HYMN NOTES:
"Rock of Ages" (438)
Written by Augustus M. Toplady in 1776, this is a hymn about sin and salvation, about our helpless need, and about the all-sufficiency of Christ’s atonement. The metaphor of the Rock of Ages is found variously in Isaiah 26:4, Exodus 33:22, I Corith. 10:4. Strongly Calvinist, Toplady carried on a running public feud for years about predestination and election with John Wesley, even calling him “a low and puny tadpole in the sea of divinity.” Fortunately his hymn does not carry any of this mean spirit.
Legend has it that Toplady took shelter from a storm at a site known as Burrington Combe—a limestone gorge with rock formations in southern England. A particular spot is still noted today and called “Rock of Ages.” Folks climb the steep wall of the gorge in order to have their picture taken as they stand (or stoop actually) in the cleft of the rock that supposedly prompted this hymn.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by
Dane, Erik, David & Adrienne
In Honor of
Their Grandmother
JoAnne Spigarelli’s Birthday
Larry & Elaine Cornillaud
In Honor of
Our 10th Year at Northwood Presbyterian

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!

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO…

Sunday, July 20th: Sumi Ham, Dan Jeffrey, Linda O’Leary, Phylis Pette
Monday, July 21st: Kyle Barry, Nancy Schneider
Tuesday, July 22nd: Roma Allen, Dottie Benziger, Jeanette Foulks, Kayla McDermott, JoAnne Spigarelli
Wednesday, July 23rd: Mike O’Leary, Maria Papalos, Jill Towell, Heather Villafane
Thursday, July 24th: Jean Dayes, Hugh Gott, Debbie Kovach
Friday, July 25th: Betty Biddlestone, Lauren Boyd, Don Propst, Pat Rabenstine
Saturday, July 26th: Eric Gajentan, Lauren Mackie, Christine Pursley
If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven’t seen them in church recently, give them a call!

EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
We will not meet at 8:15 during the summer.

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-5 Yr. Olds Room 3
Teachers: Marcy & Amy Kemerer
1st-5th Grades Room 8
Teachers: Thompson Family

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
We will not meet at 11:00 during the summer.

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 NOTE:
We are on summer break. Classes will resume in September. See you then!

TCI (Today’s Christian Issues)
TODAY: TCI is now on summer hiatus. Have a joyful summer and remember to check church publications in August for plans for the Fall semester. We look forward to welcoming you back on Sunday, September 7.

11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EXPERIENCING GOD NOTE:
Summer is upon us and our class is taking a break. We will see you again in September!

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church
A Stephen Ministry Church

July 20, 2014

Come, Grow, Go!

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Let the countdown begin

Praise Song
"Everlasting God"

Meet & Greet
"Fires"

Welcome & Announcements

Worship continues

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

We confess

Prayer of Preparation
Linda Feller/Nancy Turner

Opening Voluntary
"Prelude on Toplady"
(art. Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr.

(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 #620
"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

Lauda anima

We welcome

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Together)
God of steadfast love and generosity, in faith and hope we come to you, seeking your cleansing and purifying forgiveness; and asking that you remove the blot of sinfulness from our whole being. Only then can our heart, our mind and our soul be refreshed and renewed; so that we may worship you in truth and holiness. You do not seek from us a mindless response, but rather, you long for us to return to you in repentance and faith. By your great grace we live as forgiven people whose lives sing forth your praise and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response #581
"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."

11:00—Sacrament of Christian Baptism
Ansleigh Michele Nigels

11:00—Baptismal Hymn
"You Have Put on Christ"
(please remain seated.)

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
"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
Liana Stephen, Soprano

*Doxology—#606

We go out to serve

*HYMN #438
"Rock of Ages"

TOPLADY

*Benediction

Closing Voluntary
"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"
Paul Manz

(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.

Sermon Notes...