

EASTER SUNDAY

April 1, 2018 ~ 9:30 A.M.

WELCOME

EASTER GREETING

The Lord is risen! Leader: People: He is risen indeed! Leader: Christ is risen!

HE IS RISEN INDEED! People:

PRAISE SONGS "This is Amazing Grace"

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness? Whose love is mighty and so much stronger? The King of Glory, the King above all kings. Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder? And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder? The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Refrain: This is amazing grace. This is unfailing love. That You would take my place, that You would bear my cross. You laid down your life that I would be set free. Woah. Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.

Who brings our chaos back into order? Who makes the orphan a son and daughter? The King of Glory, the King above all kings. Who rules the nations with truth and justice? Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance? The King of Glory, the King above all kings. Refrain

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Worthy is the King who conquered the grave. (3x)Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Worthy! Worthy! Worthy! Refrain

"Open Up the Heavens"

We've waited for this day, we've gathered in Your name, calling out to You. Your glory like a fire, awakening desire, will burn our hearts with truth. You're the reason we're here. You're the reason we're singing.

Upcoming Events

Fun! Friends! Friday! Ren Crew

The Ren Crew 2nd Friday Fellowship will meet on April 13 at 10:30 in rooms 9 &11. We are a group of adventuresome, young at heart 50+ adults that enjoy sharing fun with friends, old and new. This month we continue the popular theme "Windows to the World" with Northwood Members sharing about their amazing trip with composer Joseph Martin to Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. Following the program we will enjoy lunch at Eve's Restaurant. Join us and treat yourself to a Friday filled with fun and friends! Ouestions? Contact Pastor Paul at 796-8090 paul@northwoodpc.org.

Bible Study

Professor Michael Jahosky will be teaching an Adult Sunday School Bible Study at 9:30, starting on April 8th – May 13th. This class is a Bible study that will give you the basic tools to talk about your faith with non-Christians. Please let us know if you are interested in attending the class, by contacting Justine Ruisz at childrensministry@northwoodpc.org.

Florida Music Workshop Registration

Music Camp registration forms are due now! A \$50 registration fee is due by April 8th. Workshop is June 10-15, 2018. Deliver completed forms to Tom Huffman. (There are copies of the form in the choir room).

Northwood Scholarship Application

NPC members who are high school seniors, college/vocational students or grad students are encouraged to pick up guidelines/applications from Tracy Donovan, online, or in the church office now. Applications must be received by June 1, 2017. 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.



Sunday, April 1: No Sunday School or Youth Group for Easter

Wednesday, April 4: No HS Bible Study

Friday, April 6th: Middle school Bible study from 5:30-6:30

Friday, April 6: Game Night

Upcoming Events:

• Summer Trip Meeting on April 8th (youth and their guardians)

• Siblings Event on April 10th (youth and their siblings)

Youth Sunday on April 15th (youth)

• Earth Day Event on April 22nd (youth)

• Meet-up at the Dali Museum on April 28th 12-2 (young adults)

Volunteers Needed:

• Game Night on April 13th (1 volunteer)

• Game Night on April 27th (1 volunteer)

The **Young Adult Ministry** is for anyone between the ages of 18 & 25. If you'd like more info, please contact Vanessa Celotto.

We are also in need of adult volunteers to help out in May for Youth Game Nights which are held on Friday nights from 7-10:00pm here at Northwood. If this is something that you might be interested in, please contact Vanessa Celotto at youthdirector@northwoodpc.org. Thanks!

Vanessa Celotto, Director of Youth & Family Ministries youthdirector@northwoodpc.org

Shine On!

Congratulations to our Confirmands!

Last weekend we welcomed our twelve Confirmands into Membership in the Presbyterian Church. These students, grades 7 and up, started classes on January 21st to learn about the History of the Church, Presbyterian Polity, Old Testament, New Testament, Worship and more. They also spent a fun weekend at Cedarkirk and attended the February Session Meeting. On Saturday, March 25th, they attended a Breakfast in their honor where they shared their faith statements. Palm Sunday we welcomed Kaleb Adkisson, Dylan Cantin, Eli Jeffre, Isaac Jeffre, Kasandra Mattson, Matthew Nigels, Jacob Pope, Drew Strelcheck, Atticus Ulrich, Joyce Worley, Sarah Worley, and Jeffrey Wulf as brothers and sisters in Christ's Church!

Refrain: Open up the heavens, we want to see You.

Open up the floodgates, a mighty river,

Flowing from Your heart and filling every part of our praise.

Your presence in this place, Your glory on our face,

we're looking to the skies.

Descending like a cloud, You're standing with us now.

Lord unveil our eyes.

You're the reason we're here. You're the reason we're singing. Refrain 2x

Show us, show us Your glory. Show us, show us your power.

Show us, show us your glory, Lord. (2x) Refrain 2x

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEET & GREET

PRAISE SONGS

"Rescuer"

Refrain: He's our rescuer. He's our rescuer.

We are free from sin forevermore.

Oh, how sweet the sound. Oh, how grace abounds.

We will praise the Lord, our rescuer.

There is good news for the captive. Good news for the shamed.

There is good news for the one who walked away.

There is good news for the doubter, the one religion failed.

For the good Lord has come to seek and save. Refrain

He is beauty for the blind man. Riches for the poor.

He is friendship for the one the world ignores.

He is pasture for the weary, rest for those who strive.

Oh, the good Lord is the way, the truth, the life.

Yes, the good Lord is the way, the truth, the life. Refrain

So, come and be chainless. Come and be fearless.

Come to the foot of Calvary.

There is redemption for every affliction, here at the foot of Calvary.

(repeat) Refrain

"Happy Day"

The greatest day in history, death is beaten, You have rescued me.

Sing it out, Jesus is alive.

The empty cross, the empty grave, life eternal, You have won the day. Shout it out, Jesus is alive. He's alive!

Refrain:

And oh, happy day, happy day, You washed my sin away. (repeat) Oh, happy day, happy day, I'll never be the same. Woah, forever I am changed.

When I stand in that place, free at last, meeting face to face, I am Yours, Jesus You are mine.
Endless joy, perfect peace, earthly pain finally will cease.
Celebrate, Jesus is alive, He's alive! **Refrain**

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

"O Come to the Altar"

Are you hurting and broken within?
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?
Jesus is calling.
Have you come to the end of yourself?
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?
Jesus is calling.

Refrain: O come to - the altar, the Father's arms are open wide. Forgiveness - was bought with - the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes.

Come today, there's no reason to wait.

Jesus is calling.

Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy.

From the ashes, a new life is born.

Jesus is calling. Refrain 2x

Oh, what a Savior, isn't He wonderful? Sing alleluia, Christ is risen! Bow down before Him, for He is Lord of all. Sing alleluia, Christ is risen! (repeat) **Refrain 2**x

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown.

Tell the world of the treasure you've found.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-18 (pages 882-883) 1 Corinthians 1:18 (pages 926)

MESSAGE "Miraculous" Chris Curvin, Pastor

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (17/18 School Year)

Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship following the anthem.

9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade, Room 2

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Justine Ruisz & Sarah Flaherty.

3rd-5th Grades

There will be no Sunday School TODAY.

11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (17/18 School Year)

Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship following the anthem.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 AM TCI Sunday School Class (Today's Christian Issues)

As we celebrate the Resurrection, Barbara Englehart will lead a discussion on the confluence of faith and science, inspired by the life and work of late Stephen Hawking. Please join the conversation while enjoying coffee and cookies.

NOTE: THE CLASS WILL MEET IN ROOMS 8 & 10 FOR TO-DAY ONLY.

11:00 AM Experiencing God Class:

There will be NO class today. We will resume on Sunday, April 8th.

