

HYMN NOTES:

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart (688)

Some hymn writers such as Watts and Wesley are remembered for many great hymns, but most writers are lucky if only one hymn survives. This hymn by George Croly (1780-1860) is a very intense and personal prayer for God's Spirit to take over our life, purify it, and fill it with the pure love of angels. Based on Galatians 5:25 ("If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit"), the last line is particularly appealing: "My heart an altar, and thy love the flame."

Croly was born in Dublin and wrote these words after moving to London where he eventually lead two churches. The tune MORECAMBE was composed for the text "Abide with Me" by Frederick C. Atkinson, organist at Norwich Cathedral. It was named after a watering place on Morecambe Bay in western England near Bradford.

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



*Bailey Shields & Leslie McHale
In Memory of Eileen & Wes Bailey*



*Darrough & Linda Diamond
In Loving Memory of Charles Lyle Diamond of Flowery Branch, Georgia
(Darrough's Brother)*

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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO....



- Sunday, October 18th:** Caysen Patel
- Monday, October 19th:** Peggy Brown, Roger McCausland, Christopher Nigels
- Tuesday, October 20th:** Zachary Rothberg
- Thursday, October 22nd:** Florence Graham, Mary Ellen Zeigler, Cassandra Fredriksen, Robert Robicheau
- Friday, October 23rd:** Naomi Cline, Vickie Mills
- Saturday, October 24th:** Imogene White, Jon Mills, Ed Derkevics

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:
(11:00) Kylie Crossley



GREETERS:
(8:15) Jackie & Jerry Koski
(11:00) Jon Mills & Sally Uhler

USHERS:
(8:15) Fred & Charlotte McQuown
Wayne & Nancy Rodewald
(9:30) Kim Peterson
Morgan & Lindsey Peterson
(11:00) Ernie & Carol Kirkwood
Ken & Martha Tobiassen



VAN DRIVER: Cynthia Lawrence

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

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.
Nancy Donnelly & Carissa Johnston

9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (15/16 School Year), Room 3
Amy Kemerer & Bree Greff

1st & 2nd Grades, Room 4
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour. Jessica Jones & Beth Brinkman

3rd- 5th Grades, Room 8
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour. Bill Sutton & Janet George

5th Grade students are welcome to worship at the beginning of the service with their families or go to room 8 with the 3rd & 4th graders. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, 5th grade may join the Sunday school class in room 8 or remain in service.

11:00 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. 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. (Communion is normally celebrated on the first Sunday of each month).

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 to continue our study of Revelation. Chapter 5 of Revelation is so visual in description. What do John's words say to us, as we Christians move toward our Heavenly Home with God?
Bob Meier

9:30 AM The TCI Sunday School Class (Today's Christian Issues)
When, if ever, is a Christian justified in refusing to do part of a job for which he/she was hired? Kim Davis refused to issue marriage licenses to gay couples and spent some days in jail because of her stand. A Muslim flight attendant refused to serve alcohol on a flight and was suspended from her job. We will discuss the various aspects of difficult decisions made because of faith. Join us for discussion and enjoy coffee and cookies and great fellowship. Martha Tobiassen will lead.

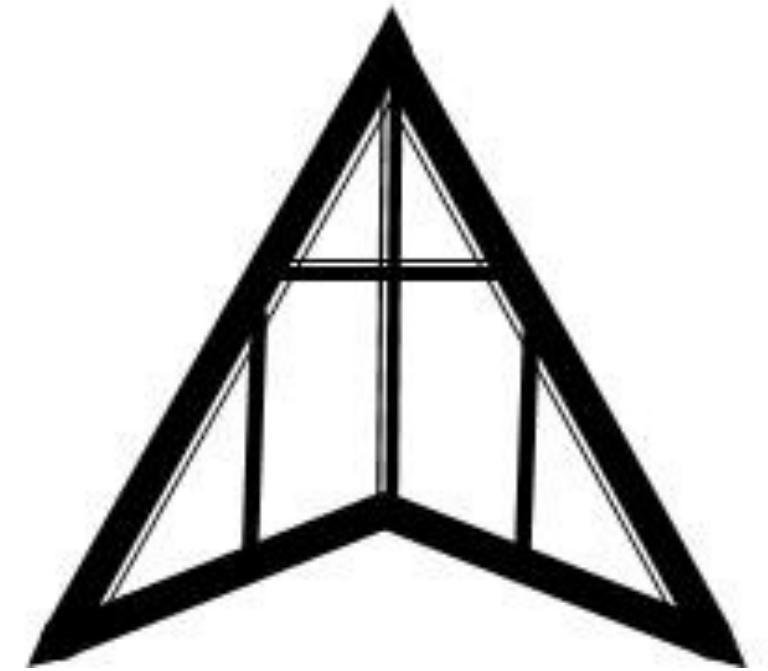
11:00 AM Experiencing God Class

Join us in room 15 led by Vicki Krueger. All are welcome.

**Welcome To
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Church**

A Stephen Ministry Church

October 18, 2015



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Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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Order for the Public Worship of God
October 18, 2015
21st 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.)*

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“Praise Ye the Name of the Lord” Gordon Young

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”
(based on the hymn at #20) arr. Diane Bish

(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 #385 “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”** OLD HUNDREDTH

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you have generously bestowed upon us blessings upon blessings. Surely such goodness and grace should inspire within us a desire to embrace you, even as you have embraced us through your Son, Jesus. Yet we confess dear Lord, it doesn't take all that much to cause us to doubt your presence and provision in our lives. Oh God, you have been faithful. By your grace, open us up to your good gifts in our lives and may we know the joy of sharing those good gifts with others, 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 “I Will Sing New Songs to the Lord” arr. Joseph M. Martin

*I will sing new songs to the Lord. I will sing new songs to the Lord.
Oh I will sing! I will sing!*

Refrain: I will sing new songs to the Lord. I will rejoice in Him all my days. I will rejoice in the Lord my God with songs of endless praise.

*I will bring my thanks to the Lord. I will rejoice and my anthems raise.
I will give thanks to the Lord my God with songs of endless praise.*

*Glory be unto God! Blessing be unto God! Honor be unto God!
Glory, honor, blessing, be to God. (Refrain)*

*I will sing the wondrous story, of the Christ who died for me.
How He left His home in glory for the cross of Calvary.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me,
Sing it with the saints in glory, gathered by the crystal sea.*

FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministries

(Children age 3 (by 9/15) through fifth grade are welcome to go to Room 3 for Children's Sunday School.)

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 “Hymn Prelude on NYLAND” Flor Peeters (1903-1986)
(based on the hymn at #725)

***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 #688 “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”** MORECAMBE

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS 1 Chronicles 29:14-18 (page 337)
Matthew 22:15-22 (pages 803-804)

SERMON “The One Gift God Really Wants” Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #708 “We Give Thee but Thine Own”** SCHUMANN

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Improvisation on FOREST GREEN” Jerry Westenkueher
(based on the hymn at #712)

(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.

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME

“Your Grace Is Enough”

MEET & GREET

PRAISE SONGS

“Fires”

“The Maker”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS— Blanket Sunday

“Jesus Loves Me”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

(5th Grade Children move to Sunday School)

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Breathe”

SCRIPTURE

1 Chronicles 29:14-18

Matthew 22:15-22

MESSAGE

“The One Gift God Really Wants”

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Cornerstone”

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!