



# NORTHWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## EASTER SUNDAY April 9, 2023 ~ 11:00 AM

### WE COME TO WORSHIP

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

OPENING VOLUNTARY      “Jesus Christ Is Risen Again”      Stephen Walters  
*(tune: LLANFAIR, by Robert Williams)*

### \*EASTER GREETING *(Responsive)*

Leader:      The Lord is risen!  
**People:      He is risen indeed!**  
Leader:      Christ is risen!  
**People:      HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

\*HYMN      “Fanfare for Easter Day/Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” arr. Benjamin Harlan  
“Christ the Lord is risen today!” Alleluia! All creation, join to say: Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Dying once, He all doth save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS      Chris Curvin, Pastor

CALL TO CONFESSION      Paul Means, Associate Pastor

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

Mighty God: by your power is Christ raised from death to rule this world with love. We confess that we have not believed in Him but fall into doubt and fear. Forgive our dread of dying, our hopelessness, and set us free for joy in the victory of Jesus Christ, who was dead but lives, and will put down every power to hurt or destroy, when your promised kingdom comes. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #236

VICTORY

**The strife is o’er, the battle done; the victory of life is won;  
The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

### ANTHEM

“Christ Is Alive”

Jane Holstein

*(based on “Tossata” from Symphony V, Charles-Marie Vidor, see hymn #246)*

TRURO

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death shall never die.*

*Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,  
But saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.*

*Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
And find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.*

*Christ is alive and comes to bring good news to this and every age;  
Till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.  
Christ is alive! Christ is alive! Alleluia!*

### 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 *(The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is also received today.)*

### \*HYMN #233

“The Day of Resurrection!”

LANCASHIRE

**The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,  
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from sin’s dominion free,  
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.**

**Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,  
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
his own “All hail!” and hearing, may raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin;  
the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.  
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 28:1-10 (NRSV)  
John 11:21-27 (NRSV)

SERMON

“Christ Has Risen to Easter In Us”  
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN #238

“Thine Is the Glory”

JUDAS MACCABEUS

**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled in stone away,  
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.**

*Refrain:* **Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.**

**Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.** *Refrain*

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!  
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.** *Refrain*

\*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Hallelujah”  
(No. 44 Chorus from *Messiah*)

G.F. Handel

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

*Welcome Friends & Guests!*

April 9, 2023

***A Happy and Joyous Easter to you! Your presence adds greatly to our celebration of the victory of Christ over sin and death. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!***

We invite you to register your attendance today on the friendship sheet inside your bulletin. Simply leave the sheet where you are seated today as the ushers collect them following the service. If you are new to Northwood, we hope that you’ll worship with us again and consider becoming a part of our friendly and caring church family. *If you are interested in exploring membership and/or have questions, please contact me at 796-8090.* The next Discovering Northwood New Member Class is **May 21st at 10:00AM** in Room 4 of the Christian Education building.

Anyone wishing to discuss a commitment/recommitment to Christ, or anyone who has a special prayer concern may speak with one of the pastors after the worship service.

**The Easter Lilies** (in the sanctuary and around the church today) are given to the glory of God by friends and members of Northwood Presbyterian Church in honor and in memory of their loved ones. (See insert).

We hope you will take time to look through this information and take note of all the events taking place in the life of Northwood. If you are visiting, we hope to see you again soon!

He is risen!  
Pastor Chris



***Thank you for participating by bringing flowers today for Northwood’s flower cross!***

### One Great Hour of Sharing, Easter Sunday

For more than 50 years through the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, the refugee and the stranger have found food and safe shelter, those stunned by the aftermath of disasters have found relief and help rebuilding, and communities seeking to take control of their future have found partners in development. This year 80% of the money received will be divided equally between local ministries, Metropolitan Ministries and Presbyterian Disaster Fund, and 20% will go to the Presbytery of Tampa Bay. The hundreds of millions given over the last half century have enabled a powerful witness to the love of the One who came that all might have life more abundantly.

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

**Sunday, April 9:** Jackie Koski, Julie Giese, Jennifer Johnson, Phoebe Stark  
**Monday, April 10:** Judy Churchsmith  
**Tuesday, April 11:** Pamela Peters, Babs Bailey, Christopher Parker  
**Thursday, April 13:** Sandra Rasmussen, Rob Bonnier, Dee Bryant Kasandra Mattson  
**Friday, April 14:** Pokey Smith, Barbara Forsyth, Eileen Nelson Donald Faulkner  
**Saturday, April 15:** Nick Weidner

*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:



**June Arnold**

*In Loving Memory of My Brothers*



### **FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD TODAY**

#### **GREETERS:**

Ann & Spencer Briggs

#### **USHERS:**

Nancy Turner & Georgia Rounding

### **Your Giving Matters**

For in-person worship, the offering plates will not be passed; however, offering boxes are located in the narthex. For those worshipping online, your giving matters too. Your continued faithfulness to the mission and ministry of Northwood through your giving is critical as the church's expenses do not stop. Please commit to maintain your regular schedule of giving throughout this time by mailing your gift or using one of the online platforms below for giving electronically:

1. Text NPCHURCH to 73256 and follow the prompts.
2. Visit [www.northwoodpc.org](http://www.northwoodpc.org) and click on the giving tab.
3. Click "Give" under the *ChurchLife app* menu options.

## **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 **April 11th** 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 on **April 7th**. 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

**There will be NO Biblical TakeAways class on Easter Sunday.**

The adult Sunday School/Bible Study class is taking a break until Sunday, April 30th when it reconvenes at 10:00 a.m. in Rooms 5 & 7. We will study the Second and Third Letters to John and the Book of Jude with the last class adjourning for the summer on May 14th. Please bring Bible and Wright commentary book. New members are welcome!

### **Student Ministry Giving Wall Fundraiser**

Beginning TODAY, April 9th, there will be over 200 envelopes on our bulletin board that have been decorated by the youth! Each have a number that correlates to a dollar amount. If you are interested in donating to our Mission Work and Retreats, please take an envelope and return the envelope (unsealed with your donation inside) to the church office Monday-Friday between 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Cash or checks made out to Northwood Presbyterian Church with "Giving Wall" in the memo are gratefully accepted. Your donation will be used to help fund our 2023 trips. Thank you for your support!

### **Northwood's Got Talent!—April 30th at 4pm**

Come and join us and make your Sunday afternoon a little brighter with a fun afternoon of entertainment! Our wonderful performances of talented & untalented persons will be held on Sunday, April 30th at 4:00 PM in the sanctuary. You don't want to miss it. Right after the talent show, we will be serving pizza, salad, cookies & drinks in the fellowship hall! See you then!

### **Northwood Scholarship Application 2023**

NPC members who are high school seniors, college/vocational students or grad students are encouraged to pick up guidelines/applications from Emily Cantin, online, or in the church office now. **Applications must be returned to JoAnne Spigarelli @ [jpspig1@gmail.com](mailto:jpspig1@gmail.com). Applications must be received by June 1, 2023.** Applications will not be accepted in the church office. Applicants need to be involved in the life of the church (either here or at college/Seminary). This scholarship can only be received twice. We give thanks to the Bakers, Gordons, Wrights and others whose generosity to Northwood was reflected in their last will and testament. Scholarship funds come from interest earned from the following: (1) The Fred and Kay Baker Scholarship Fund, (2) The Walter and Catherine Gordon Educational Endowment, (3) Clarence and Florence Wright Scholarship Fund, (4) Monies received from other sources.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The office will be closed, **Monday & Tuesday, April 10 & 11, 2023.** The office will re-open at 9am on Wednesday, April 12th.

### **Fun! Friends! Friday! Ren Crew— April 14**

The Ren Crew Friday Fellowship will meet on Friday, April 14th at 10:30 in rooms 13 & 15. We are a group of adventuresome, young at heart adults who enjoy sharing fun with friends, old and new. In keeping with the theme "Windows to the World," Terry and Peggy Steele will be sharing their cruise experience to Canada/New England, along with many ports of call they visited. Following the program we will enjoy lunch at BJ's Brewhouse in Clearwater. All are welcome! Join us and treat yourself to a Friday filled with fun and friends! For more information, you may contact Pastor Paul Means at 727-796- 8090 or [paul@northwoodpc.org](mailto:paul@northwoodpc.org).