About our Children's Ministry:

Welcome to Northwood Presbyterian Church! Our mission is to join with parents to help kids develop a faith in Jesus Christ that lasts a lifetime! We invite you to take a look at our website, www.northwoodpc.org, for more information about what we offer and join us for some of our exciting upcoming events! If you have any questions, please contact Justine Ruisz.

Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry Childrensministry@northwoodpc.org 796-8090/ Cell- 727-641-8140

Children's Ministry

Spring Bash

Spring Bash at Cedarkirk, for children 3rd-5th grade, is April 13-14. Please contact Justine for more information or to reserve your spot!

Vacation Bible School- June 4-8

Parents, save the date for Vacation Bible School. More details to come!



Kings Kids

Our last day of King's kids will be April 4th and will be our end of the session party. Parents, please email Justine Ruisz to let her know what food items you will be bringing to share. Also remember parents must attend the party. King's kids is our midweek program that takes place from 4:00-5:45 on Wednesday afternoon. This program is for children ages 3 years (must be potty trained) – 5th grade. It runs from mid to late September – April. King's kids provides a fun and safe Christian environment for children, they will get to experience Bible time, music time and play/hang out time on the playground. All are welcome to attend, please contact Justine Ruisz @ childrensministry@northwoodpc.org if you would like more information.

SONG OF DEDICATION

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high. Alleluia! Sing ye heavens and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Dying once, He all doth save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

He is risen! Christ is risen! Alleluia! He is risen! Christ is risen! Alleluia! We will give Him all the glory! Alleluia! He is worthy! He is holy! 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!

He is risen! Christ is risen! Alleluia! He is risen! Christ is risen! Alleluia! He is risen! Christ is risen! Alleluia! He is risen! Christ is risen! Alleluia!

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU

SPECIAL THANKS!!

Many thanks to Jim Baker who single-handedly constructed the outside stage platform! Many thanks to Mark Johnston, Gary Granata and the VIP team who set up all the equipment for this event! Many thanks to those who can help tear it all down after the service.

Happy Easter Everyone! He is Risen Indeed!!

Welcome Friends & Guests!

April 1, 2018

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 in your bulletin and place in the offering baskets. 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 or Justine Ruisz, Membership Coordinator, at 796-8090. The next Discovering Northwood New Member Class is May 20th at 10:45 AM in Room 4 of the Christian Education building.

We hope you will join us for fellowship, coffee, juice and cookies between services in the hallway outside the kitchen.

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 RCS and Thornwell Building Families Program, 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. There are offering envelopes in your bulletin.

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD TODAY

ACOLYTES:

(8:15) Sarah Birch

(11:00) Blake Ruisz

GREETERS:

(8:15) Barbara Englehart

(11:00) Sharon Card & Ed Puschmann

USHERS:

(8:15) Dennis & Betty O'shea David & Suzanne Hamilton

(9:30) Bill & Louise Mylin Vicki & Curtis Krueger

(11:00) Pete Towns, Jon Mills, Eleanor Cicerchi, Nancy Johnson

VAN DRIVER: Tom Zareczny

Easter Lilies

The flowers in the Sanctuary and around the church are given in honor of or memory of loved ones in the congregation. For a detailed list, please see the bulletin insert.

For those who purchased lilies, you may pick them up after the final Easter service has concluded.

REMINDER: The office will be closed tomorrow, **Monday**, **April 2**, **2018**. The office will re-open at 9 am Tuesday, April 3.

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



Jean Swintek

In loving memory of Dear Husband, John



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO

Sunday, April 1: Ed Lyon, Ginny Zimmer Jackie Kovilaritch

Tuesday, April 3: William Jeffrey, Janice Ridgway, Bernetta Williams,

Colin Means

Wednesday, April 4: Jim Speer, Sue Walker, Jack Mattson

Friday, April 6: Mark Luther, Alex Turner
Saturday, April 7: Wilai McNay, Dayshaun Roberts

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

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