

HYMN NOTES: "Happy the Home When God Is There"

This hymn by Henry Ware, Jr. (1794-1843) was first published in 1846 three years after the author's death under the title "The Happy Home." Ware was a minister in Boston where for a while, the noted American poet Ralph Waldo Emerson served as his assistant. In this hymn the Christian home is described and extolled as the place of God's indwelling where children learn from parental example that prayer, Bible reading, and study are routines leading to happiness. The hymn has been omitted from several current hymnals as committees question whether the inference may be drawn that unhappiness in a home necessarily demonstrates a family's lack of Christian commitment and God's absence. It is perhaps more reasonable to assume that it celebrates children seeing and learning by example from parental behavior—a valuable memory of positive Christian actions.

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



Jackie & Jerry Koski
In Memory of Jackie's Mom



Stephanie Carson
In Memory of Jim Carson

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2016 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!

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO....

- Sunday, May 8:** Barbara Thompson, Pat Jackson, Bill Rimmler
- Monday, May 9:** Jane Sutton, Stanley Pryek, Carol Pyrek, Hilary Tonelis, Lauren Warren, Kristen Williamson
- Tuesday, May 10:** H.M. Long, Marquette McManus
- Thursday, May 12:** Stacie Cody, Cheryl Burns, Ryan Williamson, Kaitlyn Weitz, Kevin O'Leary, Danny Alexander, Alexis Cole,aleigh Cassidy
- Friday, May 13:** Ray Spigarelli, David Fraser
- Saturday, May 14:** Pete Poston, Cheryl Lapham

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) James Birch
 - (11:00) Aidan McDermott



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



- USHERS:**
- (8:15) David & Suzanne Hamilton
 - (9:30) Jerry Koski, Bob MacFall
 - (11:00) Curtis & Vicki Krueger
 - Ernie & Carol Kirkwood
 - Jon Mills, Roger Snay

VAN DRIVER: Jerry Koski

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (15/16 School Year)
Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship class after the Children's Message with Justine Ruisz.

9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-VPK (15/16 School Year), Room 3 with Bree & Dan Greff.

Kindergarten- 2nd Grades, Room 2

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Nancy Turner & Billie Nesmith.

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 Tanya & Todd Adkisson.

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 Bridgette & Roger Ulrich.

11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd 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

Join us in rooms 13&15.

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

We all feel better when the government takes action to help a group of citizens who have been impacted by terrorists. Bunny and Bill Bitner will lead the class in a discussion that asks the question, "How much is too much?" Cookies and coffee will be an added treat for what promises to be a surprise.

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.

(Look for additional adult education opportunities listed on the announcements page.)

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Church

May 8, 2016



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 8, 2016
7th 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 “Simple Gifts” arr. Cathy Moglebust
Celebration and Jubilation Ringers

(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 pass it toward the center aisle.)

***HYMN #14** “For the Beauty of the Earth” DIX

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

God of Steadfast Love, we confess that our love is short-sighted. We love our families and friends, we love those close around us, and we ignore those who seem irrelevant. We are selfish with our love, loving those who will love us, who will help us. Forgive us, loving Jesus, for not loving the way You did, by laying down Your life for the lost and the least, the poor and the broken. Forgive us for not seeing our brothers and sisters in the world. Call us back into the ways of Your love. In the name of Jesus the Christ, the Love of God, 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 “Let Your Light Shine” Craig Courtney
with Jubilation Ringers

You are the light of the world, You are the light of the world!

*Let your light shine before all people, let your light shine in all the earth.
Let your light shine before all people that they might see your good works
And glorify your Father in heaven.*

*You are the salt of the earth; but if salt loses its flavor, it is good for nothing.
You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.
A lamp cannot be covered, but shines for all to see.*

OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN Justine Ruisz,
Director of Children’s Ministries

(Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for children’s worship.)

WE UNITE IN PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING “Voluntary on ST. AGNES” Emma Lou Diemer
(based on the next hymn, “Happy the Home...”)

***DOXOLOGY—#606** OLD HUNDRETH

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**

***HYMN** “Happy the Home When God Is There” ST. AGNES

Happy the home when God is there, and love fills every breast;
when one their wish, and one their prayer, and one their heavenly rest.

Happy the home where Jesus’ name is sweet to every ear;
where children early speak his fame, and parents hold him dear.

Happy the home where prayer is heard, and praise is wont to rise;
where parents love the sacred Word and all its wisdom prize.

Lord, let us in our homes agree this blessed peace to gain;
unite our hearts in love to thee, and love to all will reign.

--Henry Ware, Jr., 1846

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING John 17:20-26 *(page 883)*

SERMON “Love, Love, Love, Love, Love, One, One, One, One”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #643** “Now Thank We All Our God” NUN DANKET

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Prelude on BRYN CALFARIA” Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872-1958)

(This tune is paired with two hymn texts celebrating Christ’s Ascension—celebrated this year on May 5. See Hymn #272, “God You Rule with Royal Bearing;” also the more common “Look Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious!” which is not in our Glory to God hymnal.)

(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.)

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.

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME

“Simple Gifts” arr. Cathy Moglebust
Celebration and Jubilation Ringers

MEET & GREET

PRAISE SONGS

“We Won’t Be Shaken”
“Your Love Feeds My Soul”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIDEO

“The Mom Gift”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER
(3rd-5th Grade Children move to Sunday School)

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“If We’re Honest”
Janet Winder and Emily Cantin

SCRIPTURE VIDEO

John 17:20-26 (NRSV)

MESSAGE

“Love, Love, Love, Love, Love, One, One, One, One”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Shout to the Lord”

BENEDICTION