

Hymn Notes:
“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” (829)
Dr. Ray Palmer, one of America’s most distinguished Congregationalist ministers, wrote his most famous hymn at the age of 22 shortly after he graduated from Yale in 1830. He wrote this hymn as a private reflection while he was teaching in a girls’ school in New York City. A year or so later, he had a chance meeting on a Boston street with the noted musician and teacher Lowell Mason who asked Palmer if he had any new hymns Mason could include in a new hymnal he was compiling. Palmer gave him this hymn and Mason immediately went home and wrote the tune OLIVET which we still sing. When they met again a few days later Mason said to him, “Mr. Palmer, you may live many years and do many good things, but I think you will be best known to posterity as the author of ‘My Faith Looks Up to Thee.’” That prediction has proved true as the hymn is today in nearly all English language hymnals.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, March 24: Fred Drew, Mary Corrello, Dallas Wood, Will Parker, Henry Davis


Monday, March 25: Grant Pelham

Tuesday, March 26: Fran Newman, Marie Purcell, Evelyn Towns, Lisa Weitz, Will Allen

Wednesday, March 27: Mary Michaels


Thursday, March 28: Jeanette Holloway, Michelle Hanway

Saturday, March 30: Donna Bushman, Samantha Speer




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



Herman Gaillard
In Loving Memory of Cora Lee Gaillard



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FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

GREETERS:

(8:15) Bill & Bunny Bitner

(11:00) Roger Snay & Margie Gott

USHERS:

(8:15) Ken & Linda Andreassen

Herman Gaillard, Bob MacFall

(9:30) Bill & Louise Mylin

(11:00) Ed Puschmann & Sharon Card

Mike & Linda O’Leary

VAN DRIVER: Keith Nadig

Ushers & Greeters



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd 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 Dan & Karen Gipson.

2nd-5th Grade, Room 8
Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8 with Justine Davis & Jane Winne.

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 is a group of adults and even teens who wish to explore the ways their Christian values guide their reactions to modern challenges. The group is particularly committed to mission efforts around the world and locally; that international focus will be in evidence for the final two weeks of March.
Today, March 24th, we will hold a Skype session with missionaries in the war-torn middle east -- brave people who are supported by Northwood Presbyterian. Then on March 31st, we'll host Ann Hallum, the founder and director of the Alliance for International Reforestation, a group that supports Guatemalans as they plant trees to prevent erosion and improve the soil.

11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class Room 15, led by Vicki Krueger,
Join us on the journey for the truth about Jesus. In this video-based study based on "The Case for Christ," we will sift through historical evidence and expert testimony to help us see Jesus in a new way and find our lives transformed. We will also gain the tools to talk about Jesus with those who question whether Jesus existed or whether he is a good man, a prophet or the Son of God. Come join us!

11:30 A.M. Sunday Morning Bible Study
This Bible study meets at 11:30am on Sunday mornings in room 8. We are studying the Book of Hebrews, using the study guide: *Hebrews: Christ-Perfect Sacrifice, Perfect Priest* 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
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March 24, 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 24, 2019
3rd Sunday in Lent
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: Through the gift of the Holy Spirit
People: God’s love is poured into our hearts.
Leader: The law of the Lord revives the soul;
People: the word of God makes the simple wise.
Leader: Let all who thirst come to the waters;
People: let all who are hungry come and eat.

OPENING VOLUNTARY
“Alleluia, Amen!” arr. Karen Lakey Buckwalter
Revelation Ringers
(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
Yamikani Chipeta, Transfer of Letter, Mombe Prayerhouse- Machinga
Church of Central Africa, Southern Region of Malawi
John Hildebrand, Transfer of Letter, United Church of Christ, Tampa

NORTHWOOD PUPPET MINISTRY
“Testify to Love”
Kelly Tighe, Director
(Sung by Wynonna Judd; written by Ralph Van Manen, Robert Riekerk, Paul Field and Henk Pool)

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

***HYMN #396** “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship” HOLY MANNA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*
O God, like bones in the desert our faith is dried up and lifeless. The winds of false doctrine sear our spirits; the heat of conflict saps our strength. We seek an oasis to escape your judgment; we wander aimlessly in search of direction. Have mercy upon us, and fill us anew with your Spirit. Give us counsel and guidance, and forgive us our waywardness, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** 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 “His Robes for Mine” Dan Habegger
*His robes for mine: O wonderful exchange!
Clothed in my sin, Christ suffered ‘neath God’s rage.
Draped in His righteousness, I’m justified. In Christ I live, for in my place He died.
I cling to Christ and marvel at the cost: Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God.
Bought by such love my life is not my own: My praise, my all, shall be for Christ alone.*

*His robes for mine: what cause have I for dread?
God’s daunting law Christ mastered in my stead.
Faultless I stand, with righteous works not mine,
saved by my Lord’s vicarious death and life.
His robes for mine: God’s justice is appeased.
Jesus is crushed, and thus the Father’s pleased.
Christ drank God’s wrath on sin, then cried “Tis done!”
Sin’s wage is paid; propitiation won.*

*I cling to Christ and marvel at the cost: Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God.
Bought by such love, my life is not my own: My praise, my all, shall be for Christ alone.
His robes for mine: such anguish none can know.
Christ, God’s below’d, condemned as though His foe.
He, as though I, accursed and left alone;
I, as thou He, embraced and welcomed home!*

OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN
*(Children ages 3yrs – 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.

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” arr. Dale Wood

***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 #829** “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” OLIVET

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Luke 13:6-10 NRSV *(page 848)*
1 Timothy 4:7 NRSV *(page 964)*

SERMON “More Faith, Less Religion” Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #649** “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” AMAZING GRACE

***BENEDICTION**

SUNG BLESSING “Go in Peace” Kenneth E. White
(please be seated) Sarah Flaherty, Soloist

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
arr. Diane Bish

*(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.)*

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

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

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

“Alleluia, Amen”
Revelation Ringers

MEET AND GREET

PRAISE SONGS

“Greater”
“King of My Heart”

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MINUTE FOR MISSION

Spencer Briggs–Cedarkirk

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**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER
CALL TO OFFERING**

OFFERTORY

“So Will I”

SCRIPTURE

Luke 13:6–10, 1 Timothy 4:7

MESSAGE

“More Faith, Less Religion”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“I Walk by Faith”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU