HYMN NOTES:
“O Beauty Ever Ancient” (650)
This text begins with an echo of a famous reflection from Augustine’s Confessions: “Too late I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient and ever new! And, behold, you were within me, and I out of myself; and there I searched for you.” This hymn written in 2000 is not a lament but a celebration of an awareness of beauty that draws on a recurring phrase in Hebrew Scripture, “the beauty of holiness.” The author, Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020) was a native New Zealander who grew up Methodist and married a Presbyterian minister. Ten of her hymns appear in our Glory to God hymnal. Shirley wrote hymns that reflect everyday experience, locally, nationally and globally. She said, “I appreciate and relate to precise and clean language, as opposed to flowery and fudgy. I am, in knitting parlance, a plain rather than purl sort of writer. 1 like language that gives a jolt of reality.”
Shirley died January 25, 2020

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, November 22:
- Tracey Birch
- Joshua Luther
- Shayna Davis

Monday, November 23:
- Steve Fisher
- Chris Means

Tuesday, November 24:
- Pete Towns
- Jana Davis
- Caitlyn Turner

Thursday, November 26:
- Eric Curkan
- Eric Briggs

Friday, November 27:
- Bree Greff

Saturday, November 28:
- Polly Hamilton
- Fred Archerd
- Linda Diamond

If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven’t seen them in church recently, give them a call!

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 lacindy1@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 December 4th. 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 11/22 - 11/29

- **SUNDAY 11/22**
  - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Live Stream Church
  - 10:15 AM - Sunday School via Teams
  - 8:30 PM - Jackbox via Zoom

- **MONDAY 11/23**
  - Youth & Families Trip to Metropolitan Ministries 10:15 AM - 3:30 PM

- **TUESDAY 11/24**
  - 7:30 PM Confirmation Chat via Zoom
  - 8:00 PM - Young Women’s Bible Study via Zoom

- **WEDNESDAY 11/25**
  - No Outdoor Citylight, Thanksgiving Break

- **SUNDAY 11/29**
  - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Live Stream Church
  - 10:15 AM - Sunday School via Teams
  - 7:30 PM - Young Men’s Bible Study via Teams

Follow the link to view our weekly email:
https://mailchi.mp/1943b507561/citylightupdate11-17-2020

“The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by

Melissa Schultz
In Loving Memory of Parents
Mitchel & Lucille Skaff

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!

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”

Philippians 4:4-6

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CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)
Leader: The Lord is the gracious Giver of every good gift.
People: The Lord is the generous Author of every blessing we receive.
Leader: Hold fast to your hope without wavering.
People: for God who has promised is faithful.
Leader: Surely God is our salvation;
People: trust in the Lord and do not be afraid.
All: Let us worship God.

OPENING VOLUNTARY
“Ode to Joy” arr. Andrew Duncan
Claire Cantin, Ellis Cantin, Aaron McDermott, Skylar Weidner

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
“TERRA BEATA”
Piano, Organ and Handbells arr. Vicki Hancock

This is my Father’s world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father’s world, I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas: His hand the wonders wrought.
This is my Father’s world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their maker’s praise.
This is my Father’s world, He shines in all that’s fair;
The rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.
This is my Father’s world, oh, let me ne’er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father’s world, why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King, let the heavens ring!

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)
Gracious Creator, you have given us so much, but too often we take those gifts for granted. Too often we place our wants and needs first, worried that there may not be enough. For all the times that we mis-treat and misuse Your gifts, for all the times we assume that we get what we have by ourselves, forgive us and lead us back to the path of wisdom. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CALL TO OFFERING

HYMN
“Ode to Joy”
St. George’s Windsor
Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.
For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home;
Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home.
Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin, there forever purified, in thy presence abide:
God’s blessing to you

OFFERTORY

SCRIPTURES
Psalm 95:1-7 (NRSV)
Philippians 4:4-9 (NRSV)

MESSAGE
“Alive and Breathing”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION
“Today Is the Day”
Claire Cantin, Ellis Cantin, Aaron McDermott, Skylar Weidner

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU