not be accepted in the church office. Applicants need to be involved in the life of the church (either here or at college/Seminary). This scholarship can only be received twice. We give thanks to the Bakers, Gordons, Wrights and others whose generosity to Northwood was reflected in their last will and testament. Scholarship funds come from interest earned from the following: (1) The Fred and Kay Baker Scholarship Fund, (2) The Walter and Catherine Gordon Educational Endowment, (3) Clarence and Florence Wright Scholarship Fund, (4) Monies received from other sources.

REMINDER: The office will be closed, **Monday, April 18 & 19, 2022.** The office will re-open at 9am on Wednesday, April 20th.

Welcome Friends & Guests!

April 17, 2022

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 today on the friendship sheet inside your bulletin. Simply leave the sheet where you are seated today as the ushers collect them following the service. 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 15th 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.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO....

Sunday, April 17: Ibelise Luther
Monday, April 18: David Johnson
Tuesday, April 19: Joanne Bruno, Terry Curkan, Lex Long
Wednesday, April 20: Anna Hyden, Ed Puschmann, Faith Garcia
Friday, April 22: Edwin Smith, Garry Justice
Saturday, April 23: Lindsay Frame

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:



Friends of Northwood



FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD TODAY

GREETERS:

Dan Hyden & Claudia Alwood

USHERS:

Sandy & Larry Ingram

Your Giving Matters

For in-person worship, the offering plates 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 and click on the giving tab.
3. Click "Give" under the *ChurchLife* app menu options.

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 Meryll 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, May 5th 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, May 6th 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

There will be NO Biblical TakeAways class on Easter Sunday.

"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!

Brown Bag Bible Study, led by Pastor Paul

The Brown Bag Bible Study will meet IN-PERSON and livestream on Thursday, April 21st at noon. Pastor Paul continues the study of The Book of Acts. Acts provides us with an invaluable bridge between the four gospels and the 22 New Testament letters and offers inspiration, guidance and examples for us today. Join as we seek to grow in faith, hope and love!