

HYMN NOTES:

“Fight the Good Fight” (846)

The hymn, by John Monsell (1811-1875), was first published in in London in 1863. Based on I Timothy 6:12, the text was titled “The Fight of Faith.” This opening line has been misunderstood as a military image but is actually an athletic one, drawn from a Greek verb meaning “struggle” or “grapple” or “wrestle.” The sports context continues in later stanzas reflecting the experience of a runner. Monsell probably borrowed the idea for this hymn from another hymnwriter, James Montgomery had written ten years earlier:

*Fight the good fight; lay hold upon eternal life;
Keep but thy shield, be bold, stand through the hottest strife;
Invincible while in the field, thou canst not fail, unless thou yield.*

This earlier Montgomery hymn continues the military image throughout while Monsell’s very unlike it seems written as a ‘corrective.’ The hymn we sing today has appeared in over 400 hymnals through to the present day. Montgomery’s hymn last appeared in 1878.

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

Babs Bailey

In Memory of Parents, Roy & Mary Frances Bailey

Eleanor Cicerchi

In Memory of Philip Cicerchi

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, June 26: Doris Davis, Art Holloway, Jeff Fulford
Monday, June 27: Kay Flanary, Pat Jay, Vicki Krueger,
Joe Flaherty, Mauricio Estavil, Krista Lemon,
Savanna Luther, Kayla Dabbs
Tuesday, June 28: Gary Granata
Wednesday, June 29: Michael Cromwell
Thursday, June 30: Jane Kaempfer, Alvin Bushnell
Friday, July 1: Tom Golec, Zoila Rose, Laura Gajentan,
Carissa Johnston, Caitlyn McCutcheon
Saturday, July 2: Aly Tobiassen

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) Nadia Rodewald
(11:00) Aidan McDermott

GREETERS:

(8:15) Joyce Lange & Elaine Cornillaud
(11:00) Sue Miskiewicz & Sally Uhler

USHERS:

(8:15) Ken & Linda Andreassen
Fred & Charlotte McQuown
(9:30) Louise & Bill Mylin
(11:00) Polly Brown, Steve Winder
Mike & Linda O’Leary

VAN DRIVER: Jane Winne



CHILDREN’S MINISTRY NEWS

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Children’s Church is taking a break through September. Children over three should remain with their parents in worship. Nursery is available all services for children 3 and under.

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-VPK (15/16 School Year), Room 3 with Dan Gipson & Mauricio Estavil.

Kindergarten- 2nd Grades, Room 2

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Barbara Englehart & Carissa Johnston.

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 with Sally Matthews & Justine Ruisz.

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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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

Please meet in the Ignite service (9:30 am) to enjoy worship together. During the summer, there will be no Sunday School for the Middle and High School Youth. Sunday School will resume during the school year.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday morning adult education classes will resume in September. Please look for other adult Christian education opportunities on our announcement insert.

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Church

June 26, 2016

“O Christ, Who Called the Twelve” TERRA BEATA

O Christ, who called the Twelve to rise and follow you,
forsaking old, familiar ways for ventures bold and new:
grant us to hear your call to risk security
and, bound in heart and will to you, find perfect liberty.

O Christ, who taught the Twelve the truth for ages sealed,
whose words and works awakened faith, the ways of God revealed:
instruct us now, we pray, by your empow’ring Word.
True teacher, be for all who seek their light, their life, their Lord.

O Christ, who sent the Twelve on roads they’d never trod
to serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim the nearer reign of God:
send us on ways where faith transcends timidity,
where love informs and hope sustains both life and ministry.

--Herman G. Stuempfle
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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

June 26, 2016

6th 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.)*

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)* Jon Drawdy,
Director of Youth and Family Ministries

Leader: Throughout the ages, disciples have said, "I will follow you wherever you go."

People: Lord, give us the freedom to follow you in the ways of love.

Leader: We come from busy homes, filled with little time to consider Christ in our lives.

People: Lord, give us the strength to follow you in the ways of peace.

Leader: In times of struggle, we look to God for help.

People: Lord, give us the opportunity to follow you in the ways of kindness.

Leader: Today, we celebrate your call to follow you, even when we have competing voices.

People: Lord, give us the patience to follow you in the ways of faith. Amen.

OPENING VOLUNTARY "You Are Mine" arr. Mark Hayes
(based on the hymn at #177, "I Will Come to You" by David Haas)

(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 #846 "Fight the Good Fight" DUKE STREET

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Lord, you have blessed us with freedom - freedom to follow you or to turn away; freedom to love or to hate; freedom to heal or to hurt. You ask only that we follow your ways, loving our neighbors as ourselves. We confess we misuse the freedom you give us. Forgive our repeated tendency to insist on our own way. Open our ears and help us to discern when you are speaking, and when popular advice around us is not of your will or purpose. Help us to not grow weary in doing what is right and to work for the good of all. 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 "Sing Unto the Lord" Charles Yannerella

Sing, sing, sing unto the Lord,

Let your heart rejoice and your soul fill with gladness.

Sing, sing, sing unto the Lord, let us bless His Holy name.

Sing, sing, sing unto the Lord,

Let your voice proclaim His excellent greatness.

Sing, sing, sing unto the Lord, Let us bless His Holy name.

Fill your hearts with praises and thanksgiving.

Let us go before the Lord and bless his Name forever.

Sing, sing, sing unto the Lord,

Let your voices join in praise to the Father.

Sing, sing, sing unto the Lord, let us bless his Holy Name. Sing, sing, sing unto the Lord, let us praise the Son and Holy Spirit;

Sing, sing, sing unto the Lord, let us bless His Holy Name.

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OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN

Justine Ruisz,

Director of Children's Ministries

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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 "At the Name of Jesus" Michael Burkhardt
(based on the hymn at #264)

*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

*HYMN #175 "Seek Ye First" LAFFERTY

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 9:51-62 *(page 843)*

SERMON "I Will Follow Wherever You Go" Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN "O Christ, Who Called the Twelve" TERRA BEATA
(see text on front cover)

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Michael Burkhardt

(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

"Light of the World"

VBS Kids

PRAISE SONGS

"Jesus Loves Me"

MEET & GREET

"Live Like That"

"Nothing Ever Could Separate Us"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"One Thing Remains"

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

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Follow You"

SCRIPTURE

Luke 9:51-62

MESSAGE

"I Will Follow Wherever You Go"

Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

"I Will Follow"

BENEDICTION