

Music Notes:

“Christ Is Alive! (246)

People in the United States are generally unaware of the immense influence Martin Luther King, Jr. had in other parts of the world. When he was assassinated in 1968 on the Friday before Good Friday, the loss of his prophetic voice was keenly felt around the globe. One congregation particularly affected by that event was the church Brian Wren served in Hockley, Essex, United Kingdom. As he tried to prepare for Easter services, he felt that none of the existing Easter hymns seemed to speak to the needs of that group of people. So he wrote this text to try to express an Easter hope in the midst of such a terrible event. Through the years, Wren revised some of the language from his original, but the opening of the hymn has remained constant: “Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.” In short, we need to sing because singing is an essential means of expressing Christian faith, and as long as we have faith, we will have something to sing about.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, May 12: Stacie Cody, Ryan Williamson,
Kaitlyn McManus, Kevin O’Leary
Danny Alexander, Alexis Cole
Monday, May 13: Ray Spigarelli, Greg Zimmer
Wednesday, May 15: Pat Donnelly
Thursday, May 16: Chris Peterson, Heather Wood
Friday, May 17: Adrienne Roberts, Kenny Giese
Saturday, May 18: Bill Mylin, Mike Nigels



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

Terry & Peggy Steele
In Loving Memory of our Mothers



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In Loving Memory of our Moms



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FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

GREETERS:

(8:15) Barbara Moler & Linda Ciokan
(11:00) Larry & Sandy Ingram

USHERS:

(8:15) Barbara Moler & Earle Lusk
Rocky Davis & Don Stephens
(9:30) Curtis & Vicki Krueger
(11:00) Ken & Martha Tobiassen
Polly Brown

VAN DRIVER: John Makal

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 Chrissy Raborn & Jane Winne.

2nd-5th Grade, Room 8

Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8 with Justine Davis.

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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 (Today's Christian Issues) is an adult class that focuses on how our Christianity informs our attitudes toward modern scientific, political, religious and social challenges. Visitors are always welcome to explore whether this approach would enhance their Sunday experience at Northwood.

Today, Bill Bitner will examine the effect of Confederate monuments on the current descendents of both the descendents of slaves and the descendents of Confederate soldiers.

Next week, Eleanor Cicerchi will explore Generation Z: A Force for Change in Our World? From Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School to calls for action on climate change around the world, is Generation Z (those born in the 21st century) departing from the complacency and self-centeredness of the millennials?

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 lucindyl@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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May 12, 2019



Ministers: All Members of the Church

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Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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Order for the Public Worship of God
May 12, 2019
4th 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 *(Responsive)*

Leader: The One who created and formed us tells us this:

All: do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

Leader: The One who calls us by name tells us this:

All: I am the Lord your God. You are precious in my sight and I love you.

Leader: Let us take heart in the enduring presence of the One who calls us together. Let us worship God.

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Exultation” Matthew Compton
Hallelujah 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 #246** “Christ Is Alive” TRURO

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

God of mercy, grace, reconciliation and goodness: we are sorry for so much; for words we cannot bear to say, for memories we cannot bear to relive, for thoughts we cannot bear to admit. But you know our hearts. Relieve us of our burdens, bind our hearts not to the unbearable but rather to you, O God, so that, in all ways, we may live in the joy of your salvation and the delight of your loving embrace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(Responsive)*

One: Happy are we, when we walk in the ways of our God.

All: Happy are we, God’s beloved ones, as we receive God’s forgiveness.

One: Happy are we, because we are made whole, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

***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 “O Worship the King” arr. Susan Naylor Callaway

*O worship the King, all glorious above, and gratefully sing his wonderful love.
Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.*

*Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light.
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.*

*Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in thee do we trust nor find thee to fail.
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend. O worship the King!*

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 in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING “Meditation on DIADEMATA” Charles Callahan
 (“Crown Him with Many Crowns”, Hymn #268)

***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** “Our God, We Sing and Celebrate” ELLACOMBE

Our God, we sing and celebrate! Your grace to us is clear!

For we recall your faithful love for all your people here.

We've worked together, yet we know it's not the things we've done,

But you, who give us life and hope in sending us your Son.

You give us gifts to be your church; we follow as you call.

Here some are teachers, others preach, to speak your truth to all.

Some reach to help the sick and poor, while some are called to lead;

Yet by your Spirit, we are one, in word, in prayer, in deed!

How easy to look back and see your graceful, constant care,

And yet we're called to look ahead, to grow, to serve, to dare!

What is your will in this new day? God, help us pray and search,

For as we seek to walk with you, we are your faithful church.

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WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Matthew 6:9-10 NRSV *(page 787)*
John 6:38 NRSV *(page 868)*

SERMON “Praying for God’s Will” Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #687** “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” ST. ANNE

***BENEDICTION**

SUNG BLESSING *(please be seated)*
“What Is the World Like” Sally Ann Morris
Heather Wood, Soloist

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Prelude in Classic Style” Gordon Young
(1919-1998)

*(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

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

COUNTDOWN

HANDBELL MUSIC

“Exultation”

arr. Matthew Compton

Hallelujah Ringers

WELCOME

VIDEO

“Epic Mother’s Day Trailer”

MEET AND GREET

PRAISE SONGS

“Old Church Choir”

“Raise a Hallelujah”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG

“Jesus”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.*

*Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.*

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

*For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen*

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Thy Will”

Cambia Carson Woodford, Soloist

SCRIPTURES

Matthew 6:9-10

John 6:38

MESSAGE

“Praying for God’s Will”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Behold the Lamb”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU