

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

May 14, 2023



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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Presbyterian Women, led by Patty Martin and Sue Miskiewicz
PW is taking a break for the summer.
We will resume on **August 8th** for our annual planning meeting and will begin a new 9 month study in September.

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 **June 2nd**. 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 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 5/14 - 5/21

Sunday 5/14
9:00 am - Contemporary Service
10:05 am - 10:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Traditional Service

Wednesday 5/17
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Citynight

Friday 5/19
NO Game Night– Rosalie out 5/19-5/21

Sunday 5/21
9:00 am - Contemporary Service
11:00 am - Traditional Service

Follow the link to view our weekly email:
<https://mailchi.mp/8c869609baa6/citylightupdate322022-13524000>

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Monday, May 15: Pat Donnelly
Tuesday, May 16: Chris Peterson, Heather Wood
Wednesday, May 17: Adrienne Roberts, Kenny Giese
Thursday, May 18: Bill Mylin, Mike Nigels
Saturday, May 19: Bryce Bullis



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



Peggy & Terry Steele
In Loving Memory of
Maxine Steele & Zella Morris



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) Carol & Conrad Trunzo



USHERS:

(9:00) Nancy Turner & Marie Ziegler
(11:00) Leslie & Richie Henley

“They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

John 14:21

Order for the Public Worship of God
May 14, 2023
6th Sunday of Easter
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY Kevin McChesney
“Come, Thou Almighty King”
Celebration Ringers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Paul Means, Associate Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)*
Leader: God is love.
People: Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
Leader: God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.
People: And so, we know and rely on the love God has for us.
Leader: Let us worship God!

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

*HYMN “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” BEECHER
Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down.
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest;
take away the love of sinning, Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*
Almighty God, you have shown us such love, and stretched out your arms to draw us into your embrace. Yet we so often fail to show that love within our lives. Forgive our short-sightedness and misplaced loyalties when we honor you with our lips, but our hearts are far from you. Be merciful, dear Lord, when we have little regard and little love for our neighbors. By your grace, quicken our hearts with your love and give us eyes to see and hands to reach out to those you bring into our lives. We ask all of this in the name of Jesus Christ, the One who knows us the best and loves us the most. 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 “If You Love Me” John Ness Beck
*If you love me keep my commandments. If you love me heed my law.
If you love me, if you love me, if you love me, keep my commandments.*

*If you seek me, you shall surely find me; if you search for me with all your heart.
If you seek me, you shall find me, if you search with all your heart.*

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 #645 “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” MIT FREUDEN ZART
(stanzas 1,3)
Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing,
an ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing,
as with a mother’s tender hand God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING John 14:15-21 (NRSV)

SERMON “How Does Jesus Define Love?”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #643 “Now thank We All Our God” NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT
Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers’ arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in God’s grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” HYFRYDOL
arr. Stephen Burtonwood

**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 Sermons.

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME

PRAISE SONG

“Hymn of Heaven”

MEET & GREET

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG

“Meet With Me”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

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

“Follow You”

SCRIPTURE

John 14:15-21 (NRSV)

SERMON

“How Does Jesus Define Love?”

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SONG OF DEDICATION

“Same God”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!