



## EASTER SUNDAY

March 31, 2024 ~ 9:00 A.M.

### WELCOME

### EASTER GREETING

Leader: The Lord is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed!**

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

### PRAISE SONGS

#### “Stand Up”

Stand up, sing for the Lord. Sing for His mercy, sing for His love.  
Stand up, and reach to the sky. Catch His Spirit and you'll never, never die.  
Stand up, don't be afraid. It's time we understand the promise He made.  
Stand up and shout out loud. We've got a Savior, so be proud.

Keep your head up, keep your dream alive.  
Face your fears and stare them in the eye.  
He made a promise to lead us to salvation.  
If you believe it then feel it in your soul and... *Refrain*

There's something happenin' can you feel it can you see it.  
His Spirit's all around us and it's taking control.  
The temperature is rising, about to explode.  
So get up on your feet and raise your hands to the Lord and... *Refrain*

Let's keep this place a rockin', keep it alive.  
And celebrate the faith not even money can buy.  
So reach out to your brothers, reach out to your friends.  
And reach out to the Lord so he can fill you again. *Refrain*

If you feel it in your heart, feel it in your soul,  
Feel it for each other, then praise the risen Lord. 4x

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Stand Up!

#### “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

#### “Graves Into Gardens”

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me man's empty praise,  
and treasures that fade are never enough.

Then you came along and put me back together,  
and every desire is now satisfied here in your love (hey).

**Refrain:** Oh, there's nothing better than you.  
There's nothing better than you.  
Lord, there's nothing. Nothing is better than you.

I'm not afraid to show you my weakness my failures and flaws.  
Lord, you've seen 'em all and you still call me friend.

'Cause the God of the mountain is the God of the valley there's not a place  
your mercy and grace won't find me again. **Refrain 2x**

You turn mourning to dancing. You give beauty for ashes.  
You turn shame into glory. You're the only one who can.  
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You turn shame into glory. You're the only one who can.

You turn graves into gardens. You turn bones into armies.  
You turn seas into highways. You're the only one who can.  
You're the only one who can.  
Oh, there's nothing better than you. There's nothing better than you.  
Lord, there's nothing. Nothing is better than You. **Refrain**

You turn graves into gardens. You turn bones into armies  
You turn seas into highways. You're the only one who can. **Repeat 2x**

## **EASTER MEET & GREET**

### ***"At the Cross/Love Ran Red"***

There's a place where mercy reigns and never dies.  
There's a place where streams of grace flow deep and wide.  
Where all the love I've ever found, comes like a flood, comes flowing down.

**Refrain:** At the cross, at the cross I surrender my life,  
I'm in awe of you, I'm in awe of you.  
Where your love ran red and my sin washed white,  
I owe all to you, I owe all to you, Jesus.

There's a place where sin and shame are powerless.  
Where my heart has peace with God and forgiveness.  
Where all the love I've ever found, comes like a flood, comes flowing down. **Refrain**

Here my hope is found, here on holy ground,  
here I bow down, here I bow down.  
Here arms open wide, here you save my life,  
here I bow down, here I bow down. **Refrain**

I owe all to You. I owe all to You, Jesus (oh)  
Where Your love ran red. Your love ran red.

## **SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER**

### **CALL TO OFFERING**

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

### ***"Miracles"***

The One who made the blind to see, is moving here in front of me.  
Moving here in front of me, the One who made the deaf to hear.  
Is silencing my every fear, silencing my every fear.

**Refrain:** I believe in you. I believe in you. You're the God of miracles.  
I believe in you. I believe in you. You're the God of miracles.

The One who does impossible, is reaching out to make me whole.  
Reaching out to make me whole, the One who put death in its place.  
His life is flowing through my veins, life is flowing through my veins. **Refrain 2x**

The God who was and is to come, the power of the Risen One.  
The God who brings the dead to life, you're the God of miracles.  
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The God who was and is to come, the power of the Risen One.  
The God who brings the dead to life, you're the God of miracles.  
The God of miracles! **Refrain 3x**

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

1 Corinthians 15:12-26 (NRSV)

John 20:1-18(NRSV)

## **SERMON**

*"Voices in the Dark"*

Chris Curvin, Pastor

## **SONG OF DEDICATION**

### ***"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?

He is risen! Christ is risen! Alleluia! He is risen! Christ is risen! Alleluia!  
We will give Him all the glory! Alleluia! He is worthy! He is holy! Alleluia!

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!

He is risen! Christ is risen! Alleluia! He is risen! Christ is risen! Alleluia!  
He is risen! Christ is risen! Alleluia! He is risen! Christ is risen! Alleluia!

## **GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU**

## 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.

### 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 *Church-Life app* menu options.

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

**Jean Swintek  
In Loving Memory of John**

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



### FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD TODAY

**GREETERS:**  
Georgia Rounding

**USHERS:**  
Curtis & Vicki Krueger

## 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!*

### **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.

### **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 potluck 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).

### **Compassionate Care Cards Ministry**

When a member is ill or suffers a loss, a Deacon sends get-well or sympathy cards. Deacon Carol Rathmell faithfully sends these cards of comfort. If you would like to send a greeting card to someone you know for any occasion, please feel free to pick up a greeting card on the rack located in the church library. If you have any questions, please contact the church office or Carol at [csrathmell@aol.com](mailto:csrathmell@aol.com)

### **Northwood’s Got Talent!—May 19th at 4pm**

Come and join us and make your Sunday afternoon a little brighter with a fun afternoon of entertainment! Our wonderful performances of talented & untalented persons will be held on Sunday, May 19th at 4:00 PM in the sanctuary. You don’t want to miss it. Right after the talent show, we will be serving pizza, salad, cookies & drinks in the fellowship hall! See you then!

### **Cedarkirk Retreats—Save the Dates**

Please save the dates for these Cedarkirk events on your calendar! The Fall Church Retreat will be held on Oct. 11-13, 2024 and the Women's Retreat will be held on Jan. 17-19, 2025. Registration info for the Fall Retreat will be available in May.

### **Northwood Scholarship Application 2024**



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 returned to JoAnne Spigarelli @ [jpspig1@gmail.com](mailto:jpspig1@gmail.com). Applications must be received by June 1, 2024.** Applications will not be accepted in the church office. 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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The office will be closed, **Monday, April 1, 2024.** The office will re-open at 9am on Tuesday, April 2nd.

### 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 – May 8. 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. 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.

## 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](mailto: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.