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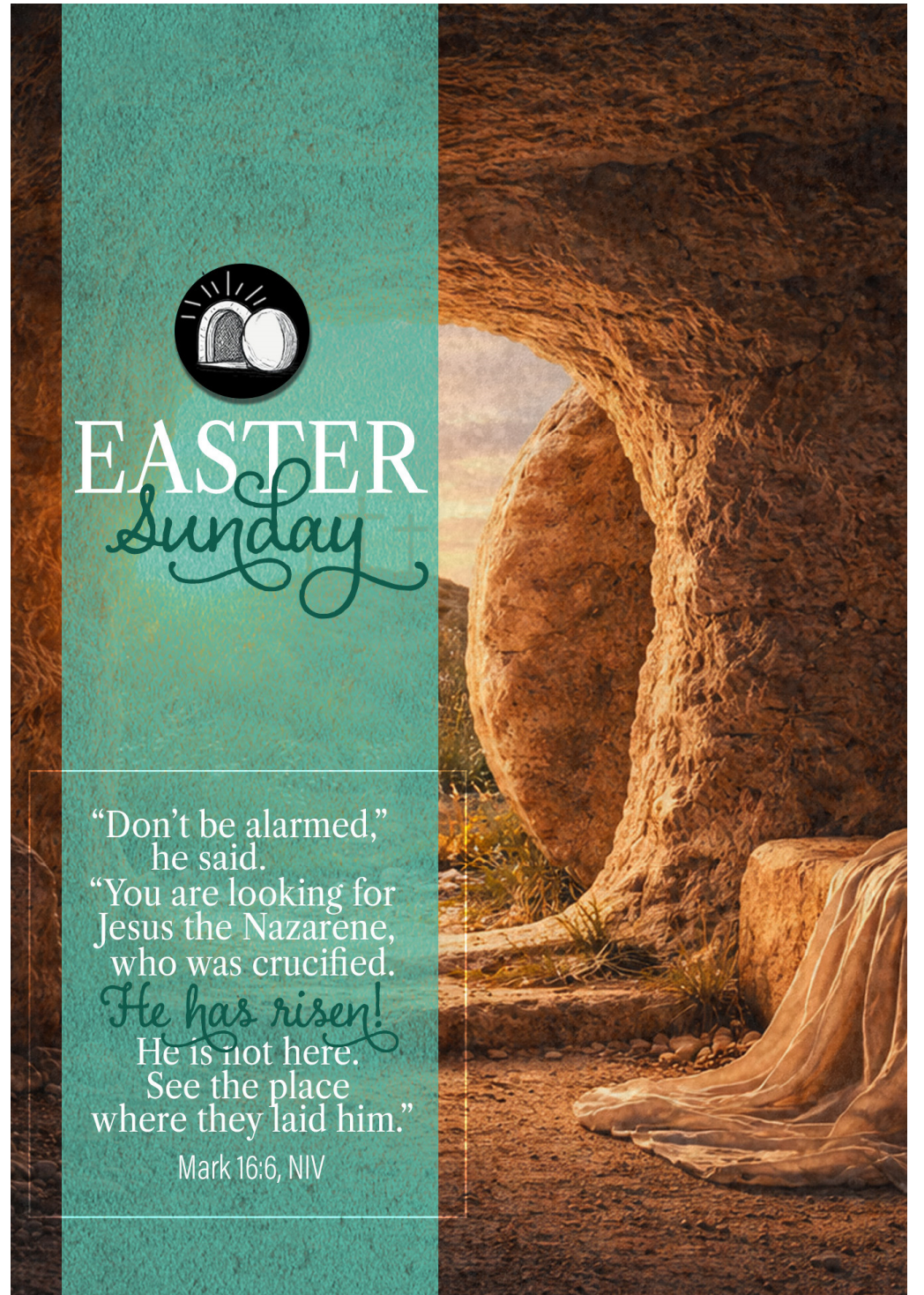
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EASTER *Sunday*

“Don’t be alarmed,”
he said.
“You are looking for
Jesus the Nazarene,
who was crucified.
He has risen!
He is not here.
See the place
where they laid him.”

Mark 16:6, NIV





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EASTER SUNDAY April 5, 2026 ~ 11:00 AM

WE COME TO WORSHIP

(Let us quietly prepare our hearts for worship during the opening voluntary)

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Crown Him With Many Crowns” arr. Lloyd Larson
 Brass Quartet & Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

EASTER GREETING *(Responsive)*

Leader: The Lord is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: HE IS RISEN INDEED!

*PASSING THE PEACE OF THE RISEN LORD

(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET” and leave it where seated.)

