

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, March 12: Carol Rathmell, Jim Carlstedt

Tuesday, March 14: Andrew Michalk

Friday, March 17: Robin MacLennan, Lauren Preston,
Stephanie Strelcheck, Nyden Rodewald

Saturday, March 18: Margaret Lewis, Lyn Booth, Nikki Bonfiglio



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



Friends of Northwood



Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2023 Flower Reservation Chart" on the bulletin board across from the kitchen, or you may 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!

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

GREETERS:

(9:00) Ann & Spencer Briggs

(11:00) Elaine Findley & Claudia Alwood



USHERS:

(9:00) Nancy Turner & Georgia Rounding

(11:00) Marie Purcell & Rocky Davis

*Therefore, since we are surrounded
by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that
clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance
the race that is set before us..."*

Hebrews 12:1

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Presbyterian Women, led by Patty Martin and Sue Miskiewicz

Our monthly meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting will be **March 14th** at 10:00am in rooms 4,6 & 8 of the Christian education building. We are using a 9 month study titled "Celebrating Sabbath". If you need a book, they are available for purchase in the church office.

Fresh Brewed,

Fresh Brewed meets the first Friday of the month at 10:30am in rooms 5&7 of the Christian Education building. Our next meeting will be a tea party on **April 7th**. Please bring your favorite tea cup and a covered dish to share. The book we are studying is *The Relationship Principles of Jesus* by Tom Holladay and will be going over lessons 17-20. If you have any questions, please contact Louise Mylin at LVNM1@hotmail.com or 727-787-9868.

For help getting a book, contact Marti Huff at marti.huff.np@gmail.com.

Biblical TakeAways, led by Claudia Alwood

The adult Sunday School/Bible Study class meets every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in Rooms 5 & 7. We are studying the two letters of Peter. Please bring Bible and Wright commentary book. New members are welcome!

Citylight Schedule 3/12 - 3/26

Sunday 3/12

9:00 am - Contemporary Service

10:05 am - 10:45 am - Sunday School

11:00 am - Traditional Service

Monday 3/13 - Wednesday 3/15

Spring Break Mission at Cedarkirk— No Citynight

Thursday 3/16

Axe Throwing & Pizza - 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

\$30 per students includes Axe Throwing & Pizza, Meet at NPC at 7:00 pm, pick up at 10:00 pm

Friday 3/17

Dunedin Day - Walking through shops, parks, the Marina and Lunch! Meet at the church at 10:00 am and bring \$ for shopping and lunch at Corvo Bianco. We'll be back at the church by 2:00 pm — No Game Night

Sunday 3/18

9:00 am - Contemporary Service

10:05 am - 10:45 am - Sunday School

11:00 am - Traditional Service

Wednesday 3/22

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Citynight

Friday 3/24

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Game Night

Sunday 3/26

9:00 am - Contemporary Service

10:05 am - 10:45 am - Sunday School

11:00 am - Traditional Service

Follow the link to view our weekly email:

<https://mailchi.mp/199e26902496/citylightupdate322022-13519972>

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

March 12, 2023



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 Public Worship of God
March 12, 2023
3rd Sunday in Lent
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “How Great Thou Art” arr. Joel Raney
 Jubilation Ringers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION Northwood’s Got Talent Babs Bailey

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)*

Leader: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;

People: his greatness no one can fathom.

Leader: The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.

People: The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

All: In spirit and in truth, let us worship God!

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*HYMN #829 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” OLIVET

**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 today;
wipe sorrow’s tears away; nor let me ever stray from thee aside.**

**When ends life’s transient dream, when death’s cold,
sullen stream shall o’er me roll; blest Savior then, in love,
fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!**

CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

Faithful and loving God, we desire to live with a robust, life empowering faith that is expressed in love for you and for our neighbors. Sadly, we confess it is all too easy for us to live lives with complacent, lukewarm faith, which is seen in how we disregard your ways, and how we focus on our wants and ignore and dismiss the needs of others. Forgive us, God of grace. Remove the burden of sin that so easily entangles us, so that we may run with faith and love the race that you have set before us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**

ANTHEM “Is He Worthy” Dan Forrest
 Sarah Flaherty & David Hamilton

*Do you feel the world is broken? We do. Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do.
But do you know that all the dark won’t stop the light from getting through? We do.
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? We do.*

*Is all creation groaning? It is. Is a new creation coming? It is.
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? It is.
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? It is.*

*Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave, He is David’s Root,
and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this? Worthy is the Lamb.*

*Does the Father truly love us? He does. Does the Spirit move among us? He does.
And does Jesus, our Messiah, hold forever those He loves? He does.
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? He does. He does.*

*Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave,
He is David’s root, and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.
From ev’ry people and tribe, ev’ry nation and tongue.
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God, to reign with the Son.
Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this? He is!*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORDS 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

*DOXOLOGY—#606 OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN “Take Time to Be Holy” LONGSTAFF

**Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;
abide in him always, and feed on his word.
Make friends of God’s children; help those who are weak;
forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.**

**Take time to be holy, let him be thy guide,
and run not before him, whatever betide;
in joy or in sorrow, still follow thy Lord,
and looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 12:1-3 (NRSV)

SERMON “Running the Race of Faith”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #846 “Fight the Good Fight” DUKE STREET

(stanzas 1,2,3)

**Fight the good fight with all thy might.
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right. Lay hold on life, and it shall be thy joy and crown eternally.**

**Run the straight race through God’s good grace;
lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ’s face. Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.**

**Cast care aside; lean on thy guide. God’s boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.**

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Oh Love, How Deep” arr. Healey Willan

**Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.*

Stephanie Carson, Music Director; David Furr, Organist

IGNITE

ignite is a contemporary worship service at 9:00 that delivers the message of Jesus Christ through Powerful Music, Media & Scripture Based

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME

PRAISE SONG

“Yahweh”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Babs Bailey

MEET & GREET

PRAISE SONG

“Nobody”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

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

OFFERTORY

“Oceans”

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 12: 1–3 (NRSV)

SERMON

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SONG OF DEDICATION

“The Blessing”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!