

Large Print Announcements

Announcements– September 24, 2023

WELCOME GUESTS!

Welcome to Northwood and welcome to those watching online! Let us know of prayer requests by filling out the friendship sheet or through the church website, and seek to give online, by text, by mail or through offering boxes located in the narthex. Contact our church office at communications@northwoodpc.org if you are interested in how to do all the above or wish to become a member or learn more about us. WELCOME!

Discovering Northwood Presentation—TODAY

A Discovering Northwood presentation will be held TODAY in Room 4 from **10:00am to 11:00am** for those wishing to learn more about Northwood and consider church membership. Please know you are welcome to attend if you have been visiting us online in worship. We hope to see you there!

Peace & Global Witness Offering— Oct 1

Next Sunday, October 1st, we will receive the annual Peacemaking Offering. Eighty percent of the offering will be divided between Bridging Freedom and Samaritan Village, both organizations fighting against the sex trafficking of women and providing victims safety, healing and hope. The PCUSA will receive 20% of the offering. Let us give generously for Jesus' sake!

Fun! Friends! Friday! The Ren Crew—Oct. 13

The Ren Crew Friday Fellowship will meet on Friday, October 13th at 10:30 in rooms 11 & 13. 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," Earle & Jessie Lusk will provide the program, "The Beauty and Wonder of Australia and New Zealand." Following the program, we will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. All are welcome! Transportation is gladly provided for those needing a ride. Join us and treat yourself to a Friday filled with fun and friends! For more information, you may contact Pastor Paul Means at paul@northwoodpc.org.



Welcome Taryn Lumia– Director of Contemporary Worship

Greetings, Northwood! My name is Taryn Lumia and I'm looking forward to coming on board as your new Director of Contemporary Worship! A little about me, I am a longtime resident of the Tampa Bay Area who holds master's and bachelor's degrees in Music Performance. With nearly 25 years of experience in music ministry, I am honored to have spent the past wonderful thirteen years as a church music director at Tims Memorial Presbyterian Church (Lutz Community Church) in Lutz and currently St. John Vianney Catholic Church and School in St. Pete Beach, where I also teach music and drama and direct musical theatre productions for middle school! In addition to teaching and music ministry, I recently directed the music for a full production of Beauty and the Beast at the Tarpon Springs Performing Arts Center, where I enjoyed playing the role of Belle! Other community performances include performing the role of Maria in The Sound of Music with Tarpon Arts, singing the National Anthem for the Tampa Bay Rays, the Lightning and the International Softball Federation, and performing in opera productions with St. Pete Opera and USF Opera. I have enjoyed singing with the USF Chamber Singers, The Florida Orchestra and with the Florida Pro Musica chamber choir, as well as giving pop and country music concerts at the Florida Strawberry Festival and local church carnivals! My husband Chris and I have two sweet little girls, Carley (6) and Cami (3), and we have enjoyed coming to Northwood together as a family in the past since moving to Clearwater in 2013! I am excited that God has called me to serve and worship with you all, and look forward to getting to know the Northwood family better and to spreading God's amazing messages through music with you!

The Project Group– September 26

We have new members and new projects that we are working on during our meetings and at home. 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 (**September 26th**) 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.

Nominating Committee

NOMINATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED. Do you know of someone you would like to see serving as Elder or Deacon and 2024 nominating committee? The Nominating Committee will accept nominations for Church Officers now through November 5. Remember to get the person's permission before nominating them. Nomination forms may be returned to the church office.

I have the permission of

to nominate him/her for the office of

Elder or Deacon or Nominating Committee 2024

(Please circle one)

Nominating Committee: Kim Blackmore, Rachelle Cox, Susan Gajentan,
Dennis Rasmussen

Cedarkirk WOMENS Retreat—Save the Date!

Leave your worries (and chores) behind! Join the ladies of Northwood for a spirit-filled weekend of fellowship, games, crafts and canoeing. We're excited to announce that Rosalie Pareja will once again be joining us as our speaker. You won't want to miss this amazing weekend! Reservation forms are available at the church office.

Cedarkirk All-Church Retreat

The annual Cedarkirk All-Church Retreat will be October 20-22. Brochures can be found on the table in the narthex or in the church office. Deposits with room requests are being accepted starting today. Also, save the date for the Women's Retreat – Jan. 26-28, 2024!

Fellowship Groups (formerly Dinner for 6,7,8)

Northwood Presbyterian Church Fellowship Groups for small group dinners are being reorganized. For information or to sign up, contact Claudia Alwood, 727-992-7769 (best is text) or cjalwood@msn.com

Kings' Kids—Every Wednesday

Kings' Kids is our Wednesday program for children ages 3 through 5th grade. We began our season last week and will continue every Wednesday from 4:00-5:30pm. All children are invited! For more information, contact Karlee Wright childrensministry@northwoodpc.org.

Children's Church Packets

Children's Bulletins are located in the narthex! This bulletin offers age appropriate interactive worksheets and 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!

Nursery & Sunday School for Children

Infants and toddlers ages 3 and under are provided care in our nursery during the entire Worship Service, and/or if you have children ages 4 years old—5th grade that would like to attend Sunday School, please email Karlee Wright at childrensministry@northwoodpc.org if you are interested or have any questions.

Email Scam Alert

You may be aware that some of our members, and even our church staff, have received scam emails, that appear to be from Pastor Chris and others by email. The emails scams of financial help often come in the request for you to purchase gift cards. Our pastors do NOT send these emails. This email scam is also happening to pastors in other churches across the nation at this point. Please know that your pastors and the church staff will never solicit any funds in this manner. Simply forward the message of such a request to the church office so that we can collect them for the police. It saddens us when anyone seeks to do harm but especially when they prey on the kindness and Christ-like hearts of our members. Be aware of scams by email and phone calls!

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. 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

Memorial Gifts

If you wish to make a gift to the church in honor or in memory of someone, please be sure to attach the blue Memorial Gifts form to your contribution. Completing the form ensures that we have all the information necessary to properly direct the gift and acknowledge it to both you and the recipient. Forms are located near the memorial book in the Narthex or in the Church Office. Thank you for your assistance.

Hurricane Ministry

The Hurricane Ministry of our church's Board of Deacons assists members in need of temporary housing during or after hurricanes or severe tropical storms. If you are able to share your home with members-in-need, please contact Mickey Stewart at walkey1a@outlook.com or the church office at 727-796-8090. If emailing, please use the subject "Hurricane Volunteer." Please include your name, address, phone number, email address, number of people you can accommodate, and whether you have pets.

With hurricane season approaching, we are all encouraged to prepare for a possible storm. A source for weather advisories is:

<https://www.baynews9.com/fl/tampa/weather>.

This guide has valuable information for Pinellas County

<http://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/>.

Flower Arrangements

The flowers that are placed in the sanctuary are assembled into smaller arrangements to be distributed to those who are ill or in need of encouragement. If you know someone in need, you are welcome to take one of these arrangements. They can be picked up between 12:15-12:30 on Sunday in the kitchen.

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 \$35.61 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.

Attendance for 9/17/23 Livestream & In-Person

In-Person Contemporary— 47 In-Person Traditional— 90

Livestream from the Church Website: Contemporary— 43

Traditional— 43

Facebook Live: 98 views for Traditional Service Total: 321

If you have technical difficulties viewing the online services please view in the church livestreaming archives the next day as that is working well. You can call the church office and ask for help you if you are having trouble viewing. We encourage you to ask for help!

Citylight Schedule

Sunday 9/24

9:00 am - Contemporary Service

10: 05 am - 11:00 am - Sunday School

11:00 am - Traditional Service

Wednesday 9/27

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Citynight

Friday 9/28

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Game Night

Sunday 10/1

9:00 am - Contemporary Service

10: 05 am - 11:00 am - Sunday School

11:00 am - Traditional Service

Follow the link to view our weekly email:

<https://mailchi.mp/1d6903e431d8/citylightupdate322022-13531984>