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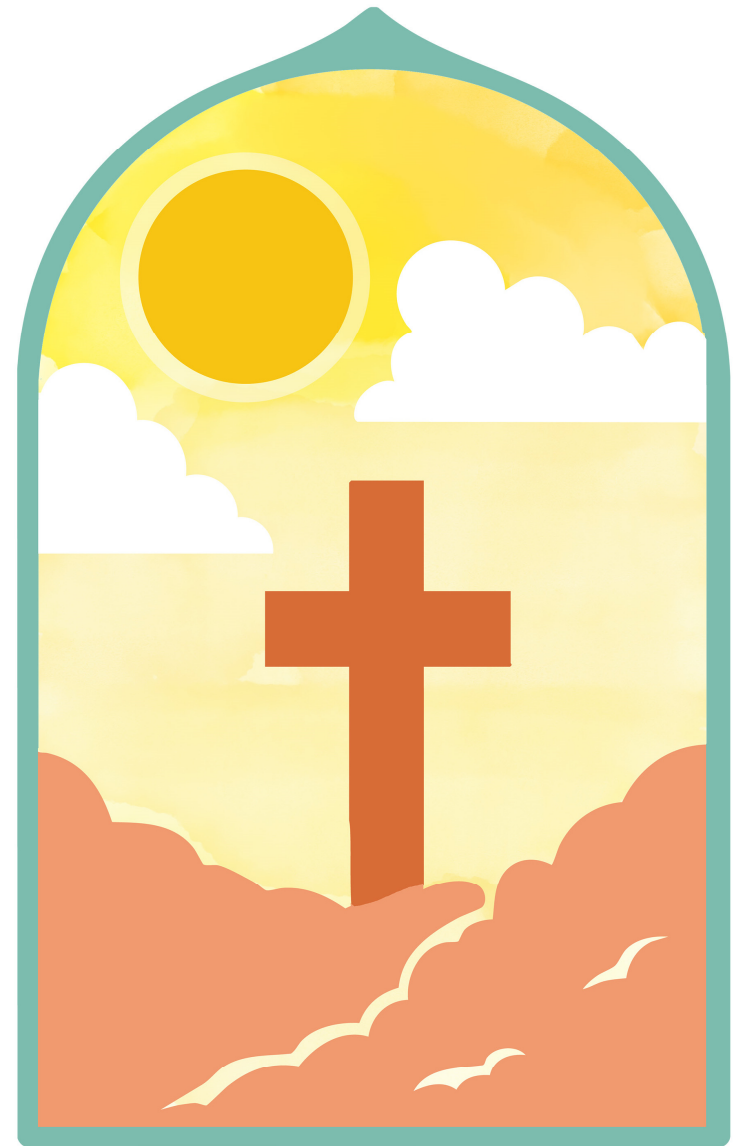
*Staff members are available to answer any questions you might have regarding church related programs through our office phone system. Provided below are the phone extension numbers for our staff. If you don't see a phone extension, other information is listed. If you call the church office when the 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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Christ the Lord
is *Risen* Today

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Contemporary Service

EASTER SUNDAY

April 5, 2026 ~ 9:00 A.M.

WELCOME

VIDEO

“Easter, It’s a New Day”

231 Worship

EASTER GREETING

Leader: The Lord is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed!**

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: **HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

PRAISE SONG “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 2x**

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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIDEO

“Alive”

231 Worship

PRAISE SONG

“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**

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. **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

*(Church offerings are given through the giving stations in the hallway,
online or through the mail. 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 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

John 20:1-18 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

“Miraculous Good News to Share!”

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 3x**

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU

Welcome Friends & Guests!

April 5, 2026

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 17th 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, Florida Presbytery Disaster Assistance Network (FLAPDAN), Mattie Williams & Good Neighbors, and 20% will go to the Presbytery of Tampa Bay. You may use the envelopes in the pews to place in the giving stations. You may also make your gift online with a note that this is a gift for the OGHS offering above your regular pledge or financial gift.

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:

Louise Mylin & Jill Manning

USHERS:

Carol Zieres & Cindy Gamble

COFFEE SERVERS:

Marie & Keith Nadig



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, April 5: Susan Stover
Monday, April 6: Mark Luther, Alexander Turner
Tuesday, April 7: Wilai McNay
Wednesday, April 8: Jerry Cox
Thursday, April 9: Jackie Koski, Phoebe Stark
Friday, April 10: Judy Churchsmith
Saturday, April 11: Pamela Peters, Babs Bailey, Christopher Parker

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

Welcome to Sandy Kallin—Bookkeeper

As we say goodbye to Mark Fettke who has been on staff with us the past 3 years, we welcome Sandy to Northwood! Sandy is a new current resident of Clearwater and comes to us from Anderson, SC where she served as Office Administrator at Central Presbyterian Church. She is very excited to begin her new position as bookkeeper for Northwood. She looks forward to meeting all of you.

Northwood Photo Group—April 14

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.

Fun! Friends! Friday! Ren Crew— April 17

The Ren Crew Friday Fellowship will meet on Friday, March 13th at 10:30 in the Sanctuary. 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," Vicki & Will Parker will provide the program "Iceland—Land of Fire, Ice and Waterfalls". Following the program, we will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. All are welcome! Join us and treat yourself to a Friday filled with fun and friends! For more information, you may contact Earle Lusk at 727-510-7373 or etlusk01@aol.com.

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 17th.

Per-Capita Apportionment

Every church shares in the administrative costs of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) through the annual per capita assessment. Northwood's per-capita assessment is \$40.76 per every active member and confirmed youth (communicant member). Please consider paying this administrative cost above and beyond your annual pledge/offering. You can contribute to the per-capita apportionment at any time during the year. To do so just write "per-capita" on the memo line of your check or mark an envelope accordingly. Thank you for your gift!

Northwood Scholarship Application 2026



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, 2026. 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. 8-10, 2027. The Annual Music Ministry Garage Sale will be held January 14,15 & 16, 2027.

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 6, 2026.** The office will re-open at 9am on Tuesday, April 7th.

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

Children's Church Packets

Children's bulletins/coloring sheets are located in the narthex! This bulletin offers age appropriate coloring pages that relate to the scripture used during worship. Any child may use the bulletins during our worship service. Please return the clipboard and crayons to the basket in the narthex after the service!

Kids' Corner Preschool—Registration is OPEN

Registration is currently open for the 2026-2027 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.

VBS Save the Date—June 22-26

Northwood Vacation Bible School will be held June 22-26, 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.

Get ready to turn your next summer VBS into an unforgettable adventure with *Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS 2026*! This program invites kids to an exciting winter sports event, where they become Challengers, gearing up for frosty games, snowy surprises, and hands-on lessons about resilience and faith. With a unique winter theme and solid theology at its core, this VBS delivers joy and meaning in equal measure, teaching kids that "I can do all things through him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13 NRSV).



ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Biblical TakeAways—10:00am Sundays in Room 8

Led by Emily Sutphin & Earle Lusk, this adult Education Class/Bible Study meets every Sunday morning at 10:00am in room 8. We will continue our 12 week study of the Psalms. All are welcome! Please join us!

Youth Sunday School—10:00am Sundays in the Youth Room

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. 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.

Presbyterian Women—2nd Tuesday of the Month at 10:00am

Led by Patty Martin and Sue Miskiewicz, the Presbyterian Women's Sisters in Christ Circle will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. **Our next meeting will take place April 14th at 10:00am in rooms 5&7.** We are studying "*Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*" by Rhashell D. Hunter. For more information about how you can be involved, contact Patty Martin at bill.martin2@verizon.net or Sue Miskiewicz at susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com.

Fresh Brewed—First Friday of the Month at 10:30am

Fresh Brewed meets on the first Friday of the month at 10:30am in rooms 5&7. **Our next meeting will take place May 1st.** Our book study is "One Thousand Gifts" by Ann Voskamp. If you have any questions or need a book, please contact Louise Mylin at LVNM1@hotmail.com or 727-787-9868.

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.