

**HYMN NOTES: "When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace" (302)**

This hymn was commissioned for a national conference on disabilities hosted by Second Presbyterian Church in Little Rock, Arkansas in 2001. The author, Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, writes that she is grateful for the many people with disabilities who have touched her life—a teenager with autism, a person with sight problems, another with hearing difficulties. "All these friends—and many others—have helped me to understand God's care and unconditional love."

The tune is an old English folk melody brought to popularity in the 1970's through an anthem arrangement by Hal H. Hopson. Mr. Hopson's setting of the tune for his quadruple-meter anthem, "The Gift of Love," had many requests for inclusion in the 1989, *The United Methodist Hymnal*. The publisher however would not allow the Hymnal Revision Committee set the text and tune in the more singable (and original) triple meter form. I love this quote from the United Methodist Hymnal editor, Carlton Young: (a year later) "in an assertion of free will over predestination *The Presbyterian Hymnal*, 1990 included the text with a triple-meter form of the tune." It appears that way in our *Glory to God* hymnal.

Stephanie Carson is playing the close of the 11:00 service as Tom Huffman will be traveling to Gainesville FL to present a solo organ recital today at 4:00 at the First United Methodist Church in Gainesville.

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO....**

- Sunday, September 14th:** Allen Hurst
- Monday, September 15th:** Bruce Cherry, Ben Curvin, Zoltan Hortobagyi, Don Morrison, Lindsey Rodewald
- Tuesday, September 16th:** Dennis O'Shea
- Wednesday, September 17th:** Myrl Chronister, Ted Wojciechowski
- Thursday, September 18th:** Dot Brown, Louie Cinelli, Tad Dye, Grace Fulford, Janet George, Dave Glaser, Julie Latorre, Steven Musgrave
- Friday, September 19th:** Toby Cash, Cynthia Lawrence, Brian Preston, Virginia Sloane, Larry Stephen
- Saturday, September 20th:** Ken Andreassen, Mitchell Johnston

*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**

- ACOLYTES:**
  - (8:15) Isaac Jeffre
  - (11:00) Kylie Crossley & Aiden McDermott
- GREETERS:**
  - (8:15) Norman & Jeanne Smith
  - (11:00) Carol Bushnell & Virginia Cromwell
- USHERS:**
  - (8:15) Rocky & Natalie Davis  
Wayne & Nancy Rodewald
  - (9:30) Curtis & Vicki Krueger
  - (11:00) Ed Puschmann, Jon Mills,  
Sue Miskiewicz, Carol Rathmell
- VAN DRIVER:** Art Holloway



**EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES**

**8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**  
3 Yr. Olds-5<sup>th</sup> Grade (14/15 School Year) Room 3, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children's Message  
*Teachers: Nathan Rodewald*

**9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**  
**3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (14/15 School Year) Room 3**  
*Teachers: Kim & Sydney Blackmore, Melissa Patel*

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades Room 16**  
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 16.  
*Teachers: Nancy Turner & Billie Nesmith*

**3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 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.  
*Teachers: Bridgette & Roger Ulrich*

**11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**  
3 Yr. Olds-5<sup>th</sup> Grade (14/15 School Year) Room 3, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children's Message.  
*Teachers: Barbara Englehart*

**Middle & High School Christian Education**

Come join us for combined middle/high school Sunday school. We will be studying the "Elements" of our faith. Through new and exciting curriculum, we will learn how to grow in our walk with God.

9:30 AM Youth Room  
11:00 AM Youth Room

**9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15**

**TODAY:** Our focus will be Bible Personalities starting with Nehemiah. If you are interested in leading a discussion of your favorite Bible Personality, please stop by our table at Rally Day or contact Bailey Shields at 727-723-1351 or at [bsields4@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:bsields4@tampabay.rr.com).

**TCI (Today's Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11**

**TODAY:** Georgianna Winder is leading the first of three classes on the video/book *God's Story, Your Story: When His Becomes Yours* by Max Lucado. This series will inspire us to see how our day-to-day story intersects with God's epic of everlasting redemption. All are welcome, please plan to attend and join in on our discussion. Don't forget, we have cookies and coffee.

