

HYMN NOTES:

“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing!” (246)

This text by Brian Wren was written in 1968 with some revisions of stanzas 3 and 5 later. It was written for Wren’s congregation and their Easter worship that was just ten days after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The hymn pictures the resurrected Christ as deeply involved in the life and pain of humanity and not remote from us. Wren has been called the most successful English hymn writer since Charles Wesley. For more than four decades now, this hymn text has undergone changes (with the author’s blessing) that show both the maturing and accommodation of hymn writing to be inclusive in regard to people. It also reflects the beginnings of a concern in the USA for the nonsexist rendering of forms of address and metaphors for deity.

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



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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO....



- Sunday, May 1st:** Altha Long, Richard Smith
- Monday, May 2nd:** Steven Lawrence Jr
- Tuesday, May 3rd:** Melissa Schultz, Sophie Dietrich
- Wednesday, May 4th:** Fred Inkles, Barbara Jeffrey
- Thursday, May 5th:** Juanita Hickey, Laura Hortobagyi
- Friday, May 6th:** Joyce Curvin, Trish Cole
- Saturday, May 7th:** Jenny Carlstedt, Taylor Lyons, Sarah Birch

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

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

ACOLYTE:

- (8:15) Nyden Rodewald
- (11:00) James Birch



GREETERS:

- (8:15) Charlotte & Fred McQuown
- (11:00) Martha & Ken Tobiassen

USHERS:

- (8:15) Don & Polly Hamilton
- Gene Baker, Bob MacFall
- (9:30) Candy & Rich Spoenlein



VAN DRIVER: Ed Puschmann

MUSIC DIRECTORS: Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY NEWS

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (15/16 School Year)
Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for children’s worship with Justine Ruisz.

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-VPK (15/16 School Year), Room 3 with Melissa Long & Joyce Curvin.

Kindergarten- 2nd Grades, Room 2

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Justine Ruisz & Alice Ellis.

3rd-4th Grades, Room 8

Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 8 with Kathleen & Todd Pope.

5th Grade, Room 12

Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 12 with Andy & Stephanie Strelcheck.

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (15/16 School Year), Children may remain in worship with their family or join us in room 3 for children’s worship with Barbara Englehart & Nancy Stevens.

Parents, if you wish for your children to receive communion please have them remain with you in the worship service on Communion Sundays. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Elder Dawn Winder, Chair of Worship Team.

9:30 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

On the 1st Sunday we will meet in the Ignite service to enjoy worship and communion together. Middle and High Sunday School will be in the Youth Room on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 AM Serendipity Class

All are welcome to join us in rooms 13 & 15 for our continued study of Psalms. Lead by Bob Meier.

9:30 AM TCI Sunday School Class (Today’s Christian Issues)

This week the TCI Class will enter into discussion with Dr. Walter Anderson, the Executive Director of FEAST, the food bank for northern Pinellas County. Dr. Anderson is a licensed clinical psychologist who retired more than ten years ago to Florida. He started as a volunteer. He will involve the class in the problems and heartaches of feeding a growing number of people who have never been out of work before. Coffee and cookies will be available for the class. Rooms 9 and 11 at 9:30.

11:00 AM Experiencing God Class

Join us in room 15 as we explore 10 key beliefs, practices and virtues of Christian faith. Our goal: how to think, act and be more like Jesus.

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Church

May 1, 2016

A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

(About "A Brief Statement of Faith") The Presbyterian Church is a confessional church. This means that while the Scriptures remain our final authority in matters of faith and practice, we affirm that the church of Jesus Christ has produced powerful, abbreviated statements of faith to guide and instruct the faithful over the past 2,000 years. Our earliest doctrinal statement, The Apostles' Creed, dates, in part, to the second century. One of our most recent confessional statements, A Brief Statement of Faith, was written in the 1980's. We are reading today only section "2" from A Brief Statement of Faith. This confession, in its entirety, can be found on page 37 in our hymnbook.

Ministers: All Members of the Church

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor
Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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Order for the Public Worship of God
May 1, 2016
6th Sunday of Easter
8:15 & 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service

WE GATHER

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

CALL TO WORSHIP *(together)*

Our Lord Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing!” arr. Jonathan Reuss
(based on the opening hymn #246)

(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION— Christian Education

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle.)

***HYMN #246** “Christ Is Alive!” TRURO
Lindsey Peterson & Heather Wood, Handbells

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

Almighty God: You love us, but we have not loved You. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We have gone along with evil, with prejudice, and greed. God our Father, help us to face up to ourselves, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581** GLORIA PATRI
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

***A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH** *(together, on front cover)*

ANTHEM “Crown Him King of Kings” J.S. Bach/arr. Hal H. Hopson

*Crown Him King of Kings, and Lord of Lords;
Shout and sing to God the mighty Lord.
Shout to God, the Lord, O sing His praises. All ye heavens,
All the earth, shout and sing to God, the mighty Lord.*

*Truth, unchanging is His law. In His justice we rejoice.
Praise His name in joyful voice. Sing to God, the mighty Lord.
Shout and sing to God, the mighty Lord with joyful heart and voice.
In humility we bow in thanks for all His tender love.*

OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN Justine Ruisz, Director of
Children’s Ministries
(Children may remain in service with family or join in room 3 for children’s worship.)

(11:00) CELESTIAL ORFF ENSEMBLE

“The Vine and the Fig Tree” arr. Shirley W. McRae
Celestial Orff Ensemble (4th & 5th grade)
*And everyone ‘neath the vine and fig tree, shall live in peace and unafraid.
And into plowshares turn their swords, nations shall learn war no more.*

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING “For the Bread Which You Have Broken”
arr. David Cherwien

***DOXOLOGY—#606** OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING John 5:1-16 *(page 866)*

SERMON “Keep Your Eye on the Ball” Chris Curvin, Pastor

***HYMN #511** “Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven” LLANFAIR

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF THE CUP; THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(To symbolize our unity in Christ, we hold the bread until the Elders and Deacons are served and then all partake as one body. To symbolize our personal relationship with the Lord, we drink of the cup, as the Spirit leads.)

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

“Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior, Thee” arr. Charles Callahan
(based on the communion hymn at #495)

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #516** “For the Bread Which You Have Broken” KINGDOM

***BENEDICTION**

(8:15) CELESTIAL ORFF ENSEMBLE

“The Vine and the Fig Tree” arr. Shirley W. McRae
Celestial Orff Ensemble (4th & 5th grade)
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CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Festival Voluntary on TRURO” Franklin W. Ashdown
(based on the opening hymn #246)

(The closing voluntary is the final act of worship. If you must leave before the end of the service, please respect those who are listening and leave quietly.)

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

ignite

ignite is a contemporary worship service at 9:30 that delivers the message of Jesus Christ through Powerful Music, Media & Scripture Based Sermons.

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME

PRAISE SONG

“Grace Wins”

“Nothing Ever Could Separate Us”

MEET & GREET

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION— ADULT EDUCATION

Spencer Briggs

“The Vine and the Fig Tree” arr. Shirley W. McRae

Celestial Orff Ensemble (4th & 5th grade)

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And into plowshares turn their swords, nations shall learn war no more.

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

(5th Grade Children move to Sunday School)

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Lord, I Need You”

VIDEO SCRIPTURE

John 5:1-16

MESSAGE

“Keep Your Eye on the Ball”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Morning Song” Joseph M. Martin

SONG OF DEDICATION

“The Same Power”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU