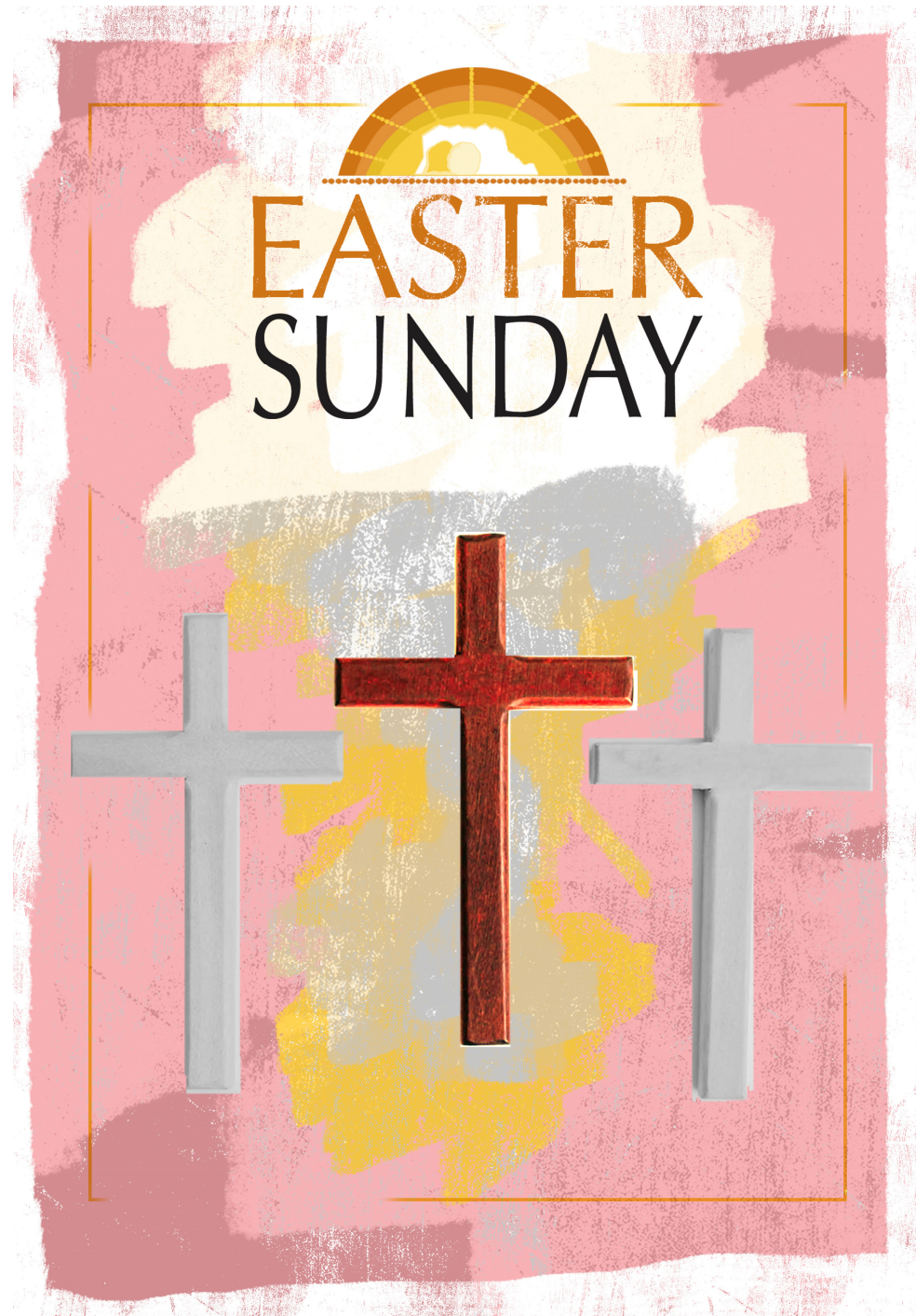


Church Staff Contact Information

*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 our staff. If you don't see a phone extension, other information is listed. 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.*

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EASTER SUNDAY

April 20, 2025 ~ 9:00 A.M.

WELCOME

VIDEO

“Everything Changed”

Skit Guys

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, Alleluia!

Refrain: He is not dead, He is alive! We have this hope in Jesus Christ.

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! *Refrain*

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!

Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Made like Him like Him we rise, Alleluia!

Ours the cross the grave the skies, Alleluia! *Refrain*

“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

VIDEO

“Because of Him”

PRAISE SONG

“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.

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 makes a way
'cause He hung up on that cross, then He rose up from that grave,
my God's still rolling stones away. *Refrain*

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.
Let the house of the Lord sing praise. 2x

Refrain 2x

EASTER MEET & GREET

PRAISE SONG

“My Jesus”

Are you past the point of weary? Is your burden weighing heavy?
Is it all too much to carry? Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.
Do you feel that empty feeling 'cause shame's done all it's stealing?
And you're desperate for some healing, let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.

Refrain: He makes a way where there ain't no way.
Rises up from an empty grave.
Ain't no sinner that He can't save. let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.
His love is strong and His grace is free,
and the good news is I know that He,
can do for you what He's done for me.
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus,
and let my Jesus change your life.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, amen, amen.

Who can wipe away the tears from broken dreams and wasted years,
and tell the past to disappear? Oh, let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.
And all the wrong turns that you would go and undo if you could,
who can work it all for your good? Let me tell you about my Jesus.
Refrain

Who would take my cross to Calvary? Pay the price for all my guilty?
Who would care that much about me? Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.
Refrain

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

PRAISE SONG

“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 its 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 READING

Luke 24:1-12 (NRSVUE)

SERMON *“From an Idol Tale, Hidden Easter Life Revealed”*

Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“My Redeemer Lives”

I know He rescued my soul, His blood has covered my sin.
I believe I believe, my shame He's taken away.
My pain is healed in His name, I believe I believe.
I'll raise a banner, whoa, 'cause my Lord has conquered the grave.

Refrain: My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives.
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives.

I know He rescued my soul, His blood has covered my sin.
I believe I believe, my shame He's taken away.
My pain is healed in His name, I believe I believe.
I'll raise a banner, whoa, 'cause my Lord has conquered the grave.
Refrain 2x

You lift my burdens, I'll rise with You.
I'm dancing on this mountaintop to see Your kingdom come. *Refrain 4x*

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU

Welcome Friends & Guests!

April 20, 2025

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 18th at 9:45am** 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 provided here in our Easter bulletin about what we believe as Christians and take note of all the events listed here and on our church website. If you are visiting today for the first time, we hope you will return and worship with us soon and become involved in our church's fellowship and mission.

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:

Friends of Northwood



FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD TODAY

GREETERS:

Cynthia Lawrence & Susan Hasell

USHERS:

Carol Zieres & Jill Manning

COFFEE SERVERS:

Nancy Turner & Jennifer Carlstedt

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO....

Sunday, April 20:

Anna Hyden

Tuesday, April 22:

Edwin Smith, Garry Justice, Pam Johanssen

Thursday, April 24:

Keith Nadig, Kat Voss

Saturday, April 26:

Diane Lynn, Jassie Lusk, Tom Michaels, Eli Jeffre, Isaac Jeffre

If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven't seen them in church recently, give them a call!

The Project Group– April 22

If you sew, knit, crochet or craft with a mission purpose (e.g. make greeting cards), you are invited! The project group meets the 4th Tuesday of the month (**April 22**) at 10:00am in room 13. We make little dresses for Haiti, lap robes, walker bags, and stuffed teddy bears. New members are always welcome. Contact Marti Huff 727-503-3783 or Evelyn Towns 727-785-3743 with any questions.

Jane Sutton Book Club—April 28

The Jane Sutton Book Club will be April 28th. The group meets the 4th Monday of the month at 10:00am in room 13 of the Christian Education building. If you are interested in joining or for more information, please contact Eleanor Cicerchi at ecicerchi@gmail.com or by phone 607-382-1781.

Northwood Photo Group—May 13

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, May 13th 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 or Curtis Krueger at curtis.krueger@gmail.com.

Kids' Corner Preschool—Registration is OPEN

Registration is currently open for the 2025-2026 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.

Graduating High School Seniors & ALL Graduates!

Attention all graduates, please submit your graduation picture, a short write up of your accomplishments and plans after graduation. This information can be dropped off in the office or e-mailed to communications@northwoodpc.org. Please submit by May 18th.

Northwood Scholarship Application 2025



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 received by email only to: jpspig1@gmail.com before June 1, 2025. 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.

Save the Dates

Please save the dates for these events on your calendar! The Women's Retreat will be held on Jan. 9-11, 2026.

The Annual Music Ministry Garage Sale will be held January 15,16 & 17, 2026

Compassionate Care Card Ministry

When a member is ill or suffers a loss, a deacon sends get well or sympathy cards. Deacon Barbara Forsyth faithfully sends these cards of comfort. If you are aware of someone in need, please contact Barbara at gulfvu@hotmail.com or contact the church office at 727-796-8090.

Prayer Chain Ministry

The prayer chain is a vital ministry that uses the power of multiple people praying at once for the urgent needs of the members and friends of Northwood. During the worship service the attendance form may be completed, which has an area for prayer concerns. These prayer requests are sent to the Deacon in charge of the prayer chain by the Associate Pastor, Paul Means. The Deacon then sends the request out to the Prayer Chain volunteers. Prayer requests may also be given to the church office or Deacon Sue Miskiewicz at susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com

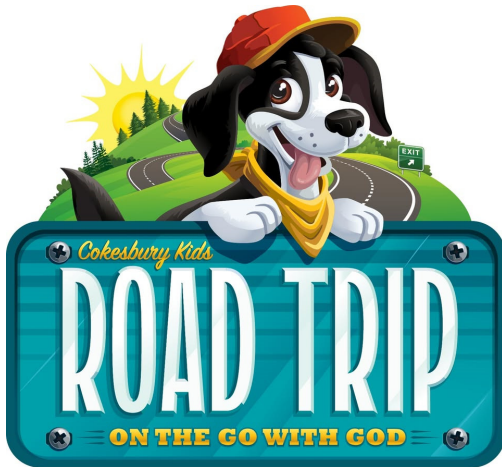
PLEASE NOTE: The office will be closed, **Monday, April 21, 2025**. The office will re-open at 9am on Tuesday, April 22nd.

Youth

Every Sunday morning, the youth, which includes middle school, high school and college age students, will meet for Sunday School at 10:00am in the youth room. Wednesday evening we have Youth Group that meets at 6:00pm in the youth room. Game night is every Friday evening from 7:00pm-10:00pm in the youth room/FLC. If you have any questions, please contact Dylan Cantin at youthdirector@northwoodpc.org or 727-723-5984.

Nursery

The Nursery is available for childcare during both the 9:00am and 11:00am Worship Services. Our staff are screened and trained to provide safe, caring and entertaining supervision to your little ones while you attend Worship. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 727-796-8090 or communications@northwoodpc.org



VBS Save the Date—July 21-25

Northwood Vacation Bible School will be held July 21-25, 2025 from 9:00am - 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

The Presbyterian Women's Sisters in Christ Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 13 at 10:00am in room 5 of the Education Building. Our study books, *"Let Justice Roll Down"* are available for purchase for \$5.00. For more information about how you can be involved, contact Patty Martin or Sue Miskiewicz.

Fresh Brewed,

Fresh Brewed meets on the first Friday of the month at 10:30am in rooms 5&7. Our next meeting will take place May 2nd. The book we are reading is *Seamless*, by Angie Smith. 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 Emily Sutphin & Earle Lusk

This Easter Sunday, we will NOT meet. We will resume next Sunday, April 27th.

Youth Sunday School, led by Dylan Cantin

The youth Sunday School meets every Sunday morning at 10:00am in the youth room. During this time, we will discuss the scripture and message and incorporate worship elements like music into our hour.

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.