

HYMN NOTES:

“Rock of Ages” (438)

Written by Augustus M. Toplady in 1776, this is a hymn about sin and salvation, about our helpless need, and about the all-sufficiency of Christ’s atonement. The metaphor of the Rock of Ages is found variously in Isaiah 26:4, Exodus 33:22, I Corth. 10:4. Strongly Calvinist, Toplady carried on a running public feud for years about predestination and election with John Wesley, even calling him “a low and puny tadpole in the sea of divinity.” Fortunately his hymn does not carry any of this mean spirit.

Legend has it that Toplady took shelter from a storm at a site known as Burrington Combe—a limestone gorge with rock formations in southern England. A particular spot is still noted today and called “Rock of Ages.” Folks climb the steep wall of the gorge in order to have their picture taken as they stand (or stoop actually) in the cleft of the rock that supposedly prompted this hymn.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Monday, October 19: Peggy Brown, CJ Nigels, Harrison Turner
Thursday, October 22: Mary Ellen Zeigler, Robert Robicheau, Cassondra Fredrikson
Friday, October 23: Vickie Mills
Saturday, October 24: Jon Mills, Ed Derkevics



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



Sue & Steve Miskiewicz
In Loving Memory of Our Dads



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. During this time when we are not meeting for in person worship, please send your information directly to communications@northwoodpc.org

Please remember to mark “flowers” and the date on your \$30 donation. Thank you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

“See, you have said to me, ‘bring up this people;’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’

Exodus 33:12

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Wednesday Bible Study, led by Cindy Huffman

A study of the Book of Matthew meets every Wednesday at 7:00pm through Zoom. The study guide being used is *The Immersion Bible Study: Matthew* by J. Ellsworth Kalas. If you’d like to join the Wednesday Bible Study or need a study book, please email Cindy Huffman at lucindyl@aol.com and she will forward you the Zoom link. All are welcome!

Experiencing God Class, led by Vicki Krueger

If you’d like to join the Experiencing God class virtually via Zoom at 10:30am on Sunday mornings, please contact Vicki Krueger via email at vickilee33@aol.com and she will send you the meeting details each week.

Fresh Brewed

Fresh Brewed will meet on the first Friday of every month at 10:30am via Zoom. The next meeting is November 6th. The book we are studying is “Deeply Rooted; Knowing Self, Growing in God” by Christopher Marcie. Please contact Louise Mylin for a Zoom code and if you have any questions (727) 787-9868

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Citylight Schedule 10/18 - 10/25

- ★ **SUNDAY 10/18**
9:30 AM & 11:00 AM LIVE STREAM CHURCH
10:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS
- ★ **TUESDAY 10/20**
8:00 PM - YOUNG WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM
- ★ **WEDNESDAY 10/21**
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM IN PERSON BIBLE STUDY OUTSIDE OF THE YOUTH ROOM
ALSO AVAILABLE TO JOIN VIA ZOOM
- ★ **FRIDAY 10/23**
4:30 PM - 7:00 PM FALL HANGOUT AT PHILIPPE PARK
SEE FLYER FOR DETAILS
- ★ **SUNDAY 10/25**
9:30 AM & 11:00 AM LIVE STREAM CHURCH
10:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS
7:30 PM - YOUNG MEN’S BIBLE STUDY VIA TEAMS
8:30 PM - COLLEGE GROUP VIA ZOOM

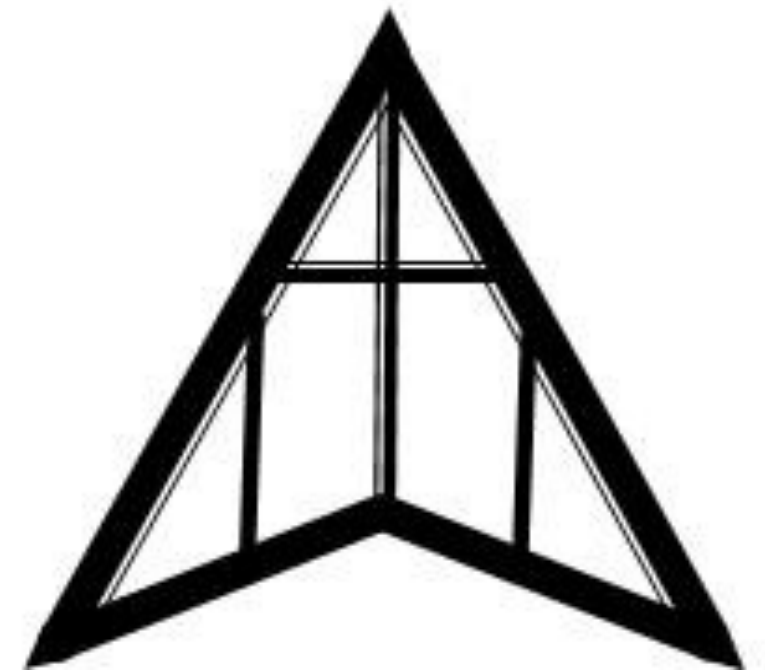
Follow the link to view our weekly email:

<https://mailchi.mp/3521959b7db0/citylightupdate10132020>

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

October 18, 2020



Come, Grow, Go!

Ministers: All Members of the Church

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor
Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

Northwood Presbyterian Church
2875 State Road 580, Clearwater, FL 33761
(727) 796-8090 Fax (727) 797-8276
www.northwoodpc.org



Like us on Facebook!
facebook.com/npc.clearwater

Order for the Worship of God
October 18, 2020
20th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Leader: In You, O Lord, we have found our redemption.

People: You heard our cries and saved us.

Leader: You are our solid rock, present among us always.

People: You alone are our hope!

Leader: Let us worship God.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Hymntune Prelude on NETTLETON”
(Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing)

Gerre Hancock
(1934-2012)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #81 “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” AUSTRIAN HYMN

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God.

God, whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for a blest abode.

On the rock of ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?

With salvation’s walls surrounded, thou may’st smile at all thy foes.

**Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna which God gives them when they pray.**

**See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river ever flows, their thirst to assuage?
Grace, so like the Lord and giver, never fails from age to age.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

**Almighty and loving God, You search our hearts and know us from
the beginning. In Jesus You see in us more good and beauty than we
have dared to believe. You beckon us to do more than we have dared
to try. Forever You call our names. But we have filled our ears with
the sounds of the world; we have timidly spoken of Your great love;
we have doubted the gifts hidden within each of us. O God, shine Your
forgiving light into our hesitancy, and embolden us to live with such
joy and faith that all the world may know of Your love. In Jesus’
name we pray. 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.**

DUET

“You Are Mine”
Dylan Cantin, Sarah Flaherty

David Haas
arr. Mark Hayes

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

HYMN #438

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

TOPLADY

(stanzas 1,2,4)

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

**Let the water and the blood from thy wounded side which flowed
be of sin the double cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.**

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill the law’s demands.

**Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone. Thou must save, and thou alone.**

**While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 33:12-23 (NRSV)

SERMON

“The God Who Knows You by Name”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #475

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

NETTLETON

Come thou fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;

streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;

praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s unchanging love!

**Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I’m come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.**

O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be!

Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wondering heart to thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

here’s my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Mohrentanz” (The Processional)

Tylman Susato
(c.1500-1561)

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

PRAISE SONGS

“Meet with Me”

“Follow You”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG

“That’s Why I Pray”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“You Are Mine”

Dylan Cantin, Sarah Flaherty
by David Haas/arr. Mark Hayes

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 33:12-23

MESSAGE

“The God Who Knows You by Name”

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“He Knows My Name”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!