



# NORTHWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## EASTER SUNDAY

April 1, 2018 ~ 8:15 & 11:00 AM

### WE GATHER

*(Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the service begins. Please silence electronic devices.)*

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** “Festive Voluntary on HYMN TO JOY” Christina Harmon  
*(based on the Easter hymn at #248)*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Chris Curvin, Pastor

### \*EASTER GREETING

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

### \*PASSING THE PEACE OF THE RISEN LORD

*(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle.)*

**\*HYMN #232** “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” EASTER HYMN  
*stanzas 1 and 2—all singing; stanza 3—choir alone; interlude; stanza 4—all singing*

**CALL TO CONFESSION** Paul Means, Associate Pastor

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

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.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** LANCASHIRE

We sing the gospel story that Jesus is the Christ.  
He is God's Son! Give glory! Through him, God gives us life.  
For he was the beginning; he also is the end.  
Christ Jesus is our Savior, our Lord and God. 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 20th at 10:45 am in Room 4 of the Christian Education Building.

## Around Northwood

### 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! Questions? Contact Pastor Paul at 796-8090 or [paul@northwoodpc.org](mailto:paul@northwoodpc.org).

### Bible Study

Professor Michael Jahosky will be teaching an Adult Sunday School Bible Study at 9:30, starting on April 8<sup>th</sup> – May 13<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:childrensministry@northwoodpc.org).

### Florida Music Workshop Registration

Music Camp registration forms are due now! A \$50 registration fee is due by April 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 Emily Cantin, online, or in the church office now. Applications must be received by June 1, 2018. 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.

## ANTHEM

"Alleluia, He Lives"

Joel Raney

*Refrain:* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

He lives again our glorious King of kings! Jesus Christ is risen, alleluia, he lives!

Christ is risen, the stone is rolled away, alleluia, he lives!

All creation, rejoice and sing today, alleluia, he lives!

Jesus, our Redeemer, Christ, God’s only Son, lives again eternally,

Clothed in triune majesty, seated at the right hand of God!

Hymns of praise we sing to the risen King, alleluia, he lives!

Worship and adore Christ forevermore, alleluia, he lives!

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise;

Alleluia, sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;

He who on the cross a victim for the world’s salvation bled,

Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead. *Refrain*

## SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM (11:00)

Logan Christopher Bullis, son of Bryan and Nicole Bullis

## \*APOSTLES’ CREED (11:00)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## BAPTISM SONG #491

“You Have Put on Christ”

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

You have put on Christ; in Christ you have been baptized.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

We have put on Christ; in Christ we have been baptized.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

## OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN

*(Children, ages 3 years– 2nd grade, are welcome to remain in service with their parents or join us in room 3 for Children’s Church)*

## 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.

## WE SHARE

### CALL TO OFFERING

**MUSICAL OFFERING**      “O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing”      Michael Burkhardt  
(based on the next hymn #235)

**\*A DOXOLOGY #609**      LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures high and low:  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise God in Jesus fully known; Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**\*HYMN #235**      “O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing”      O FILII ET FILIAE

## WE HEAR THE WORD

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

**SERMON**      “Miraculous”      Chris Curvin, Pastor

**\*HYMN #245**      “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”      LLANFAIR

*(All who desire are invited to come forward during the hymn to join the choir in the loft for the “Hallelujah” chorus—scores are provided.)*

### \*BENEDICTION

**\*CHORAL ACCLAMATION**      “Hallelujah”      G.F. Handel  
from *Messiah*

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**      “He Is Arisen! Glorious Word!”      David Cherwien  
...Oh, hear what cheer! Christ victorious,  
Rising glorious, Life is giving, He was dead but now is living!

*(You are invited to remain for the final act of worship, the closing voluntary. A closer look is welcomed if you wish to come stand next to the organ console.)*

*Handbells; Linda Feller, Laura O’Leary, Kevin O’Leary, Pam Wood*

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

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



**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 12-2pm (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](mailto:youthdirector@northwoodpc.org). Thanks!

*Vanessa Celotto, Director of Youth & Family Ministries*



*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!

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](http://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, Director of Children’s Ministry.

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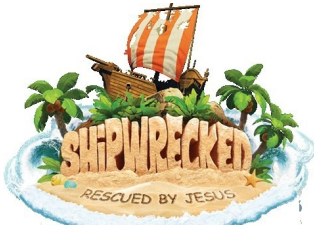
Children’s Ministry

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!



King’s Kids

Our last day of King’s Kids will be April 4<sup>th</sup> 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) – 5<sup>th</sup> 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 at [childrensministry@northwoodpc.org](mailto:childrensministry@northwoodpc.org) if you would like more information.

*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. 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 located in the holders in the pew.

**HYMN NOTES:**

**“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” (245)**

This text by Charles Wesley was first published in 1739 under the title “Hymn for Easterday” in eleven four-line stanzas. For almost 100 years after this first appearance the text went into a great eclipse. In 1831 it reappeared in British Methodist hymnals and U.S. hymnals in 1849. The joyous ‘alleluias’ at the end of each line were added by some hymnal editor to make the words fit the tune. The usual tune, EASTER HYMN, also has a history from the 18<sup>th</sup> century of being named CHRISTMAS DAY and coupled with another of Wesley’s hymns “Hark, how all the welkin rings,” later altered to “Hark, the herald angels sing.” Today we sing that tune at the beginning to a translation of a 14<sup>th</sup> century Latin hymn. In our *Glory to God* hymnal, the Wesley Easter words are coupled with a different tune, LLANFAIR. This Welsh tune by Robert Williams is named for a village in Montgomery County, Wales. Llanfair’s full name is one of the longest words in any language: Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogoc which means “Church of St. Mary in a hollow of white hazel near the rapid whirlpool of the Church of St. Tysillio by the red cave.”

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO....**

*Sunday, April 1:* Ed Lyon, Ginny Zimmer  
*Monday, April 2:* 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!*

**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

**OFFICE CLOSED**

The office will be closed tomorrow, **Monday, April 2.** The office will re-open Tuesday, April 3, at 9:00 a.m.

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

*Jean Swintek  
In loving memory of  
Dear Husband, John*



**CHILDREN’S MINISTRY NEWS**

**8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**3 Yr. Olds-2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Jusine Ruisz & Sarah Flaherty

**3rd-5th Grades**

There will be no Sunday School TODAY.

**11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**3 Yr. Olds-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** (17/18 School Year)

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**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 TODAY ONLY.**

**11:00 AM Experiencing God Class:**

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

**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. 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.