**11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 & 15**

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

*Bob Grubbs Vicki & Dane Phillips*  
*In Loving Memory of In Memory of*  
*Pat Grubbs Luella Drum (mother)*

*The pink rose on the font this morning is in celebration of the birth of Haley Jane Davis, infant daughter of parents Justin & Mollie Davis, born on August 24, 2014 weighing 7 lbs 4 oz, and 20 inches long.*

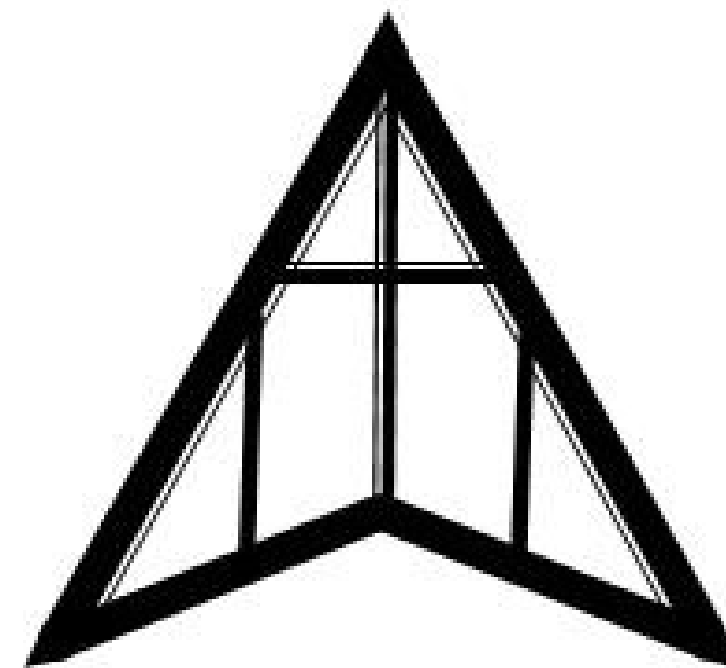
*The white rose on the font this morning is in celebration of the birth of Mitchell Curtis Jones, infant son of parents Tim & Jessica Jones, brother of Tyler and Ben, and Grandson of Greg and Beth Brinkman, born on September 10, 2014 weighing 6 lbs 14 oz, and 21.5 inches long.*

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!

**Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church**

**A Stephen Ministry Church**

**September 14, 2014**



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**Order for the Public Worship of God  
September 14, 2014  
14th 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.)*

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION** (11:00) Vicki Phillips

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**  
“Chorale Improvisation on BUNESSAN” Paul Manz  
(1919-2009)

*(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MINUTE FOR FELLOWSHIP**—Jim Warren, A Night on the Towne

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**  
*(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and place it in the offering plate later in the service).*

**\*HYMN #645** MIT FREUDEN ZART  
“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

**WE CONFESS**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)**  
Inescapable God, You have searched us and You know us. You are well acquainted with our sins. We confess our sinful thoughts and ask for forgiveness. Before a word is on our tongues, Lord, You know it completely. We confess all the lies, the gossip and the indecent thoughts we have committed and ask for Your forgiveness. We confess all our sins to you Lord and to each other, in the name of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. 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** “Psalm 139” Allen Pote

*Lord, you have searched me and known me, You know everything I do.  
When I rise up, when I lie down, you are with me through and through.  
Before a word is on my tongue, you know what I will say,  
Your presence follows me, day by day.*

*Where can I flee from your spirit? Where can I go to run away?  
If I go to heaven, or live in hell, you are there.*

*Search me O God, and know me. Try me and know my heart.  
See if there be any wicked way in me,  
And lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.*

**FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN** *(Children age 3 (by 9/14) through fifth grade may go to Room 3 for Children’s Sunday School.)*

**DEDICATION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEACHERS**  
*(See Litany on insert.)*

**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** “Be Thou My Vision” Dale Wood

**\*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**

**WE HEAR THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING** (page 956) Colossians 1:15-23 (NRSV)

**\*HYMN #302** O WALY WALY  
“When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace”  
*(Please Stand.)*

**SCRIPTURE READING** (pages 503-504) Psalm 139 (NIV)

**SERMON SERIES** Chris Curvin, Pastor  
Stop, Look and Listen to the Psalms:  
#11 “The God Who Cares For Us Before  
the Cradle and Beyond the Grave” (Psalm 139)

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

**\*HYMN #702** “Christ Be Beside Me” BUNESSAN

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**  
(8:15) “Fanfare” G.F. Handel  
(11:00) “O Worship the King” arr. Bruce Greer

*(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.*

# ignite

*ignite is a contemporary worship service at 9:30 that delivers the message of Jesus Christ through Powerful Music, Media & Scripture Based Sermons.*

**LET THE COUNTDOWN BEGIN**

**PRAISE SONG**  
“My Savior Lives”

**MEET & GREET**  
“One Thing Remains”

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS  
MINUTE FOR FELLOWSHIP**  
Jim Warren, A Night on the Towne

**DEDICATION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION  
TEACHERS**—see litany on insert

**CALL TO OFFERING  
OFFERTORY**  
“The Name”

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER**

**VIDEO**—“Fearfully Made”  
**WORSHIP CONTINUES**  
“Wonderfully Made”

**SCRIPTURE READING**  
Psalm 139 (NRSV)

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**SONG OF DEDICATION**  
“Indescribable”

**GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU**

*Sermon notes...*

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