*HYMN “Fanfare and Hymn for the Risen Savior” arr. Allen Pote

*Choir only: Living Lord and risen Savior, Exaltation fills the air,
Blackest night gives birth to morning in a dawning bright and fair.
Living Lord and risen Savior, on this wondrous day of days.
Everywhere Your people gather, giving You their Easter praise!*

**All: Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!**

**Loves redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!**

**Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where’s thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!**

**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!**

*Choir only: Living Lord and risen Savior, in Your victory we share.
Yours the triumph! Yours the glory! You are honored everywhere.
You have paved the way to heaven. You have forged a pathway through.
You have conquered death forever. We now live because of You. Amen!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

Mighty God: by your power is Christ raised from death to rule this world with love. We confess that we have not believed in Him but fall into doubt and fear. Forgive our dread of dying, our hopelessness, and set us free for joy in the victory of Jesus Christ, who was dead but lives, and will put down every power to hurt or destroy, when your promised kingdom comes. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #236

VICTORY

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

ANTHEM

“Joy In the Morning”

Natalie Sleeth

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*(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.)*

*HYMN #233

“The Day of Resurrection!”

LANCASHIRE

**The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin’s dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.**

**Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own “All hail!” and hearing, may raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin;
the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-18 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

“Miraculous Good News to Share!”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #248 “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!” HYMN TO JOY
*(During the singing of the final hymn, please come forward to get a copy of “Hallelujah”
and join the choir in the loft to sing praises to our Risen Lord!)*

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Hallelujah” G.F. Handel
(No. 44 Chorus from Messiah)

**Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.*

Stephanie Carson, Traditional Worship; David Furr, Organist

Brass Quintet:

Trumpet: Emily Cantin & John Habib
Trombone: Dylan Cantin & Kimathi Thomas

Youth Handbell Ringers:

Ellis Cantin, Aaron McDermott, Skylar Weidner

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.

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!

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by:



Friends of Northwood



FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD TODAY

GREETERS:

Lois Harber & Barb Bozinski

USHERS:

Mary Kreuziger & Tim Beaver

COFFEE SERVERS:

Joan Ross & Leslie Henley

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 *ChurchLife* app menu options.

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.

Welcome to Sandy Kallin—Bookkeeper

As we say goodbye to Mark Fettke who has been on staff with us the past 3 years and has been planning to retire since last summer, 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 and bookkeeper at Central Presbyterian Church. She is very excited to begin her new position as bookkeeper for Northwood.

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!

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. Your kids will be guided daily by your energetic Activities Director and the lovable Ollie the Arctic Seal puppet, who is reporting on the events. Challengers aren't just playing games; they learn to draw strength from their faith through powerful stories of courage and hope. 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). Transform your program into a mountain-top experience filled with laughter, life lessons, and lasting faith. Transform your VBS experience with Snowball Mountain Challenge and watch your kids find their strength in God!

Learn about Being Presbyterian

What is a Presbyterian?

In the New Testament, “Presbuteros” means elder, and refers to the democratic custom of choosing leaders and advisors from among the members of the church.

Presbyterians are a group of Protestants whose church is founded on this concept of democratic rule under the Word of God. The Presbyterian denomination is a form of Christianity democratically organized to embrace the faith common to all Christians.

All that is required to be a Presbyterian is to...

- Confess the Christian faith
- Trust in Christ as our forgiving Savior
- Promise to follow Christ and Christ’s example for living
- Commit oneself to attend church and to become involved in its work.

Presbyterians have two main sources for inspiration and guidance in their faith:

1. The Bible: The Bible is an inspired record of the revelation of God to all. Presbyterians have always believed that the Bible is the most authoritative source for faith and practice for all people. Presbyterians do not believe that the authors of the Bible were “pens of God” as the pre-Christian writers believed. Instead, they believe the authors were inspired by God to reveal God to all people.
2. Creeds & Confessions: These are statements of doctrine that express the beliefs of a church or congregation. They include:
 - The Apostles’ Creed
 - The Nicene Creed
 - The Scots Confession, 1560
 - The Heidelberg Catechism
 - The Second Helvetic Confession
 - And others

Presbyterians recognize two Sacraments—as described in the Bible.

1. Baptism: This sacrament unites us with Jesus Christ and makes us members of God’s family, the Church. For Presbyterians, baptism...
 - Is an initiation into the church community, as ordered by Christ
 - Is a public confession, not a private one—it’s a statement of faith made in the presence of others
 - Does not guarantee access to heaven—un-baptized people are not denied salvation
 - Can be performed in another church—there is no need to be re-baptized in a Presbyterian Church.
2. Communion: This is also called the Lord’s Supper, Holy Communion or the Eucharist. It’s a time to renew faith and strengthen participants for the duties and privileges of Christian service. In communion, the bread and the wine represent the sacrificial body and blood of Christ and recall the last meal shared with the apostles. Together they symbolize the new covenant between God and all people.

To learn more about what it means to be a Presbyterian, and a member of Northwood, please join us for our Discovering Northwood New Member Class May 12th at 10:00 am in Room 4 of the Christian Education Building.

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 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
Stephanie Carson, Director of Traditional Music x2009
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