

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, March 17: Robin MacLennan, Lauren Preston, Mike Wood, Nyden Rodewald
Monday, March 18: Margaret Lewis, Lyn Booth
Wednesday, March 20: Jessica Curtain, Delaney Williamson
Thursday, March 21: Elaine Cornillaud, Peggy Steele
Friday, March 22: Mandy Voss
Saturday, March 23: Rich Spoenlein



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

Jean Swintek

In Honor of my Grandson Jonathan's Birthday



Charlie Wood



In Honor of my Husband Mike Wood's Birthday

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2024 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) Linda & Mike O'Leary



USHERS:

(9:00) Marie Ziegler & Jill Manning
(11:00) Mike Capito & Earle Lusk

"While Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside by themselves, and said to them on the way, 'See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified; and on the third day he will be raised.'"

Matthew 20:17-19

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Presbyterian Women, led by Patty Martin and Sue Miskiewicz

The Presbyterian Women, Sisters in Christ, meets on the second Tuesday of the month with our next meeting on April 9th at 10:00am in rooms 5 & 7. We are studying *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus in Luke-Acts*, by Olive Mahabir. Books are available for purchase in the office. The cost is \$5. Please plan to join us!

Fresh Brewed,

Fresh Brewed meets on the first Friday of the month with our next meeting on April 5th at 10:30am in rooms 5&7. We are studying the book, *"Prayer, Does It Make a Difference?"* by Phillip Yancey. If you need a book or have any questions, please contact Louise Mylin at LVNM1@hotmail.com or 727-787-9868.

Biblical TakeAways, led by Claudia Alwood

The adult Sunday School/Bible Study meets every Sunday morning at 10:00am in room 5. We are studying the Parables of Jesus right now in the Synoptic Gospels and the Gospel of John. All are welcome! Bring your Bible.

Our Mission Statement: "Come! Grow! Go!"

We are to COME to Christ and be active in worship and fellowship together.

We are to GROW spiritually as we commit our time, talents and finances to Him.

We are to GO out in mission and service in the name of Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

*Staff members are available to answer any questions you might have regarding church related programs through our office phone system. Provided below are the phone extension numbers for most of our staff who are full-time. If you don't see a phone extension we provide an email contact for you. If you call the church office when the lines are busy or the office is closed, you will be prompted to use the Dial By Name Directory **OR** the staff member's extension number to leave a message. The church number is still 796-8090.*

Chris Curvin, Pastor/Head of Staff x2007
Paul Means, Associate Pastor x2006
Stephanie Carson, Director of Traditional Music x2009
Taryn Lumia, Director of Contemporary Music, taryn@northwoodpc.org
David Furr, Organist, dmfurr35679@gmail.com
Emily Cantin, Director of Communications x2001
Jennifer McManus, Children's Ministry x2002
Mark Fettke, Bookkeeper x2005
Roxane Fineo, Director of Schools x2010

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

March 17, 2024



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 17, 2024
5th Sunday in Lent
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Prelude in D Major” J.K.F. Fischer

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)*

Leader: Happy are the people whose sins are forgiven!
People: God’s forgiveness is poured on them as a healing balm.
Leader: Happy are the people who place their trust in God.
People: God’s presence is their guide and their strength.
Leader: Come, let us worship the God who forgives and heals us.
People: Let us worship God as his dearly beloved children, for by God’s grace this is who we are!

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*HYMN #12 “Immortal Invisible, God Only Wise” ST. DENIO

CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

Almighty God of steadfast love and amazing generosity, in humbleness of heart we come to you, confessing our sin and seeking your cleansing and purifying forgiveness in our lives. Only then can our hearts, our minds and souls be refreshed and renewed; so that we may walk in your ways and worship you in truth and holiness. You do not seek from us a mindless response, but rather, you long for us to return to you in faith, in hope and in love. By your great grace may we live as redeemed and forgiven people whose lives sing forth your praise and glory, 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 “How Deep the Father’s Love For Us” Townend/
arr. Larry Shackley

*How deep the Father’s love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns his face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.
How high, how wide, how deep the Father’s love for us.*

*Behold the Man upon the cross, my sin upon his shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life. I know it is finished.
How pure, how strong, how deep the Father’s love for us.*

*I will not boast of anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.
How high, how wide, how deep the Father’s love for us.
How pure, how strong, how deep the Father’s love for us.*

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

THE INSTALLATION/ORDINATION OF DEACONS & ELDERS

ELDER: *Jill Loomis (11:00) DEACON: *Randy Ball (11:00)

The Statement of Purpose
The Questions to the Candidates
The Questions to the Congregation
The Prayer of Ordination, Installation and Laying on of Hands
The Declaration and Charge ** those being ordained*

*HYMN #213 “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” RATHBUN

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 20:17-28 (NRSV)

SERMON “Christ-Centered Ambition in a Me-First Ambitious World”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #738 “O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee” MARYTON

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Toccata in F Major” Buxtehude

**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*

WELCOME

PRAISE SONG

“Jesus Does”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEET & GREET

PRAISE SONG

“Beautiful Things”

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

“Above All”

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 20:17-28 (NRSV)

SERMON

*“Christ-Centered Ambition in a Me-First Ambitious World”
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SONG OF DEDICATION

“All the People Said Amen”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Taryn Lumia, Director of Contemporary Music

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!