

HYMN NOTES: "Christ Is Alive!" (246)

This text by Brian Wren was written in 1968 with some revisions of stanzas 3 and 5 later. It was written for the Easter worship of Wren's congregation 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

*Kumar's Family
In Honor of
Kumar's 30th Birthday*



The rose on the font this morning is in celebration of the birth of Olivia Ann French, infant daughter of parents Joshua & Lindsey (Winder) French, sister to proud big brother, Jack, and granddaughter to Doug & Georgianna Winder. Olivia was born on April 27, 2014 weighing 7 lbs 2 oz, and 21 1/2 inches long.



Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2014 Flower Reservation Chart" on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Thank you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO....

- Sunday, May 4th:** Fred Inkles, Barbara Jeffrey
- Monday, May 5th:** Juanita Hickey, Laura Hortobagyi, Bob Moler
- Tuesday, May 6th:** Trish Cole, Joyce Curvin
- Wednesday, May 7th:** Sarah Birch, Jenny Carlstedt, Taylor Lyons
- Thursday, May 8th:** Pat Jackson, Bill Rimmler, Barbara Thompson
- Friday, May 9th:** Carol Fogg, Stanley Pryek, Jane Sutton, Hilary Tonelis, Lauren Warren, Kristen Williamson
- Saturday, May 10th:** H.M. Long, Marquette McManus

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

ACOLYTES:

- (8:15) Nadia Rodewald
- (11:00) Garland Pelham

GREETERS:

- (8:15) Nancy & Gene Baker
- (11:00) Carol Bushnell & Virginia Cromwell

USHERS:

- (8:15) Dan & Anna Hyden, Charlotte & Fred McQuown
- (9:30) Sam & Barb Musgrave
- (11:00) Dane & Vicki Phillips, Sue Miskiewicz, Brooke Allison

VAN DRIVER: Ed Puschmann



Acolytes



Greeters & Ushers

EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (13/14 School Year) Room 3, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children's Message.
Teachers: Nathan Rodewald & Kelsey Propst

9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (13/14 School Year) Room 3
Teachers: Jana Davis & Aimee McDermott, Melissa Patel

1st & 2nd Grades Room 16
Teachers: Mr. Bill Sutton & Jean Swintek

3rd-5th 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.
Teachers: Kay Scheuerman & Pam Wood

11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (13/14 School Year) Room 3, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children's Message.
Teachers: Barbara Englehart & Carissa Johnston

Please plan ahead and prepare for the celebration of the Sacrament of Communion on the first Sunday of the month. It is a prayerful time for giving thanks and confessing our sins, renewing our commitment to God, and hearing the Word proclaimed. 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 this process, please contact elder Jackie Koski (jackieandjerry@verizon.net), Chair of the Worship Team.

9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15

TODAY: After completing the Gospel of John, we will study Jesus' two special prayers for his disciples and for us in chapter 17 of John. Class starts at 9:30, but come a little early for coffee and a time to chat. Our teacher is Bob Meier.

TCI (Today's Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11

TODAY: The United Methodist Church and its clergy are being challenged with threats of a split within their entire denomination over position taken both pro and con that is caused by the issue of same sex marriages. It is being said by important voices in the UMC that the divide over homosexuality is now too wide to bridge. Bill Bitner will lead the discussion that will outline some of the specifics facing one of the largest Protestant denominations in the US. Rooms 9 & 11 at 9:30 AM.

11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 & 15

TODAY: "Christian." Ask 100 people to define what it means, and you'll get 100 different answers. In this series, we will explore the truth and fiction behind one of the most famous brands in all of history. Led by Vicki Krueger.

**Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church
A Stephen Ministry Church**

May 4, 2014

School Sunday

Hi from Kid's Corner Pres-School. I wanted to write and share the good news that Kid's Corner will have been in the community for 28 years. We were established in August 1986 with 10 children and have been growing ever since. Over the years we have educated, loved, nurtured, and shared the word of Christ to thousands of children. Many pre-school families have joined the church and we are also seeing our graduates bringing their children back to us. Northwood has always used the schools as an outreach to the community to serve and support the families that live here. Pre-school today is not what it was 28 years ago, but we are still a House of God and that leads us in all we do here at Kid's Corner.

As a result of our reputation for excellence, we are growing again. We are adding a new classroom. These are exciting times as we continue to be a positive and loving presence in our community. We are looking for a teacher for the five-day class for three-year-olds. I need someone who, at the very least, has an A.S. in Early Childhood Education or a B.S. or B.A. in Education. We are a N.A.E.Y.C. accredited school, and we must meet certain standards to maintain that accreditation. Please contact me at 727-723-7679 or at vicki@northwoodpc.org for any questions or to apply for the position.

Thank you again for being supportive of the schools and we will continue to aim for the highest standards in all we do. Thank you!

Vicki Conolly, Director of Schools

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 4, 2014
3rd Sunday of Easter
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

WE GATHER

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

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

OPENING VOLUNTARY arr. Tammy Waldrop
“Rise Up, O Church of God”
Celebration Ringers

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION—Vicki Conolly, Director of Schools

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and place it in the offering plate later in the service.)

***HYMN #246** “Christ Is Alive!” TRURO

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

O Jesus Christ we confess that sometimes we are so busy talking with each other that we fail to realize that you are with us, beside us. We walk on, so focused on our questions or blinded by our preoccupation with life that we do not create the silent spaces which would allow us to recognize you. Stay with us, enlighten our lives and invite us to pause and draw close to you. Open our hearts to receive the grace and peace which Christ alone can give us. In Jesus name we pray, 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.”

ANTHEM “Festival Canticle: Worthy Is Christ” Richard Hillert

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:

“Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.”

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign, Alleluia.

FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN

Justine Ruisz, Director of Children’s Ministry
(Children age 3 (by 9/13) through fifth grade may go to Room 3 for Children’s Sunday School.)

11:00—CHILDREN SING arr. Mark Burrows

“Bwana Asifiwe”
(Praise the Lord)
Angel Choir (3rd-5th Grade)

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING “Cristo vive” arr. Robert Buckley Farlee
(Christ Is Risen, Christ Is Living)

***DOXOLOGY—#15, stanza 6** LASST UNS ERFREUEN
O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (pages 860-861) Luke 24:13-35 (NRSV)

SERMON Chris Curvin, Pastor
“This Sermon May Not Be For You”

HYMN #500 “Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread” ST. FLAVIAN
(Please Remain Seated.)

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 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

“How Beautiful” Twila Paris
Ally Wolf & Kylie Torres, Duet

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #252** “Day of Arising” RAABE
Stanza 1: choir/solo
Stanza 2, 3, 4: All

***BENEDICTION**

8:15—BENEDICTION RESPONSE Brian Howard
“If I Were A Butterfly”
NPC Kid’s Corner, Cherub (Pre-K) & Seraph (K-2nd grade) Choirs

CLOSING VOLUNTARY arr. Mark Sedio

“Noel nouvelet”
(Now the Green Blade Rises)

(You are invited to remain for the final act of worship, the closing voluntary. A closer look is welcomed if you wish to come stand next to the organ console.)

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

**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.

LET THE COUNTDOWN BEGIN

“Bwana Asifiwe”
(Praise the Lord)
arr. Mark Burrows
Angel Choir (3rd-5th Grade)

**MEET & GREET
PRAISE SONG**

“Rise and Sing”
“O Happy Day/Happy Day”

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
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WORSHIP CONTINUES

“If I Were A Butterfly”
Brian Howard

NPC Kid’s Corner, Cherub (Pre-K) & Seraph (K-2nd) Choirs

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

**CALL TO OFFERING
OFFERTORY**

“Still”

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 24:13-35 (NRSV)

MESSAGE

“This Sermon May Not Be For You”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

**COMMUNION
MUSIC AT COMMUNION**

“How Beautiful”
Twila Paris
Ally Wolf & Kylie Torres, Duet

SONG OF DEDICATION
“This Is Amazing Grace”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

