



EASTER SUNDAY

April 9, 2023 ~ 9:00 A.M.

WELCOME

EASTER GREETING

Leader: The Lord is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed!**

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: **HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

PRAISE SONGS

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels 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?

He is risen! Christ is risen! Alleluia! He is risen! Christ is risen! Alleluia!
We will give Him all the glory! Alleluia! He is worthy! He is holy! 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!

He is risen! Christ is risen! Alleluia! He is risen! Christ is risen! Alleluia!
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"Glorious Day"

I was buried beneath my shame. Who could carry that kind of weight?
It was my tomb, 'til I met You.
I was breathing but not alive. All my failures I tried to hide.
It was my tomb, 'til I met You.

Refrain: You called my name, and I ran out of that grave.
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day.
You called my name, and I ran out of that grave.
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day.

Now Your mercy has saved my soul. Now Your freedom is all that I know.
The old made new, Jesus when I met You. **Refrain**

I needed rescue, my sin was heavy.
But chains break at the weight of Your glory.
I needed shelter, I was an orphan. Now You call me a citizen of heaven.
When I was broken, You were my healing.
Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing.
I have a future, my eyes are open. **Refrain**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONGS

"House of the Lord"

We worship the God who was, we worship the God who is.
We worship the God who evermore will be.
He opened the prison doors, he parted the raging sea.
My God, He holds the victory. Yeah!

Refrain: There's joy in the house of the Lord.
There's joy in the house of the Lord today,
and we won't be quiet. We shout out your praise!
There's joy in the house of the Lord.
Our God is surely in this place, and we won't be quiet.
We shout out your praise!

We sing to the God who heals, we sing to the God who saves.
We sing to the God who always make a way.
'Cause he hung upon that cross, then he rose up from that grave.
My God's still rolling stones away. Yeah! **Refrain**

Bridge: We were the beggars, now we're royalty.
We were the prisoners, now we're running free.
We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by his grace.
So let the house of the Lord sing praise! 2x

Refrain 2x's

Bridge

EASTER MEET & GREET

“Hymn of Heaven”

How I long to breathe the air of heaven
where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets;
to look upon the One who bled to save me,
and walk with him for all eternity.

Refrain: There will be a day when all will bow before him.
There will be a day when death will be no more,
standing face to face with he who died and rose again.
Holy, holy is the Lord.

And every prayer we prayed in desperation,
the songs of faith we sang through doubt and fear,
in the end we'll see that it was worth it
when he returns to wipe away our tears. **Refrain**

And on that day we join the resurrection
and stand beside the heroes of the faith,
with one voice a thousand generations
sing “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.” **Repeat**

Forever He shall reign!

So, let it be today, we shout the hymn of heaven.
With angels and the saints, we raise a mighty roar.
Glory to our God, who gave us life beyond the grave.
Holy, holy is the Lord! **Repeat**

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

“King of Kings”

In the darkness we were waiting without hope, without light.
‘Til from heaven you came running, there was mercy in your eyes.
To fulfill the law and prophets to a virgin came the Word.
From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt.

Refrain: Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, three in one.
God of Glory, Majesty. Praise forever to the King of Kings.

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,
To redeem the whole creation, you did not despise the cross.
For even in your suffering, you saw to the other side.
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake You died. **Refrain**

And the morning that You rose, all of heaven held it's breath
‘Til that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe,
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.

And the church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By His blood and in His Name, in his freedom, I am free
for the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me. **Refrain**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

SERMON

“Christ Has Risen to Easter In Us”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Same Power”

I can see waters raging at my feet.
I can feel the breath of those surrounding me.
I can hear the sound of nations rising up.
We will not be overtaken. We will not be overcome.

I can walk down this dark and painful road.
I can face every fear of the unknown.
I can hear all God's children singing out.
We will not be overtaken. We will not be overcome.

Refrain: The same power that rose Jesus from the grave,
the same power that commands the dead to wake
lives in us, lives in us.
The same power that moves mountains when he speaks,
the same power that can calm a raging sea,
lives in us. Lives in us. Lives in us. Lives in us.

We have hope that his promises are true.
In his strength there is nothing we can't do.
Yes we know there are greater things in store.
We will not be overtaken. We will not be overcome. **Refrain**

Greater is He that is living in me, He's conquered our enemy.
No power of darkness no weapon prevails we stand here in victory.
Repeat

Refrain

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU

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!

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 796-8090.* The next Discovering Northwood New Member Class is **May 21st at 10:00AM** in Room 4 of the Christian Education building.

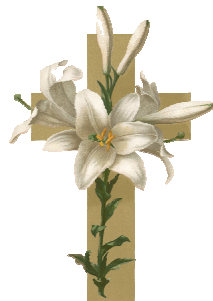
Anyone wishing to discuss a commitment/recommitment to Christ, or anyone who has a special prayer concern may speak with one of the pastors after the worship service.

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.

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 and click on the giving tab.
3. Click "Give" under the *Church-Life app* menu options.

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:

Barbara Bozinski & Jon Mills

USHERS:

Carol & Conrad Trunzo

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!

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.

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:

Curtis Krueger at curtis.krueger@gmail.com or David Lawrence at david@primeimagesinc.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.

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 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 or karleeRwright@gmail.com

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. 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.

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:

<https://mailchi.mp/307e92243e66/citylightupdate322022-13521760>

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.

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 727-787-9868 or email at LVNM1@hotmail.com.

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!