



**Hymn Notes:**  
**“O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing” (255)**  
 Today we open with an Easter carol in narrative style. Yes, there are carols for other seasons than Christmas! There are eleven stanzas, the first five we sang last Sunday on Easter Day, and now we finish it with the story of the Gospel account of Jesus’ appearance to Thomas. (The Resurrection stanzas are at Hymn #235). The tradition of reading John 20:19-31 on the Second Sunday of Easter is an ancient one. This is one of the rare instances where the liturgical calendar re-creates a time interval indicated in Scripture, in which the risen Christ appears to Thomas one week after the Resurrection. The hymn is ancient—from the 15<sup>th</sup> century—originally in Latin by a French monk. The French tune O FILII ET FILIAE was probably the one used with the original text, the name being the first four words of the Latin text.

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...**

**Sunday, April 8:** Jerry Cox, Greg Hatch, Kristen Madison  
**Monday, April 9:** Jackie Koski, Julie Giese, Jennifer Johnson, Phoebe Stark  
**Tuesday, April 10:** Lloyd Kimball, Pat Cheek, Laurie Cinelli  
**Wednesday, April 11:** Pamela Peters, Babs Bailey, Christopher Parker  
**Thursday, April 12:** Christopher Schultz  
**Friday, April 13:** Sandra Rasmussen, Dee Bryant, Kasandra Mattson  
**Saturday, April 14:** Doris Elza, Pokey Smith, Eileen Nelson, Donald Faulkner

*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**

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2018 Flower Reservation Chart” on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Thank you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

**FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY**

**ACOLYTES:**

(11:00) Dylan Cantin



**GREETERS:**

(8:15) Barbara Englehart  
 (11:00) Sharon Card & Ed Puschmann

**USHERS:**

(8:15) Dennis & Betty O’Shea  
 Barbara Moler & Earle Lusk  
 (9:30) Curtis & Vicki Krueger  
 (11:00) Pete Towns & Jon Mills  
 Eleanor Cicerchi

**VAN DRIVER:** John Makal

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**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 Gulten Wulf & Chrissy Reborn.  
**3rd-5th Grade, Room 8**  
 Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8 with Todd & Kathleen Pope.

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**Childcare for children 3yrs-5th grade who attended Sunday school at 9:30 will be in room 2.**

**9:30 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**  
 The Middle & High Schoolers are meeting this week for Sunday School. All youth are welcome to worship together in the back row of the Sanctuary at the 9:30 Ignite service. We’ll be in service for the first 20 minutes or so and then we’ll move to the City for Sunday School.

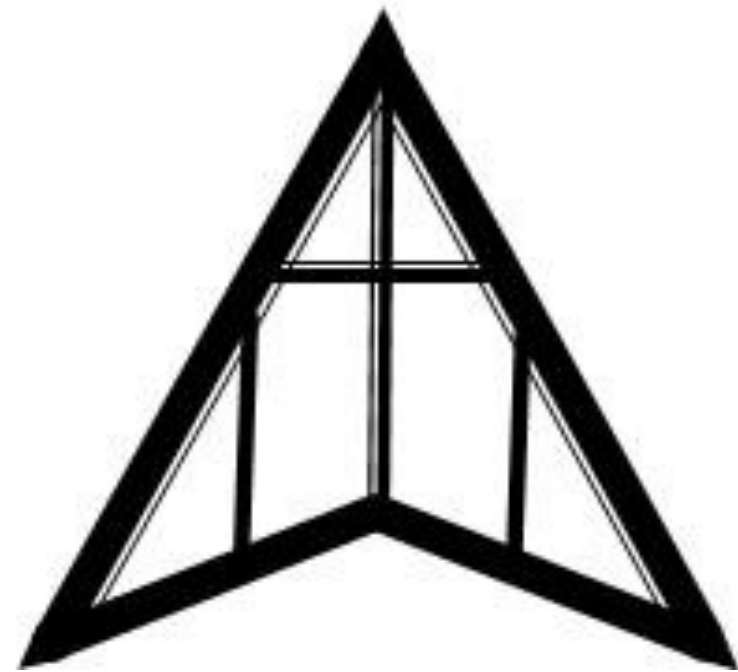
**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**  
**9:30 A.M. TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Rooms 9-11**  
 This week TCI will welcome Jean Homrighausen, Florida Development Director for Thornwell Home for Children, a Northwood-supported mission. Come and learn the miracles God is working through Thornwell's Building Families Program right here in the Presbytery of Tampa Bay. As always, we'll have cookies and coffee.

**11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class** will meet today in room 15, led by Vicki Krueger.

**BIBLE STUDY**  
 Professor Michael Jahosky will be teaching an Adult Sunday School Bible Study at 9:30, starting TODAY, April 8<sup>th</sup> and will continue on Sundays through May 13th in room 10. 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).

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**April 8, 2018**



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Order for the Public Worship of God  
April 8, 2018  
2nd Sunday of Easter  
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

THE GATHERING

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

CALL TO WORSHIP Paul Means, Associate Pastor

Leader: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!  
People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!  
Leader: Peace be with you. Jesus stands among us.  
People: Peace be with you. The risen Lord is here.  
Leader: Let us worship God.

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Now the Green Blade Rises” arr. David Cherwien  
(see the Easter hymn at #247)

(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION  
Thornwell Home for Children, Jean Homrighausen

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST  
(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle.)

\*HYMN #255 “O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing” O FILII ET FILIAE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
Loving and faithful God, you made the hearts of the discouraged disciples glad with the knowledge of the resurrection of Jesus. We confess that like them, we find the truth of Easter so hard to believe. Forgive us that we are so easily discouraged, and given to despair. Forgive us that, although we claim to live by resurrection faith, we so often appear to believe that death is the end. Come to us, Lord God, in the power of the risen Christ. Take away our crippling doubts and fears, and through your Holy Spirit empower us to live lives that make a difference for Jesus’ sake. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*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 “Crown Him with Many Crowns” arr. Mary McDonald

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark! How the heav’nly anthem drowns all music but its own:  
Awake my soul and sing of Him who died for thee,  
And crown Him as thy matchless King thro’ all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o’er the grave,  
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save;  
His glories now we sing who died, and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of peace, crown Him the Lord of love.  
Crown Him the Lord of life, crown Him the Lord of love.

Crown Him the Lord of love, behold His hands and side,  
Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me:  
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.  
Crown Him Lord of all!

OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN  
(Children ages 3yrs – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING “The Lord Is My Light” Frances Allitsen  
James Howes, Soloist

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN #817 “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight” DUNLAP’S CREEK

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING John 20:19-31 (page 883)

SERMON “After Easter, and I Still Have Good Friday Questions”  
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

\*HYMN #366 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” HYFRYDOL

\*BENEDICTION

SUNG BLESSING “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” Peter C. Lutkin  
(please be seated) James Howes, Soloist

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing” arr. John Leavitt  
(You are invited to remain for the final act of worship, the closing voluntary. A Close look is welcomed if you wish to come stand next to the organ console.)  
Stephanie Carson, Music Director  
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

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COUNTDOWN

WELCOME

PRAISE SONGS

“My Savior Lives”  
“Only King Forever”

MEET AND GREET

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Resurrection Power”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Above All”

VIDEO

“Doubting Easter”

SCRIPTURE

John 20:19-31

MESSAGE

“After Easter, and I Still Have Good Friday Questions”  
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Same Power”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!