

## PRAYER OVER THE WATER (Responsive)

One: The Lord Be with you.

**All: And Also with you.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe, ruler of heaven and earth. You are the source of light and life for all creation. In your goodness you give us the sign of water.

**All: Blessed be God forever and ever.**

One: At the beginning your Spirit was at work, brooding over the waters of creation's birth, bringing forth life in all its fullness. Through the gift of water you nourish and sustain all living things.

**All: Blessed be God forever and ever.**

One: In the time of Noah, you destroyed the wicked and cleansed the earth through the waters of the flood. By the pillar of cloud and fire you led Israel through the waters of the Red Sea out of slavery to freedom in the promised land.

**All: Blessed be God forever and ever.**

One: In the waters of the river Jordan Jesus was baptized by John and anointed by the Holy Spirit. He is the never-failing spring who has promised that all who thirst can come to the living water.

**All: Blessed be God forever and ever.**

One: By the baptism of his own death and resurrection he set us free from bondage to sin and death and opened to us the joy and freedom of everlasting life. As he suffered for us, the piercing of his side brought forth water and blood.

**All: Blessed be God forever and ever.**

One: That we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, Christ sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe. He sends us out to proclaim the gospel to all nations, baptizing in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

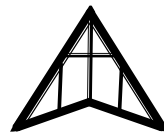
**All: Blessed be God forever and ever.**

One: Therefore, saving God, we bless you for the water with which you bless us. We pray that Graham Joseph, who comes to the waters of life, will live in your grace, sharing in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Send your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon this water that all who are gathered under this sign may be one in Christ.

**All: Blessed be God forever and ever.**

One: We give you praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**All: Blessed be God forever and ever. Amen.**



Loyal to His Church  
"Count on Me!"

## ANNOUNCEMENTS—July 26, 2015

### WELCOME GUESTS

We invite you to participate in the many opportunities for worship and service here. We invite you to our Discovering Northwood class **Sunday, September 20 in room 4** of the Christian Education Building from **10:45AM-12:00PM** to learn more about our church. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the pastor, Rev. E. Chris Curvin, at [ChrisCurvin@Northwoodpc.org](mailto:ChrisCurvin@Northwoodpc.org) or Membership Coordinator, Katie Pacana, at [Katie@Northwoodpc.org](mailto:Katie@Northwoodpc.org). Both Katie and Chris can be reached at 796-8090.

## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE AT NPC

9:00 AM Contemporary Service

10:30 AM Traditional Service

*\*During the major renovations of the main restrooms we will be utilizing a simpler worship schedule until September 6. There are alternate restrooms available to everyone in the church office and Family Life Center during the renovation. On Sunday, September 13, we will return to three services—8:15 AM and 11:00 AM Traditional and 9:30 AM Contemporary.*

## Upcoming Events

### Kid's Corner Pre-school

Kid's Corner begins Monday, August 24! We have openings for both the Monday-Wednesday-Friday and Tuesday-Thursday 2 yr. old classes. If you are interested, please contact the school by calling 727-723-7679. ~ Mrs. Vicki, Pre-school Director

### DISCOVERY DAY

Have you ever wondered how to get involved in the life of the church? Well here's your answer! Join us Sunday, September 13 for DISCOVERY DAY (formerly Rally Day) and stop by over 20 tables highlighting various ministries of the church! A continental breakfast will be available while you browse! See you there!

### SAVE THE DATE!

The annual Cedarkirk All-Church Retreat will be October 16-18. Poster and brochures can be found on the bulletin board directly across from the kitchen. Deposits with room requests are currently being accepted. Sign up early for best choice of rooms! Also, save the date for the Women's Retreat – Jan. 22-24, 2016!

## Youth Events

### **Sunday, August 9:**

Youth Group 5-6:30 PM

### **Friday, August 14:**

Youth Dance/Mixer 7-10 PM

### **Sunday, August 16:**

Youth Worship Service 5-6:30 PM

### **Monday, August 17-Friday Aug 21:**

Youth Week!!!! More details to come, but mark your calendars now!

### **Friday, August 28:**

Game Night 7-10 PM

*Troy Harris, Director of Youth & Young Adults  
[troyharris1962@yahoo.com](mailto:troyharris1962@yahoo.com), 727-366-7762*

## Children's Ministries

### **Boys Game Night: Friday, August 14, 6-9 PM**

Boys ages 4 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade you are invited to a Game night in, here at Northwood. We will be playing games in the Gym, doing science experiments/object lessons and hanging out. Please RSVP on the Children's bulletin board or by calling Justine at 796-8090. Please come and invite your friends to join you. Come ready to play!!

### **Save the Date: Discovery Day, 9/13, 9:30–12:30**

Children and their family are invited to take part in this wonderful event here at Northwood. Come discover the different ministries Northwood is blessed with before and after the services.

### **Acolyte Training**

Parents if you are interested in having your child, grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, learn to be an acolyte, please contact Justine Ruisz. Classes will be held in August after service, dates to be determined. This is a great opportunity to have your child be a part of the traditional worship services.

*Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry  
[Childrensministry@northwoodpc.org](mailto:Childrensministry@northwoodpc.org) 796-8090/ Cell- 727-641-8140*

## Deacons News

Please stop by the Deacon's updated bulletin board in the narthex to learn more about our ministries. Please feel free to call the appropriate deacon to request assistance or to become involved in one of our ministries.

## Building Renovation Pledge Update

Campaign Goal: \$80,000.00

Pledged to Date: \$62,943.00

Pledges Received \$49,080.00

Non-Pledged Gifts Received to Date: \$26,045.00

Total Gifts to Building Fund to Date: \$75,125.00

Unpaid Pledge Balance: \$13,863.00

If all of the unpaid pledges for the Building Renovation are paid by December 31, 2015, then the total given toward our original goal of \$80,000 will be \$88,988.00. As was announced recently during worship and through our publications, the best and lowest bid for the renovation was \$108,000. As a result of recent giving, the gap is now only \$19,012.00. Thank you to those able to make gifts and additional financial contributions to help us bridge this gap.

## A WORD FROM THE TREASURER

Summertime is upon us and history shows that pledge giving tends to slow down during this time. This is due to various reasons such as vacations, members returning North etc. Please remember your continuing gifts to meet expenses, some of which are heaviest at this time of year, and if you are away this may be a good time to consider automatic online giving. Thank you for your faithfulness.

Ed Bunch, Treasurer

## Top Ten Reasons to Join the Chancel Choir

10. You never have to worry about what to wear.
9. You have a reserved seat on all major holidays – including Christmas Eve and Easter. And on Christmas Eve you get to see the candles being lit during 'Silent Night' – incredible!
8. From your advantageous seat, you can gawk, smile, see who is sleeping and otherwise enjoy the rest of the congregation.
7. No auditions or solos required!

Are you wondering about 6-1? Check back next week for more reasons you should join the Chancel Choir!

Chancel Choir begins \_\_\_\_\_. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. For more information, contact Stephanie Carson, Director of Music at 796-8090.