### **Northwood Photo Group—April 11th**

Would you like to start taking better pictures, and use photography as a way of exploring God's beauty? Please join us for the regular monthly meeting of the Northwood Photo Group on Tuesday, April 11th at 7:00pm in rooms 5 -7. All are invited, whether you're a beginner or an expert! If you have any questions, please contact David Lawrence at [david@primeimagesinc.com](mailto:david@primeimagesinc.com) or Curtis Krueger at [curtis.krueger@gmail.com](mailto:curtis.krueger@gmail.com).

### **Kids' Corner Preschool—Registration is OPEN**



Registration is currently open for the 2023-2024 school year! We have openings in our 2's, 3's, and VPK. Please share the news! You may stop in the preschool office and pick up your registration forms or download off of the church website. If you are interested in a tour of the school, please contact Roxane Fineo at 727-723-7679 or email at [schooldirector@northwoodpc.org](mailto:schooldirector@northwoodpc.org).

### **VBS Save the Date—July 17-21**



Northwood Vacation Bible School

July 17-21, 2023—9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Join us for a week of fun, faith-building activities! Our VBS is open to Pre-k - 5th grade, also welcoming grades 6 - 12 to volunteer.

### **Nursery & Sunday School for Children**

Infants and toddlers ages 3 and under are provided care in our nursery during the entire Worship Service, and/or if you have children ages 4 years old—5th grade that would like to attend Sunday School, please email Karlee Wright at [childrensministry@northwoodpc.org](mailto:childrensministry@northwoodpc.org) if you are interested or have any questions.

### **Volunteers Needed!**

The nursery is in need of volunteers during the 9am & 11am services. If you are interested, please contact Karlee Wright at [childrensministry@northwoodpc.org](mailto:childrensministry@northwoodpc.org) or [karleeRwright@gmail.com](mailto:karleeRwright@gmail.com)

## Learn about Being Presbyterian

### What is a Presbyterian?

In the New Testament, “Presbuteros” means elder, and refers to the democratic custom of choosing leaders and advisors from among the members of the church.

Presbyterians are a group of Protestants whose church is founded on this concept of democratic rule under the Word of God. The Presbyterian denomination is a form of Christianity democratically organized to embrace the faith common to all Christians.

### All that is required to be a Presbyterian is to...

- Confess the Christian faith
- Trust in Christ as our forgiving Savior
- Promise to follow Christ and Christ’s example for living
- Commit oneself to attend church and to become involved in its work.

### Presbyterians have two main sources for inspiration and guidance in their faith:

1. The Bible: The Bible is an inspired record of the revelation of God to all. Presbyterians have always believed that the Bible is the most authoritative source for faith and practice for all people. Presbyterians do not believe that the authors of the Bible were “pens of God” as the pre-Christian writers believed. Instead, they believe the authors were inspired by God to reveal God to all people.
2. Creeds & Confessions: These are statements of doctrine that express the beliefs of a church or congregation. They include:
  - The Apostles’ Creed
  - The Nicene Creed
  - The Scots Confession, 1560
  - The Heidelberg Catechism
  - The Second Helvetic Confession
  - And others

### Presbyterians recognize two Sacraments—as described in the Bible.

1. Baptism: This sacrament unites us with Jesus Christ and makes us members of God’s family, the Church. For Presbyterians, baptism...
  - Is an initiation into the church community, as ordered by Christ
  - Is a public confession, not a private one—it’s a statement of faith made in the presence of others
  - Does not guarantee access to heaven—un-baptized people are not denied salvation
  - Can be performed in another church—there is no need to be re-baptized in a Presbyterian Church.
2. Communion: This is also called the Lord’s Supper, Holy Communion or the Eucharist. It’s a time to renew faith and strengthen participants for the duties and privileges of Christian service. In communion, the bread and the wine represent the sacrificial body and blood of Christ and recall the last meal shared with the apostles. Together they symbolize the new covenant between God and all people.

To learn more about what it means to be a Presbyterian, and a member of Northwood, please join us for our Discovering Northwood New Member Class May 23rd at 10:00 am in Room 4 of the Christian Education Building.

## Citylight Schedule

### Easter Sunday 4/9 - Giving Wall Kick off

9:00 am - Contemporary Service OUTSIDE

No Sunday School

11:00 am - Traditional Service

### Wednesday 4/12 - Wednesday 4/19

Program Break - Rosalie on Vacation

### Friday 4/21

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

### Sunday 4/23

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:

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