

Hymn Notes:
“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” (687)
Isaac Watts, 1719
 People who sing this hymn today may recognize that Isaac Watts wrote it as a paraphrase of Psalm 90:1-11. There was always a question in my mind why the Presbyterians (mostly) had retained Watts’ original first word ‘Our’ when John Wesley in his 1738 collection—and most hymnal editors since—changed the first word to ‘O.’ The feeling was that it reached out to everyone and was more inclusive. However, in historic context this text was a reassurance to the nonestablished English churches (known as Independents or Dissenters) in reaction to the Schism Act of 1714 which forbade those churches from operating schools. The ‘Our God, our help’ of the opening line reflects the hope of an apprehensive minority that they would be spared from the increased persecutions this act implied would be coming. Where the KJV has only one pronoun in the first verse of Psalm 90 (“Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations”), Watts has five of them in this first stanza (“Our God, our help...our hope...our shelter...our eternal home”). Other stanzas have political overtones as well and contemporaries of Watts singing these words would have certainly understood the references.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, October 27: Brianna Preston, Caitlyn Preston

Monday, October 28: Glenna Stevens

Tuesday, October 29: Jim Baker, Carol Kirkwood, Roger Ulrich


Wednesday, October 30: Don Drummond, Jessica Jones

Thursday, October 31: Elizabeth Curkan, Jessica Robicheau

Friday, November 1: Faith Allen

Saturday, November 2: Art Callan, Ed Bunch


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

Elaine Cornillaud

In Honor of Jason, Erica Jane, Ava, & Matt’s Birthdays





Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2019 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) Barbara Moler & Patty Martin

(11:00) Linda & Mike O’Leary

USHERS:

(8:15) Rocky Davis & Fred McQuown

Bob MacFall & Don Stevens

(9:30) Bill & Louise Mylin

(11:00) Ed Puschmann & Sharon Card

Polly Brown & Linda O’Leary

VAN DRIVER: Keith Nadig



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

8:15 & 11:00 AM

CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd 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 with Cassondra Fredriksen.

2nd-5th Grade, Room 8
Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8 with Dan & Karen Gipson.

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 back-left-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 studying our series, Amplify.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 A.M. TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Rooms 9-11
TCI is an adult class that provides a respectful, civil and non-judgmental forum to explore the timely issues we face as Christians, citizens, parents and friends. We ground our discussions in scripture and celebrate the diversity of ideas drawn from experiences and perspectives. Today, Bonnie Thompson from Thornwell will discuss Thornwell’s proposal to expand into Pinellas its successful family support program to keep at-risk children and their families together.

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 —WE WILL NOT MEET TODAY.
WE WILL RESUME NOV. 3rd
This Bible study meets at 11:30am on Sunday mornings in room 8 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-Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, and Jonah* by Bruce Epperly. 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!

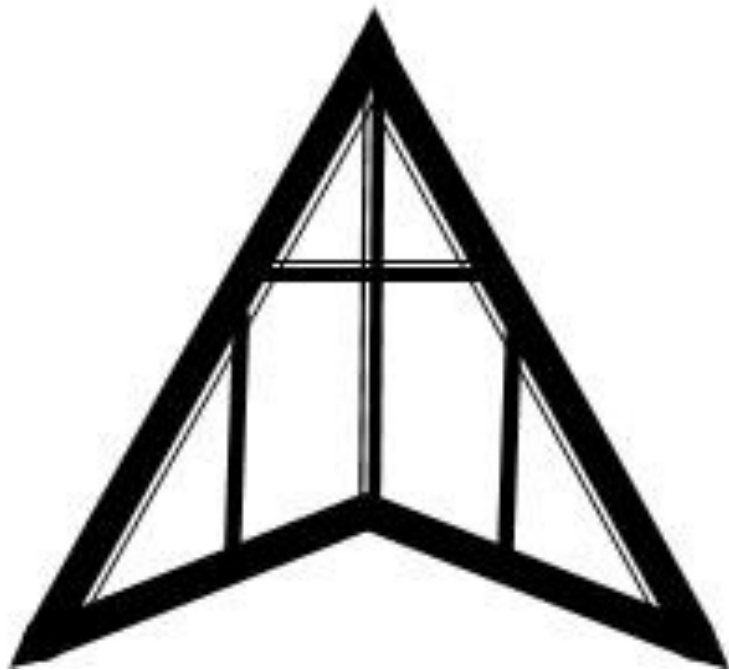
10:45A.M. “Defenders” CURRENT CLASS HAS CONCLUDED—
NEW STUDY BEGINS November 10th
The “Defenders” meet in rooms 5 & 7 at 10:45am. This class is taught by Michael Jahosky, who is a Humanities Professor at St. Petersburg College. We will begin a new 6 week study “Surprised by Hope” by N.T. Wright. A schedule of assigned readings and accompanying reflective questions as well as discussion questions are available on the Christian Education bulletin board located across from the kitchen. It is important that you have the book, Surprised by Hope, which can be purchased through Amazon. For more information, you may contact Spencer Briggs at spencer.briggs1@gmail.com.

Welcome To

Northwood Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978

October 27, 2019



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Order for the Public Worship of God
October 27, 2019
20th Sunday after Pentecost
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

WE COME TO WORSHIP

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

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Leader: All that we are is a gift from God.

People: The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it,

Leader: all that we have is a gift from God.

People: The world, and those who live in it;

Leader: There are no words to describe the wonders of God’s creation.

People: Let us rejoice as we join together in praise for God’s great gifts.

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Down by the Riverside” Tammy Waldrop
Hallelujah Ringers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION (11:00) Bonnie Thompson, Thornwell

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*HYMN #108 “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

CALL TO CONFESSION Reverend James A. Vander Slik

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

Merciful God, we can hardly imagine not longing to be wealthy or wealthier. We fear we don’t have enough or that we aren’t enough. We don’t trust you to provide what we need. God, you have been faithful. Strengthen our trust in your good gifts to us. You know our needs. You know what it takes for the tasks you have called us to. Help us be satisfied when our needs are met and help us to give freely and wholeheartedly when we can share with others. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

WORDS OF LIFE

**Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;
let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;
words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.**

ANTHEM “Built on the Rock” Gordon Young

*Built on the rock the church doth stand, even when steeples are falling;
Crumbled have spires in every land, bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest, calling the souls of all distressed,
Longing for life everlasting.*

*We are God’s house of living stones, built for his own habitation;
He fills our hearts, His humble thrones, granting us life and salvation;
Were two or three to seek His face, He in their midst would show His grace,
Blessings upon them bestowing.*

*Here stands the font before our eyes, telling how God did receive us;
The altar recalls Christ’s sacrifice and what His table doth give us;
Here sounds the word that doth proclaim, Christ yesterday, today, the same;
Yes evermore our Redeemer.*

OUR MINISTRY WITH 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, 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

MUSICAL OFFERING “Prelude on O WALY WALY” Dale Wood
(based on the tune of the next hymn, 847)

*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 *(Together)*

Loving God, you have given us life and freedom. Everything we have and everything that we are is a gift from you. As caretakers of all that you have provided, we give back now and we dedicate these gifts to you. Bless these tithes and offerings. Lead us as we share them generously with others to show Christ to others. We pray these things in the name of Jesus the Christ, the Son of the living God. Amen.

*HYMN #847 “Our Hope, Our Life” O WALY WALY

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS John 1:1-5, 14 NRSV *(page 862)*
1 John 3:16-18 NRSV *(page 990)*

SERMON Stewardship Series: Give Freely and Wholeheartedly!
#2 “More Than Just Words”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

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

*BENEDICTION

SUNG BLESSING “As We Part for the Towns and Cities” Jackson Henry
(please be seated) Stephanie Carson, Soloist

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” Walter L. Pelz

(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

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 CHOIR

“Down by the Riverside”

by Tammy Waldrop

Hallelujah Ringers

WELCOME

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bonnie Thompson, Thornwell

VIDEO

“Turn Back Time”

MEET AND GREET

PRAISE SONG

“Lion and the Lamb”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG

“Jesus”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“King of Kings”

SCRIPTURES

John 1:1-5, 14

1 John 3:16-18

MESSAGE

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SONG OF DEDICATION

“Same Power”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU