

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

8:15 & 11:00 AM  
CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

11:00 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL  
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Given the guidance from the Presbytery and public health officials, we have suspended all group gatherings, including Christian Education for children, youth and adults until further notice. We are exploring ways in which we can meet virtually. Please use our website for up to date information.

#### **BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...**

**Sunday, March 22:** Suzanne Hamilton, Mandy Voss

**Monday, March 23:** Rich Spoenlein, Andy Strelcheck,  
Gabby Zimmer

**Tuesday, March 24:** Mary Corrello, Dallas Wood, Will Parker,  
Nicole Bullis, Henry Davis

**Wednesday, March 25:** Grant Pelham

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

**Friday, March 27:** Mary Michaels

**Saturday, March 28:** Jeanette Holloway, Michelle Hanway

*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*

**Peggy & Terry Steele**  
**In Honor of Peggy's Birthday**



**Art Holloway**  
**In Honor of Jeanette's Birthday**

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!

## A Prayer for Our Times

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those that have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economy remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

May we who have family under one roof to share the days ahead remember those who are isolated and cannot have regular visitors.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.

Amen



# Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church  
Organized February 19, 1978*

**March 22, 2020**

## Gifts of Women Sunday



**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 Worship of God**  
**March 22, 2020**  
**4th Sunday in Lent/Gifts of Women Sunday**  
**11:00 AM Worship Service**

**WE COME TO WORSHIP**

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*) Patty Martin

Leader: We gather as pilgrims on a journey of faith

People: **We come seeking the awareness of God's presence as we travel on.**

Leader: We come seeking light for our darkness, strength in our weakness.

People: **Shine in our hearts, O God, with the light of your love. Make your presence known through Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"Chorale and Prelude on SLANE" Charles Callahan

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Curvin, Pastor

HYMN #263 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" CORONATION  
(stanzas 1,4) Heather Wood, Clarinet

**All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!  
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all!**

**O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!**

CALL TO CONFESSION Patty Martin

What attention have we given this week to our covenant with God? Do we recognize God's law, and walk in it? Have we remembered the ways God has led us and provided for us? Or are our lives full of other concerns, so that forgetfulness and rebellion break our relationship with the Eternal. Let us confess together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Together*)

**O God, Christ calls us to faith, while we seek our own security. He teaches us to trust him, yet we don't take that risk. He expects total commitment, and we think in terms of percentage. Time after time we turn our backs on your grace, serving our idols, and forsaking our Christ. We rely on your promise in him to redeem us. We are dependent on him who can intercede for us. O God, in Christ, have mercy upon us. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's mercy comes to us in our disobedience. God's gracious favor answers our cry for help. God hears our complaining and provides for us in unexpected ways in the desert places of our lives. We are a people forgiven and blessed.

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 131 Cindy Huffman

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 Cindy Huffman

Through our offerings, we reach out to help people, not because they are "worthy," but because they are your children, in need of what we can share. May we give generously and receive the joy of giving.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

There are those who would be glad with the crumbs from your table, O God; we have received your gifts in abundance. Make us mindful of those who are needy, as we give you our tithes and our offerings. Use them to ease the pain of those who are suffering. As we serve others, increase our faith and use us to fulfill your will. Amen.

HYMN "She Comes to Jesus" SLANE

Stephanie Carson

**She came to Jesus from outside the fold —  
Canaanite woman! Persistent and bold!  
Looking to Jesus, she wanted to see  
One who would help her and set her child free.**

**Claiming a blessing, a touch of God's grace,  
She knew God's love was not bounded by place.  
Jesus, you listened, debated — then healed —  
For in her asking, her faith was revealed.**

**God, you still bless those who seek you in prayer.  
You welcome dreamers who faithfully dare.  
In Christ, now risen, your mercy extends:  
Those on the outside are welcomed as friends.**

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**WE GROW IN THE WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 15:21-31

SERMON "A Hero or a Nuisance? Well, That Depends..."  
Rev. Loli Reiter

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

HYMN #829 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" OLIVET  
(stanzas 1,2,3)

**My faith looks up to thee, thou lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away;  
O let me from this day be wholly thine!**

**May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart,  
my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me,  
O may my love to thee pure, warm and changeless be, a living fire!**

**While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread,  
be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day;  
wipe sorrows tears away; nor let me ever stray from thee aside.**

BENEDICTION Rev. Loli Reiter

SUNG BLESSING "Jude Benediction" Lloyd Larson  
Heather Wood, Soloist

CLOSING VOLUNTARY "In Thee Is Gladness" David Cherwien

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**

Stephanie Carson

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Stephanie Carson

**PRAISE SONGS**

"All the People Said Amen"

"This Is Amazing Grace"

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chris Curvin

**VIDEO**

"Carriers"

**PRAISE SONG**

"Lord I Need You"

**PRAYER**

Cindy Huffman

**SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 131

**CALL TO OFFERING**

Cindy Huffman

**OFFERTORY**

"It Is Well With My Soul/  
The River's Gonna Keep On Rolling"

**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 15:21-31

**MESSAGE**

"A Hero or a Nuisance? Well, That Depends..."  
Rev. Loli Reiter

**SONG OF DEDICATION**

"Same Power"

**GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU**