



# NORTHWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## EASTER SUNDAY March 31, 2024 ~ 11:00 AM

### WE COME TO WORSHIP

*(Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins. Please silence electronic devices.)*

OPENING VOLUNTARY      “Thine Is the Glory”      arr. Stephen Walter  
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 #232      “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”      EASTER HYMN  
**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!**  
**Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!**  
**Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinner to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!**  
**Now above the sky He’s King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God’s love, Alleluia!**  
**Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

CALL TO CONFESSION      Paul Means, Associate Pastor

### 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      “Crown Him with Many Crowns”      arr. Mary McDonald

*Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne!*  
*Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own:*  
*Awake my soul and sing of Him who died for thee,*  
*And crown Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.*

*Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o’er the grave,*  
*And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save;*  
*His glories now we sing Who died, and rose on high,*  
*Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.*

*Crown him the Lord of peace, Crown him the Lord of Love,*  
*Crown Him the Lord of life, Crown Him the Lord of Love!*

*Crown Him the Lord of love, behold His hands and side,*  
*Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:*  
*All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me:*  
*Thy praise and glory shall not fail Throughout eternity.*  
*Crown Him Lord of all!*

### OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN

*(Children ages 3 years-2nd grade, are welcome to remain in services with their parents.*  
*The nursery is available for younger children.)*

### 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

*(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 READINGS

1 Corinthians 15:12-26 (NRSV)  
John 20:1-18 (NRSV)

SERMON

“Voices In the Dark”  
Chris Curvin, Pastor

## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN

## “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

DUKE STREET  
arr. Lloyd Larson

**I know that my Redeemer lives: What joy the blest assurance gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my everlasting Head!**

**He lives, to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above;  
He lives, my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.**

**He lives, and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives, my future to prepare; He lives, to bring me safely there.**

**He lives, all glory to His Name; He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
What joy the blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!**

\*BENEDICTION

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Hallelujah”  
(No. 44 Chorus *from Messiah*)

G.F. Handel

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

Stephanie Carson, Traditional Worship; David Furr, Organist

**Brass Quintet:**

Trumpet: Ben Tobin & John Habib

**Trombone:** Landon Ellenberg & Dylan Cantin

*Welcome Friends & Guests!*

March 31, 2024

*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 12th at 10:00AM** 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.

### **BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO....**

**Sunday, March 31:** Lynn Propst  
**Monday, April 1:** Ed Lyon  
**Tuesday, April 2:** Jackie Kovilaritch  
**Wednesday, April 3:** Janice Ridgeway, Colin Means  
**Thursday, April 4:** Sue Walker, Jack Mattson  
**Friday, April 5:** Susan Stover  
**Saturday, April 6:** Mark Luther, Alexander Turner

*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 Loving Memory of John*



**Terry & Peggy Steele**  
*In Loving Memory of Our Mothers  
Maxine Steele & Zella Morris*

### **FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD TODAY**

**GREETERS:**  
Lois Harber & Barb Forsyth

**USHERS:**  
Carol & Conrad Trunzo

### 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](http://www.northwoodpc.org) and click on the giving tab.
3. Click "Give" under the *ChurchLife* app menu options.

## 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.

### **Fun! Friends! Friday! Ren Crew— April 12**

The Ren Crew Friday Fellowship will meet on Friday, April 12th 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,” Dave and Cynthia Lawrence will provide the program “Jewels of the Adriatic—Croatia, Slovenia & Montenegro.” Following the program we will enjoy lunch at Chili’s in Clearwater. All are welcome! Join us and treat yourself to a Friday filled with fun and friends! For more information, you may contact Pastor Paul Means at 727-796- 8090 or [paul@northwoodpc.org](mailto:paul@northwoodpc.org).

### **Northwood Photo Group—April 9th**

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, April 9th 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](mailto:david@primeimagesinc.com) or Curtis Krueger at [curtis.krueger@gmail.com](mailto:curtis.krueger@gmail.com).

### **Kids’ Corner Preschool—Registration is OPEN**

Registration is currently open for the 2024-2025 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](mailto:schooldirector@northwoodpc.org).

### **Landscaping Group & BBQ—April 13, 8am-1pm**

Calling all friends, fellow Christians and green thumb enthusiasts! Saturday, April 13th, from 8:00am-1:00pm, Northwood will be hosting our first landscaping clean-up and fertilization day to help maintain our beautiful campus. Please do not feel you need to stay the whole day. Come when it’s convenient for you and you’ll receive tasks to help make way for our healthy plants, lawn and garden. At 1:00pm we will have a pot-luck lunch at the west lawn picnic tables. If you plan to attend lunch, please bring a favorite side dish or dessert. Ritchie will be smoking bar-b-que chicken on site. Let us know if you have an interest in joining us so that we may plan appropriately. Please contact Leslie Henley if interested at [leslianne1968@icloud.com](mailto:leslianne1968@icloud.com)

### **Children’s Sunday School**

In observance of Holy Week, Children's Sunday School will not be held on Palm Sunday (March 24th) or Easter Sunday (March 31st) so that families may attend those Worship services together. During these Sundays, Jennifer will have an information table in the narthex so that interested families can stop by and learn more about all the Children's programs offered here at Northwood. Children's Sunday School will resume on April 7th.

### **Nursery**

The Nursery is available for childcare during both the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services. Our staff are screened and trained to provide safe, caring and entertaining supervision to your little ones while you attend Worship.

### **King’s Kids**

Our Spring 2024 King’s Kids Session will be held on Wednesdays from 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m., March 20<sup>th</sup> – May 8<sup>th</sup>. Join our group of adventurers as we discover New Testament stories of Jesus’ amazing ministry through interactive lessons, crafts, and other fun activities. Ages 4 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**For registration or information, please contact:  
Jennifer McManus, Director of Children’s Ministry  
[childrensministry@northwoodpc.org](mailto:childrensministry@northwoodpc.org)  
727-796-8090 x2002**



### **VBS Save the Date—July 15-19**

Northwood Vacation Bible School

July 15-19, 2024—9:00 am - 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.

## 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

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

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