

HYMN NOTES: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (465)

The Canadian poet, Joseph M. Scriven, composed the text around 1855 to comfort his mother "in a time of special sorrow, not intending that anyone else should see it." There is a fourth stanza rarely included in any hymnals today that describes heaven as a place where praise will replace prayer:

*Blessed Jesus, thou hast promised Thou wilt all our burdens bear,
May we ever, Lord, be bringing all to thee in earnest prayer.
Soon in glory, bright, unclouded, there will be no need for prayer;
Rapture, praise, and endless worship shall be our sweet portion there.*

This hymn in its warm musical setting extends the intimate characterization of Jesus as a mother, gently rocking and comforting a child, to a friend who shares and bears our sorrows, hears our prayers, and carries them to God. The tune is named CONVERSE after its composer, Charles C. Converse. There have been several attempts to improve the harmonies of this tune including one by Van Denman Thompson included in the 1935 *Methodist Hymnal*. In an unparalleled action responding to thousands of complaints from church members, the uniting conference of The Methodist Church (1939) voted to remove that harmonization and restore the original.

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



*Mike & Linda O'Leary
In Memory of
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PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO....

- Sunday, September 7th:** Roy Jackson, Curtis Krueger, Owen Lemon, Marian Rather
- Monday, September 8th:** Carol Curry
- Wednesday, September 10th:** Ashley Gordon, Tyler Jones
- Thursday, September 11th:** Jarret Schuler, Brian Schultz, Doris Smith, Shirley Walker
- Friday, September 12th:** Judy Peterson
- Saturday, September 13th:** Denise Cernansky, Linda Granata, Jim Hunt, Grace McLarty, John Richards



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) Eli Jeffre
- (11:00) Aly Tobiassen & Graham Thompson



GREETERS:

- (8:15) Bill & Margaret Lewis
- (11:00) Diane Lynn & Sue Allen

USHERS:

- (8:15) Rocky & Natalie Davis
Wayne & Nancy Rodewald
- (9:30) Sam & Barb Musgrave
- (11:00) Ed Puschnann, Jon Mills,
Sue Miskiewicz, Carol Rathmell



VAN DRIVER: Ed Puschnann

EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

Beginning Sunday, September 14, 2014

8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (14/15 School Year) Room 3, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children's Message

9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (14/15 School Year) Room 3

1st & 2nd Grades Room 16

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.

11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (14/15 School Year) Room 3, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children's Message.

Middle & High School Christian Education

Come join us for combined middle/high school Sunday school at both 9:30 and 11:00. We will be studying the "Elements" of our faith. Through new and exciting curriculum, we will learn how to grow in our walk with God.

9:30 AM	Youth Room
11:00 AM	Youth Room

9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15

Serendipity Bible Study will begin fall classes on Sunday, September 14. Our focus will be Bible Personalities starting with Nehemiah. If you are interested in leading a discussion of your favorite Bible Personality, please stop by our table at Rally Day or contact Bailey Shields at 727-723-1351 or at bshields4@tampabay.rr.com.

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

Beginning September 14: Georgianna Winder will lead three classes on the video/book *God's Story, Your Story: When His Becomes Yours* by Max Lucado. This series will inspire us to see how our day-to-day story intersects with God's epic of everlasting redemption. In this video Lucado gives us a fresh perspective on how daily life relates to God's grand story and we will discover how the Bible reveals God's plans for us today. All are welcome, please plan to attend and join in on our discussion. Don't forget, we have cookies and coffee.

11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 & 15

Join us as we start back Sunday, September 14! We look forward to another great year Experiencing God!

**Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church**

A Stephen Ministry Church

September 7, 2014

Psalm 27 (NIV)

- ¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?
- ² When the wicked advance against me to devour¹ me,
it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall.
- ³ Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear;
though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.
- ⁴ One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.
- ⁵ For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent
and set me high upon a rock.
- ⁶ Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me;
at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- ⁷ Hear my voice when I call, LORD; be merciful to me and answer me.
- ⁸ My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, LORD, I will seek.
- ⁹ Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger;
you have been my helper.
- Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior.
- ¹⁰ Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me.
- ¹¹ Teach me your way, LORD;
lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.
- ¹² Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes,
for false witnesses rise up against me,
spouting malicious accusations.
- ¹³ I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living.
- ¹⁴ Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

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
September 7, 2014
13th Sunday after Pentecost
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

“Two Variations on DUKE STREET” David Cherwien
(based the tune of the opening hymn, #846)

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

***HYMN #846** “Fight the Good Fight” DUKE STREET

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

We come, O Lord, on this day of worship to your Sanctuary to confess our lack of trust. While we sing of your lordship over all creation, we confess we live in fear and that we have too often acted as though you are powerless in the face of today's events. Help us to live with confidence in your presence today and in hope for life with you forever. In Jesus' name, 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 “The Lord Is My Light” Patti Drennan
Michele White, Soprano

*The Lord is my light, God is my salvation. The Lord is my light, author of creation.
My enemies may surround me, but I will never fear.
The Lord is my light, He is always near.*

*The Lord is my light, God is my salvation. The Lord is my light, ruler of the nations.
When troubles come, He will hold me in His everlasting arms.
The Lord is my light, keeping me from harm.*

*Only one thing I ask: to dwell in the house of the Lord,
Beholding His beauty and holiness, singing with joy of His faithfulness,
Praising God, praising God in His sanctuary.*

*The Lord is my light, God is my salvation. The Lord is my light, God of confirmation.
False witnesses speak against me, but I will trust the Lord.
The Lord is my light, the Lord is my light, Christ the living word. Amen*

FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING arr. Robert A. Hobby
“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

***DOXOLOGY—#606** OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, 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** (Hymn #90) “Wait for the Lord” Psalm 27
(Please remain standing. All sing the refrain, then read responsively.)

SERMON SERIES Chris Curvin, Pastor
Stop, Look and Listen to the Psalms:
#10 “A Psalm of Confidence-The Patient Way of Faith” (Psalm 27)

***HYMN #465** “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” CONVERSE
(Please Stand.)

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

“Partita on HOLY MANNA” Franklin D. Ashdown

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #837** “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine” SHOWALTER

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Manna Toccata” Franklin D. Ashdown

(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.*

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LET THE COUNTDOWN BEGIN

PRAISE SONG

“God Is Able”

MEET & GREET

“Oceans”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALL TO OFFERING
OFFERTORY**

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

VIDEO SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 27 (NRSV)

WORSHIP CONTINUES

“Waiting Here for You”

SERMON SERIES

Stop, Look and Listen to the Psalms:

#10 “A Psalm of Confidence”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

**COMMUNION
MUSIC AT COMMUNION**

“In Christ Alone”

arr. Larry Shackley

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Whom Shall I Fear? (God of Angel Armies)”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!