



“Out of control and knee-deep in miracles”

—Pastor Erwin

That’s the answer Bruce Larson, pastor of University Presbyterian in Seattle used to give when he was asked, “How’s the church going?”

I don’t know if I could honestly answer the same way for myself or for us at NPC, but I love that response! Wouldn’t it be great to describe your life in those terms? It suggests that God the Holy Spirit, who, like the wind “blows where it chooses and . . . You do not know where it comes from or where it goes” (John 3:8), is in control. “So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit,” adds John.

I do believe God’s Spirit has been moving among us, and *moving us* over the past months. Like opening all your windows at home on a warm Spring day, it feels like the openness of our hearts and doors to so many in our neighborhood has allowed fresh breezes of joy and possibility to waft through our life and ministry. Do you feel that too? Where do you find yourself being carried along to new places and perspectives that reflect the “new creation in Christ” (2 Cor. 5:17)?

The part I’m a little more modest about is being “knee-deep in miracles.” I guess it depends on what kind of miracles we’re looking for. I do marvel at the grace and favor the Lord keeps giving us here at NPC. We’ve seen many new faces in worship. (Have you introduced yourself to them?) We’ve received a number of affirmations and gratitude about our ministry like the comment I overheard at the Easter Egg Hunt a few weeks ago: “They’re the real deal. They don’t just talk about it, they’re doing it.” And there seems to be no end in sight to the opportunities to make new connections and share the good news of Jesus with folks.

As far as miracles in my own life, I haven’t lately “gotten” the kind of-ferred regularly on Christian TV. But I’m okay with that, because I’ve found myself saying often enough, “It is well, it is well, with my soul.” And that is a great gift of God’s redeeming grace.

May it be so for you too—both the miracles and the buoyant life in the Spirit—and keep practicing resurrection!

Welcome and thank you

Please welcome Wei-Chun Liao today as she is providing the beautiful music for our worship service. Wei-Chun is a native of Taiwan. She is currently finishing her doctorate study in organ performance at the College-Conservatory of Music, University of Cincinnati. She received her master of education degree in music education from Teachers College, Columbia University and her bachelor of fine arts degree in piano from National Taiwan Normal University. Ms. Liao served as organist at Hope Lutheran Church, Cincinnati, from 2006-2010.

Discovery Hour

What do you believe?

Join us as we look at the Shorter Catechism

- April 25 What has God done to fix what's gone wrong between mortals and himself?
- May 2 What are the benefits that mortals receive, and what are the expectations that God has because of what he has done?
- May 9 Personal statements of faith.
- May 16 Confirmation Class will share their statements of faith.
- May 23 Discovery Hour picnic.



Supporting youth

For the first time this year, we will be receiving the Pentecost Offering, which supports our efforts to nurture the faith of Presbyterian young people. It helps us call forth a new generation of leadership in mission service through the Young Adult Volunteer program. The collection will be received on Sunday, May 23rd.



Thanks and prayers

Thank you very much for your continued partnership & financial support. It is a huge help. Please pray for our staff—several are under a lot of stress.

God bless you
Roger Howell



Who are they?

—Joann Ashley

Have you wondered what the Family Nurturing Program listed on the calendar is all about or the signs outside of the rooms downstairs? Well, currently three nights a week, the HOPE (Helping Others Parent Effectively) Program of the Family Nurturing Center provides parenting education and support designed to meet the needs of at-risk families referred to them by Hamilton County Job and Family Services. The classes usually run for 14-16 weeks. We are one of several sites located across the city. Typically the groups are divided to meet the needs of the age of the children; birth, school age, adolescent. Seeing that many parents have multiple age children, two of the classes that are currently meeting here have been designed to meet their needs. If you would like more specific information about the Center or the HOPE program, please visit <http://www.familynurture.org>

Helping CAIN help Northside

For the month of May, CAIN is asking for books for children and adults (gently used is OK) for their guests. Please drop off the books at CAIN or ask one of the deacons for help. Thank you!



Yee Haw!

Save the date! You are invited to a western dance night at North, Friday, April 30, 7:30-9:30PM in our auditorium. No

experience is needed and all ages are invited! A professional "caller" will guide us through "squares, lines and more" and make a lively party of it. Bring a snack to share. Donations towards the caller's fee will be accepted. The event is being organized by the Deacons. The Northside community is also being invited, and you may invite other friends to do-sa-do.

Volunteer at Resource Fair

You are invited to volunteer for CIRV's (Cincinnati Initiative to Reduce Violence) Resource Fair. This fair is designed to help bring peace to the community by providing resources on educational opportunities, social services, legal services, employment opportunities, etc.

This event will be held on **Saturday, May 1st from 11-2pm** at the McKie Recreation Center (1655 Chase Ave.).

Please contact Claire Darley at 542-3588 or cdarey@artacademy.edu. We need help with set-up on Friday, (April 30) at 4pm and with hospitality beginning 9:30a.m. on Saturday.



For This Morning

Erwin Goedicke, Pastor
Jenny Loomans, Worship Leader
Tom & Jon Faulkner, Ushers
Erwin Goedicke, Children's Sermon

Chris Wallhauser, Music Minister
Pat Callahan, Lay Reader
Grace Loomans, AV
Theresa Beuerlein, Sign Language

For May 2

Ushers: Jim & Dara Ramsey
Communion Prep.: The Loomans
Communion Dist.: Gary & Jenny Loomans, Jon Kopke, Sharon Moore
Lay Reader: Cheryl Burton
Children's Sermon: Dave Woellert
Nursery: Tom Beuerlein

Service Announcements

1. LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE. See ushers Tom Beuerlein and Claire Darley.
2. If other hearing assistance (hearing device) is needed, please see an usher.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 25

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:30 a.m. Discovery Hour

Monday, April 26

5:00 p.m. Family Nurturing Program
7:00 p.m. Dance w/Me Rehearsal

Tuesday, April 27

9:00 a.m. Cain Kitchen Crew
5:00 p.m. Family Nurturing Program
6:00 p.m. Teen Bible Study
7:30 p.m. Organ Recital

Wednesday, April 28

12 noon Midday Prayer
2:00 p.m. Organ Rehearsal
4:00 p.m. NS Farmer's Market
6:00 p.m. AA Mtg.
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. AA Mtg.

Thursday, April 29

11:30 a.m. Intuition Theatre Prison Project
5:00 p.m. Family Nurturing Program
6:30 p.m. Praise Dance Rehearsal

Friday, April 30

7:30 p.m. Northside Square Dance

Saturday, May 1

10:00 a.m. AA Mtg.
11:30 p.m. Dance with Me Rehearsal

Sunday, May 2

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:30 a.m. Discovery Hour



Our Church Family Circle

BIRTHDAYS: Bev Okel 4/27 Ollie Helm 4/28

DIRECTORY UPDATE: Liz Harms 4941 N. Arbor Woods Ct. #108
45248 (same phone number)

- ✘ Pray for my brother Dwayne that he will find the Lord and open his life to him. **Gail**
- ✘ Folks from Blue Rock Tavern ask for prayer for the success of their first annual open mic show, "Partyville," with a number of special guest artists



Don't forget to use the Prayer Wall for your intentions and thanks!