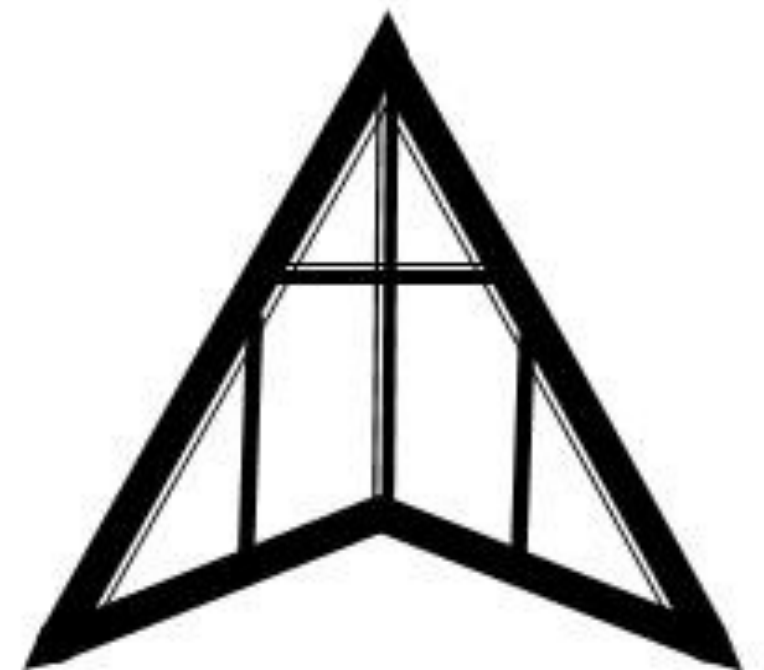


Welcome To  
**Northwood Presbyterian  
Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church  
Organized February 19, 1978*

**April 16, 2023**



**Come, Grow, Go!**

**Ministers: All Members of the Church**  
E. Chris Curvin, Pastor  
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**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 **May 9th** 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 **May 5th**. 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 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!

**Citylight Schedule 4/2 - 4/16**

**Sunday 4/16**  
**9:00 am - Contemporary Service**  
**11:00 am - Traditional Service**

**Wednesday**  
**7:00 pm - Grad Sunday Practice - No Citynight**

**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/73e57f1143a4/citylightupdate322022-13522364>

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...**

**Sunday, April 16:** Janice Patteson, Lars Greff  
**Monday, April 17:** Ibelise Luther  
**Tuesday, April 18:** Linda Howard, David Johnson  
**Wednesday, April 19:** Terry Curkan, Lex Long  
**Thursday, April 20:** Anna Hyden, Ed Puschmann, Faith Garcia  
**Saturday, April 22:** Edwin Smith, Garry Justice



*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*



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) Cindy Gamble & Susan Hasell  
(11:00) Jon Mills & Dan Hyden



**USHERS:**

(9:00) Marie Ziegler & Jill Manning  
(11:00) Carol & Conrad Trunzo

*Jesus said to him, "Have you believed  
because you have seen me?  
Blessed are those who have not seen  
and yet have come to believe."*

*John 20:29*

Order for the Public Worship of God  
April 16, 2023  
2nd Sunday of Easter  
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY Kevin McChesney  
“If Thou but Suffer (*Trust in*) God to Guide Thee”  
*If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hopeful heart through all thy ways...  
(Hymn #816)*  
Jubilation Ringers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)  
Leader: Christ is risen! He greets us with a word of peace.  
**People: We welcome the risen Christ! We worship and adore him!**  
Leader: Christ is risen! Locked doors and doubting hearts cannot keep him away.  
**People: We welcome the risen Christ! We worship and adore him!**  
Leader: Christ is risen! He comes to bless us with the gift of the Holy Spirit.  
**People: We welcome the risen Christ! We worship and adore him!**

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST  
(*Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle.*)

\*HYMN #234 “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain” ST. KEVIN  
(*stanzas 1,2,4*)  
**Come, you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!  
God has brought forth Israel into joy from sadness,  
loosed from Pharaoh’s bitter yoke Jacob’s sons and daughters;  
led them with un-moistened foot through the Red Sea waters.**

‘Tis the spring of souls today: Christ has burst his prison,  
and from three days’ sleep in death as a sun has risen.  
All the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying  
from the Light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.

Neither could the gates of death, nor the tomb’s dark portal,  
nor the watchers, nor the seal hold you as a mortal:  
but today, among your own, you appear, bestowing  
your deep peace, which evermore passes human knowing.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*together*)  
Savior God, forgive our doubts and disbelief. You show up in our lives,  
yet we fail to notice you and demand more proof. We expect more  
when you have already given us enough. Forgive our lack of faith. For  
give our lack of gratitude. Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life  
in Christ. 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**

SOLO “The Holy City”  
Michele White, Soprano

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 236 “The Strife is O’er” VICTORY  
(*stanzas 1,3,4*)  
*Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

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

The three sad days are quickly sped; Christ rises glorious from the dead:  
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,  
from death’s dread sting thy servants free,  
that we may live, and sing to thee: Alleluia! *Refrain*

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING John 20:19-31

SERMON “Doubting — or Something Else?”  
Bill Wildhack, Guest Preacher

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN #247 “Now the Green Blade Rises” NOEL NOUVELET  
(*stanzas 1,2,3*)  
**Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,  
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
love lives again, that with the dead has been;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.**

In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,  
thinking that he would never wake again,  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.

Forth he came at Easter like the risen grain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.

\*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY arr. Jeffrey Honoré  
“Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord”

*\*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

“Blessed Be Your Name”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEET & GREET

PRAISE SONG

“I’m So Blessed”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy king-  
dom 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

“Overwhelmed”

SCRIPTURES

( from The Message Translation)

Genesis 32:24-29

Luke 23:39-43

Ephesians 1:3-12

SERMON

“The Call On Each Individual”

Dan Jeffre, Elder

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Same God”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!