


**Music Notes:**  
“By Faith” is a powerful hymn from Keith Getty and Stuart Townend arranged by Lloyd Larson. This is an energetic work with a text about the mission of the Church. We were first introduced to this piece by our friend Lloyd Larson who was the most recent adult choral leader at our annual Church Music Workshop (June 2018). The piece was a commission in celebration of God’s faithfulness to a 50-year-old Christian School in Minnesota in 2016. Larson heightens the message by pairing it with the refrain of that great hymn of faith, “Great Is Thy Faithfulness.” As children of promise we are called to finish the work and walk by faith.


**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...**

**Sunday, March 3:** Steve Winder, Emily Fisher  
**Monday, March 4:** Marilyn Lindblad, Roger Winder, Drew Hatch  
**Wednesday, March 6:** Virginia Cromwell  
**Friday, March 8:** Connie Evans, Sharon Card  
**Saturday, March 9:** Liana Stephen


*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**



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**FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY**

**GREETERS:**  
(8:15) Bill & Bunny Bitner  
(11:00) Roger Snay & Jane Winne


**USHERS:**  
(8:15) Suzanne & Anna Hamilton  
Fred McQuown & Bob MacFall  
(9:30) Candy & Rich Spoenlein  
(11:00) Ed Puschmann & Sharon Card  
Linda & Mike O’Leary

**ACOLYTE:** Claire Cantin (8:15) Blake Ruisz (11:00)  
**VAN DRIVER:** Curtis Krueger

**Ushers & Greeters**



**Acolytes**



**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**  
**3 Yr. Olds-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** (18/19 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-1st Grade, Room 3**  
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Kelly Tighe & Kim Blackmore  
**2nd-5th Grade, Room 8**  
Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8 with Jane Winne & Justine Davis.

**11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**  
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**11:00 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

The Middle & High Schoolers (6th-12th graders) are meeting this week for Sunday School. All youth are welcome to worship together in the center-right-side of the Sanctuary at the 9:30 Ignite service. After the service, youth will meet in the City at 10:45am for Sunday School where we will be discussing today’s message.

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**9:30 A.M. TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Rooms 9-11**  
TCI provides a respectful, civil and non-judgmental forum to explore the timely issues we face as Christians, citizens, parents and friends. We ground our discussions in scripture and celebrate the diversity of ideas drawn from experiences and perspectives. Today, March 3rd, Fred Heider will lead a discussion of compromise, a particularly timely topic. On March 10th we will host Nancy Daugherty of Metropolitan Ministries of Pasco County. Come, participate, and enjoy coffee and cookies!

**11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class Room 15**, led by Vicki Krueger,  
Each day brings new questions. Should I stay? Should I go? Buy it? Sell it? Start it? Stop it? There is one question you can ask that makes it easy to determine the answer to all the other questions. In our video and discussion series, we will learn how asking this question has the potential to save us time, money and tears. All we have to do is ask it. Come join us!

**6:30 P.M. Sunday Evening Bible Study**  
This Bible study meets at 6:30pm on Sunday evenings in the Parlor. We will begin a new lesson starting March 10th on the Book of Acts. We will be using the study guide: *Acts: The Spread of the Gospel* by John MacArthur. If you have any questions or would like to purchase a book for the study, please contact Cindy Huffman 727-409-8727 or lucindy1@aol.com. This is a discussion class and is approximately one hour in length. All are welcome! Come join us!

Welcome To  
**Northwood Presbyterian Church**  
*A Stephen Ministry Church*  
*Organized February 19, 1978*

**March 3, 2019**



**Ministers: All Members of the Church**  
E. Chris Curvin, Pastor  
Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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Order for the Public Worship of God  
March 3, 2019  
8th Sunday after Epiphany  
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 (Responsive) Paul Means, Associate Pastor  
Leader: You shall be holy, for the Lord your God is holy.  
People: You shall love your neighbors as yourself.  
Leader: In Christ the promises of God are fulfilled;  
People: in Christ we are sealed by the Holy Spirit.  
Leader: Love your enemies; bless those who curse you.  
People: Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

OPENING VOLUNTARY  
“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” Anna Laura Page  
Celebration Ringers  
(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

\*HYMN #65 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” CWM RHONDDA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)  
Merciful God, the story of Jacob shows your willingness to enter into the messiness of our human struggles—into fractured relationships, family differences, un-reconciled situations with people we care about. We confess that our lives at times contain such struggles. Help us to wrestle with the pressures and brokenness that confront us daily so that we can open our selves to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. Forgive us we pray, in the name of Christ. 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 “By Faith” arr. Lloyd Larson  
Chancel Choir and Westminster Youth Choir  
By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation’s grand design,  
In the lives of those who prove his faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight.  
By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed for Messiah would appear  
With the pow’r to break the chains of sin and death, and rise triumphant from the grave.

We will stand as children of the promise, we will fix our eyes on Christ, our souls’ reward;  
‘Til the race is finished and the work is done, we’ll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the church was called to go in the pow’r of the Spirit to the lost,  
To deliver captives, and to preach good news in every corner of the earth.  
By faith this mountain shall be moved, and the pow’r of the gospel shall prevail;  
For we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon his name.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided,  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

By faith we see the hand of God. By faith the mountain shall be moved.  
We’ll walk by faith, and not by sight. We’ll walk by faith!

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.)

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING “In Thee Is Gladness” Dale Wood  
(1934-2003)

\*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

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING  
Genesis 32: 3-7, 13, 22-28; 33: 1-4 NRSV (page 9)

SERMON “Wrestling with God” Chris Curvin, Pastor

\*HYMN #517 “Here, O Our Lord, We See You” MORECAMBE  
(stanzas 1,2,3)

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER  
(together, hymnal page 35)

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF THE CUP; THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND CUP  
(To symbolize our unity in Christ, we hold the bread until the Elders and Deacons are served and then all partake as one body. To symbolize our personal relationship with the Lord, we drink of the cup, as the Spirit leads.)

MUSIC DURING THE SERVING  
“Meditation on PICARDY” Leo Sowerby  
(1895-1968)

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

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

\*BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG (8:15) “God Is Here with Me” Christopher Hogan  
(please be seated) Cherub and Angel Choirs (age 3-5th grade)  
(11:00) “Irish Blessing” Linda Spevacek-Avery  
Stephanie Carson, Soloist

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Allegro” G.F. Handel

(You are invited to reflect on the worship service during the closing voluntary. If you must leave before the end of the service, please respect those who remain and leave quietly.)

Stephanie Carson, Music Director  
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director  
\*Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.

ignite

ignite is a contemporary worship service at 9:30 that delivers the message of Jesus Christ through Powerful Music, Media & Scripture Based Sermons.

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME

“By Faith”

Arr. Lloyd Larson

Chancel Choir and Westminster Youth Choir

MEET AND GREET

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION OF  
WORSHIP PREPARATION CLASS

Ellis Cantin, Henry Ellis, Maxwell Gipson,  
Analee Greff, Tyler Jones, Benjamin Jones, Justin Wulf

PRAISE SONG

“Only King Forever”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

“God Is Here with Me”

by Christopher Hogan

Cherub and Angel Choirs (age 3–5th grade)

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Rescuer”

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 32: 1–7, 13, 22–28

MESSAGE

“Wrestling with God”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Raise Your Hands”

arr. Heather Sorenson

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Same Power”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU