


**Hymn Notes:**  
**In the Bulb There Is a Flower (250)**  
**Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992)**  
This insightful text was spurred by a 1985 dinnertime discussion the author had with a friend about the final sentence of T.S. Eliot's poem *The Waste Land*: "In the end is my beginning." She wrote it in the next day or two and titled it "Hymn of Promise."  
As it happened a Composer Weekend was scheduled for two weeks later with Natalie Sleeth and her music at the Pasadena Community Church in St. Petersburg FL and this piece in anthem form was premiered there in March 1985. She wrote, "I think at least 50 people must have come up to me and commented on the text especially; and when we got home, I heard from the publisher to whom I had sent the number saying that *he* thought it was one of the best texts I had ever written. I am glad.....it apparently meant so much to those people in St. Petersburg as well as to the publisher and his editors. Hopefully it will reach out to many others..."  
Soon after writing "Hymn of Promise" Sleeth's husband, Ron, became ill with what turned out to be a terminal malignancy. As the end neared he asked her to use the piece as one of the anthems at his funeral service. At publication she dedicated the piece to him.  
The 'refrain' of each stanza connects with today's scripture Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 (unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.)


**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...**

**Sunday, February 2:** Emily Torres  
**Monday, February 3:** Meaghan Caccamise  
**Tuesday, February 4:** Chris Bryant, Drew Strelcheck, Jack Winder  
**Thursday, February 6:** Alyssa Bates  
**Friday, February 7:** Terry Steele, Pam Means, Kim Blackmore, Jessica Catlin, Joshua Walker  
**Saturday, February 8:** Linda Ciokan, Bev Ventrella, Renee Voss, Todd Pope, Ryan Weitz, Aidan McDermott




*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*



**Barbara Schlerf**

**In Loving Memory of our Aunt Viola Applegate**




Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2020 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**

**GREETERS:**  
(8:15) Nancy Stevens & Jay Basinger  
(11:00) Eleanor Cicerchi & Cindy Gamble

**USHERS:**  
(8:15) Myrl & Dot Chronister  
Wayne & Nancy Rodewald  
(9:30) Candy & Rich Spoenlein  
(11:00) Jon Mills, Sharon Card, & Ed Puschmann

**VAN DRIVER:** Curtis Krueger



Ushers & Greeters

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**8:15 & 11:00 AM**  
**CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**  
**3 Yr. Olds-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** (19/20 School Year)  
Children 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.  
**2nd-5th Grade, Room 8**  
Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8.

**11:00 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL**  
**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**  
The Middle & High Schoolers (6th-12th graders) are welcome to worship together in the back-left-side of the Sanctuary at the 9:30 Ignite service. After the service, there will be NO SUNDAY SCHOOL. There will be a Confirmation Interest Meeting at 10:45am in the youth room.

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**9:30 A.M. TCI (Today's Christian Issues) Rooms 9-11**  
TCI -- Today's Christian Issues -- which meets every Sunday at 9:30 invites congregants of any age to come explore how our Christian values should inform our day-to-day life and our outlook to national and international issues. This week, Garry Justice will lead a discussion on the Commandment "Thou Shall Not Steal" and what that means for us today. Next week, Rev. Jack Alwood, H.R. will explore how we get our "Breaking News" in light of the Good News that Jesus is Lord.

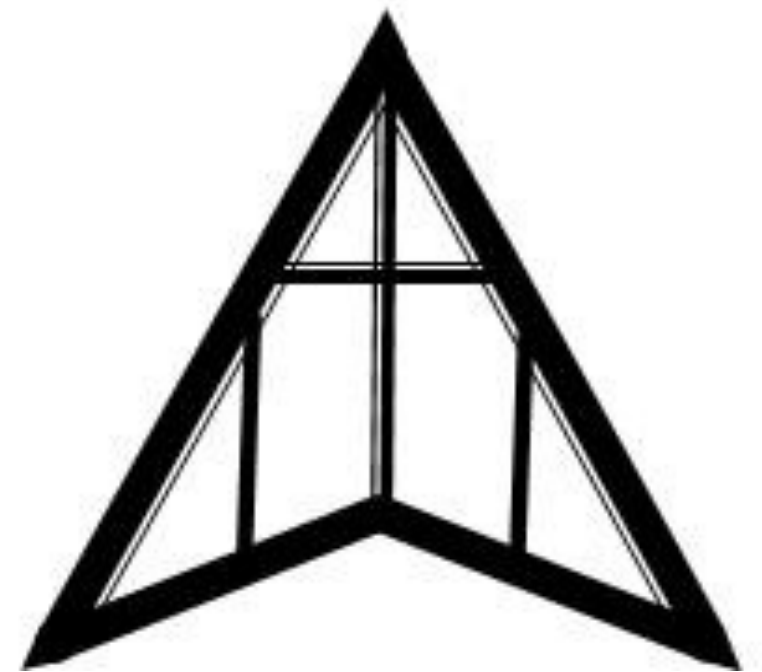
**11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class Room 15**, led by Vicki Krueger  
The Experiencing God class offers you a place to connect with other believers in the study of God's word and how it applies to our daily lives. Our goals: to grow in our understanding of the Bible, as Jesus' own group of disciples did; to meet the needs of others in our group in prayer and ministry; to become equipped for evangelism; and to let the living Word of God dwell richly in us.

**11:30 A.M. Sunday Morning Bible Study** This Bible study meets at 11:30am on Sunday mornings in room 6 of the Christian Education Building. We are studying the minor prophets from the Old Testament. We are looking at God's message of hope and reconciliation to God's people while they were in exile. The book we are using is part of the *Immersion Bible Studies*— *Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, and Malachi* by Linda B. Hinton. 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*

**February 2, 2020**



# Come, Grow, Go!

**Ministers: All Members of the Church**

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Order for the Public Worship of God  
February 2, 2020  
4th Sunday after Epiphany  
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Leader: Praise be to God,

**People: Creator of time and space.**

Leader: Who has set eternity in the human heart.

**People: Who gives us today in which we can be happy and do good.**

Leader: Today, which is a gift from God, let us worship the One who makes everything beautiful in its time.

**People: For everything God does will endure forever.**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” Franklin D. Ashdown  
*(based on the tune of the opening hymn #645)*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

\*HYMN #645 “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” MIT FREUDEN ZART

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

**Eternal God: you make all things new, and forgive old wrongs we can’t forget. We confess we have spent time without loving, and years without purpose; and the calendar condemns us. Daily we have done wrong, and failed to do what you demand. Forgive the past; do not let evil cripple or shame us. Lead us into the future, free from sin, free to love, and ready to work for your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581

GREATOREX

**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.**

\*APOSTLES’ CREED *(Together)*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

ANTHEM

“At the Table of the Lord”

Jay Althouse

*At the table of the Lord bread is broken. At the table of the Lord we are fed.*

*We remember now the words that Christ has spoken: “This is my body,” He said.*

*At the table of the Lord, in thanksgiving, we have come to drink the wine which is poured.*

*We remember Him, who died for us, now living. We remember Christ, our Lord.*

*At the table of the Lord we are meeting. In communion we are many in one.*

*For wherever we are gathered, there our Lord will be,*

*At the table of the Lord we shall be free.*

OUR MINISTRY WITH 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

“Hymn of Promise”

John Ferguson

*(based on the tune of the closing hymn #250)*

\*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 GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 NRSV *(page 537)*

John 3:1-10 NRSV *(page 863)*

SERMON SERIES

The Time of Your Life

Chris Curvin, Pastor

Sermon #1 “Half Time”

\*HYMN #490

“Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters”

BEACH SPRING

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER *(Together)*

**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.**

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

“He Comes to Us as One Unknown”

Robert J. Powell

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN #250

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

PROMISE

\*BENEDICTION

SUNG BLESSING

*(please be seated)*

“A Blessing of Light”

Stephanie Carson, Soloist

Joseph M. Martin

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Processional”

William Mathias

(1934-1992)

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

**COUNTDOWN**

**WELCOME**

**PRAISE SONG**

“Lion and the Lamb”

**MEET AND GREET**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAISE SONG**

“King of My Heart/God Is So Good”

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER**

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

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**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

“O Come to the Altar”

**SCRIPTURES**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

John 3:1-10

**MESSAGE**

Sermon Series: The Time of Your Life

Sermon #1: “Half Time”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

**COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

“You Are Mine”

David Haas

**SONG OF DEDICATION**

“Way Maker”

**GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU**