

HYMN NOTES: "All Creatures of Our God and King" (15)

This hymn known as "Canticle of the Sun" is by Francis of Assisi. Francis wrote it in 1225 a year before his death. Blind and quite ill, he took refuge from the sun in a hut in the monastery gardens. The shelter was built by Clara, the first woman to take the vows of his order. The story goes "One day after a long conversation with Clara he took his place at the monastery table. The meal had hardly begun when suddenly he seemed to be rapt away in ecstasy, which lasted for some minutes. Then coming to himself, he cried, 'Praise be to God!' He had just composed the Canticle of the Sun." Our stanza four on forgiving others derives from Francis' distress over the quarrels between the secular and spiritual powers in Assisi and Perugia. The translation from Italian to English was done by William H. Draper in 1919.

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



Melissa & Steve Schultz
In Honor of
Brian's Birthday



The rose on the font is in honor of the birth of Nyden Arjun Patel, infant son of Melissa and Hiten Patel, born on Monday, September 7, 2015 at 11:51 a.m., 7 lbs., 20 inches.

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2015 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, September 13th: John Richards, Jim Hunt, Linda Granata, Denise Cernansky, Grace McLarty



Monday, September 14th: Allen Hurst

Tuesday, September 15th: Don Morrison, Bruce Cherry, Zolton Hortobagyi, Lindsey Rodewald, Ben Curvin

Wednesday, September 16th: Dennis O'Shea, Jayme Rothberg

Thursday, September 17th: Myrl Chronister, Ted Wojciechowski

Friday, September 18th: Janet George, Charlie Fitzgerald, Dave Glaser, Grace Fulford, Julie Latorre, Steven Musgrave, Tad Dye, Louie Cinelli

Saturday, September 19th: Virginia Sloane, Cynthia Lawrence, Larry Stephen, Brian Preston, Toby Cash

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) Kylie Crossley



GREETERS:

(8:15) Gene & Nancy Baker
(11:00) Billie & Ben Nesmith



Greeters & Ushers

USHERS:

(8:15) Suzanne & Anna Hamilton
Dennis & Betty O'Shea
(9:30) Curtis & Vicki Krueger
(11:00)

VAN DRIVER: Art Holloway

EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

There will be no Sunday school for children this morning. Please join us in the CE building for Discovery Day!

Sunday school will resume next Sunday, Sept. 20th as follows:

8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (15/16 School Year), Room 3, join us in the multi-age Sunday School worship class after the Children's Message.

9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (15/16 School Year), **Room 3**

1st & 2nd Grades, **Room 4**

3rd - 4th Grades, **Room 8**

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**.

11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds - 5th grade (15/16 school year) join us after the Children's message, in room 3 for a time of worship or you may remain in service with your parents.

Children Welcome to the Lord's Table

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. (Communion is normally celebrated on the first Sunday of each month).

Middle & High School Christian Education

Join us in the Christian Education Building for Discovery Day!

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Serendipity Class

Join us September 20th in Rooms 13 and 14 for a most exciting visual study of John's Revelation, to the people of God. Seven blessings, seven churches, seven gold bowls, seven lamp stands, seven stars and the Lion and the Lamb. What does it all mean to us in 2015? Come join us as we "walk" this journey together under the leadership of Jeanette Holloway and Bob Meier.

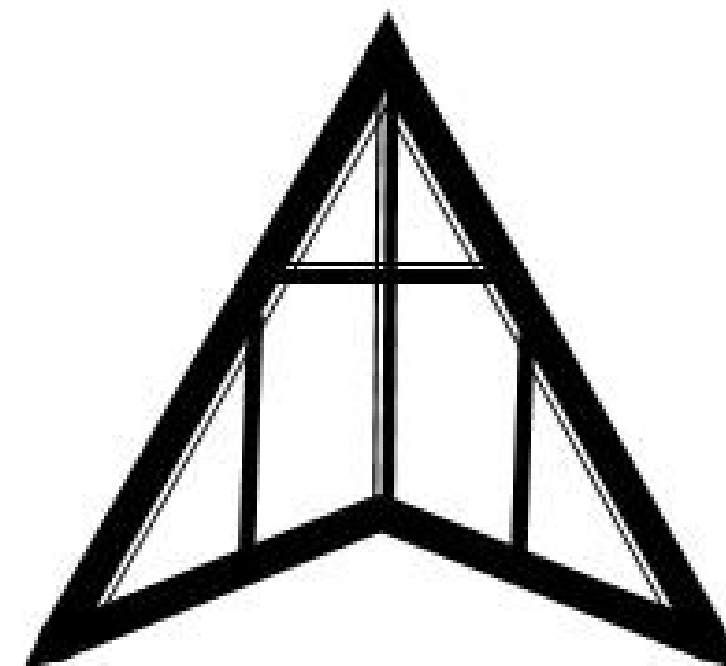
The TCI Sunday School Class (Today's Christian Issues)

We will begin the 2015-2016 year on Sunday, September 20th in Rooms 9 and 11 with a two-week study looking at the relationship between *truth* and *change* and dealing with the questions: "If something is true, how can it change?" and "If something changes, how could it have been true in the first place?" We will be seeing how we might face these questions both as members of the church and members of society. Garry Justice will be leading the discussion. At present, it is believed to be true that coffee and cookies will be available.

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Church

September 13, 2015



Come, Grow, Go!

Ministers: All Members of the Church

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Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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**Order for the Public Worship of God
September 13, 2015
16th Sunday after Pentecost
8:15 & 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service**

WE GATHER

*(Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins.
Please silence electronic devices.)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY arr. Diane Bish
"All Creatures of Our God and King"
Sicilienne
Adagio

(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 #15** LASST UNS ERFREUEN
"All Creatures of Our God and King"
(omit stanza 5) Organ introduction by Diane Bish

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, forgive us for our mistreatment and neglect of the creatures with whom we share your earth: for how we may have carelessly harmed them, and for what we have not done to help them. We are truly sorry. Fill us with your Spirit so that we may care for one another and for all your creatures, as we seek to imitate the fullness of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 "Glory to God in the Highest" John Carter

Glory to God in the highest, rejoice in the praise of his worth!
Glory to God in the highest, all creatures of heavenly birth!
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to this people on earth!

Worship the Lord, the Almighty; devotion and thankfulness bring.
"Praise be to God for his glory and peace to his people," we sing;
"Glory to God in the highest, the Father and heavenly King."

Jesus, the Christ, the Redeemer, the Son of the Father on high;
Led as a lamb to the slaughter, the Lord who was willing to die;
God in the heavenly places, "Have mercy upon us," we cry.

Christ and he only is holy, the Lord whose dominion we own;
One with the Father and Spirit, most high, everlasting, alone;
Reigning eternal in glory, the glory of God on his throne.

FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN

(Children may return to their seats for the remainder of the worship service.)

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 Dale Wood
"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

***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**

***HYMN #25** "O Lord, Our God, How Excellent" WINCHESTER OLD

WE HEAR THE WORD

FIRST READING (page one) Genesis 1:20-27
SECOND READING (page 956) Colossians 1:15-20 (NRSV)

SERMON **Reasons to Believe** Chris Curvin, Pastor
#3 "Fine Tuning in Creation"

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #20** "All Things Bright and Beautiful" ROYAL OAK

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"All Creatures of Our God and King" Diane Bish
Fiery Allegro

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 9:00 that delivers the message of Jesus Christ through Powerful Music, Media & Scripture Based Sermons.

COUNTDOWN WELCOME

PRAISE SONGS

"Greater"
"You Are Holy"
(Dedicated to Lora Drummond)

MEET & GREET

"Stand Up"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Where I Belong"

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING OFFERTORY

"Jesus Loves Me"

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:20-27; Colossians 1:15-20

MESSAGE

Reasons to Believe
#3 "Fine Tuning in Creation"
Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

"How Great Thou Art"

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!