

HYMN NOTES:

“There Is a Place of Quiet Rest” (824) known as **“Near to the Heart of God”**

Hymns of assurance have often emerged from times of personal grief, and that is again the case here. The author, Cleland B. McAfee (1866-1944), was a Presbyterian campus pastor and choir director. He wrote this hymn after two of his brother’s daughters, Anna (age 6) and Lucy (age 3) had died of diphtheria within two days of each other in 1896. The following Sunday was a scheduled communion Sunday and McAfee wrote this hymn, taught it to the choir at their rehearsal on Saturday, and walked with them to the home of his brother where they sang it on the lawn outside the still-quarantined family home. The first public singing occurred the next day in the church service. McAfee’s granddaughter was the noted hymn writer Jane Parker Huber (1926-2008) who has five hymns included in our *Glory to God* hymnal.

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

Jackie Koski

In Honor of Jerry Koski’s Birthday

Jill Towell & David Manning

In Celebration of our Marriage



Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2017 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, Oct. 15:** Bill Bilka, Sarah Jahosky, Carey Stevens, Phillip Mackie, Warrick Williamson
- Monday, Oct. 16:** Steve Cantin
- Tuesday, Oct. 17:** Norman Smith, Jack Mattheus, Trish Robicheau, Lucas Johnston, Adam Booth, Gwendolyn Gordon, Livi Scalera
- Wednesday, Oct. 18:** Caysen Patel
- Thursday, Oct. 19:** Christopher Nigels
- Friday, Oct. 20:** Zachary Rothberg



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) Blake Ruisz



GREETERS:

(8:15) Mary Duffey, Carol Rathmell
(11:00) Ken & Martha Tobiassen

USHERS:

(8:15) Dennis & Betty O’Shea
Howard Green, Bob MacFall
(9:30) Kim & Lindsey Peterson
(11:00) Polly Brown, Eleanor Cicerchi
Pete Towns, Marti Huff

VAN DRIVER: Jane Winne

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY NEWS

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (17/18 School Year)

Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship following the anthem.

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds– Kindergarten, Room 3

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Chrissy Raborn & Nancy Stevens.

1st & 2nd Grade, Room 2

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Cassondra Fredriksen & Justine Ruisz.

3rd-5th Grade, Room 4

Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 4 with Todd & Tanya Adkisson.

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship following the anthem.

Childcare for children 3yrs-5th grade who attended Sunday school at 9:30 will be in room 2.

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

Middle & High School Sunday school will meet this week! All youth are invited to attend worship together in the Sanctuary at 9:30 Ignite service for the first 20 minutes, then move to the Youth Room for Bible Study.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

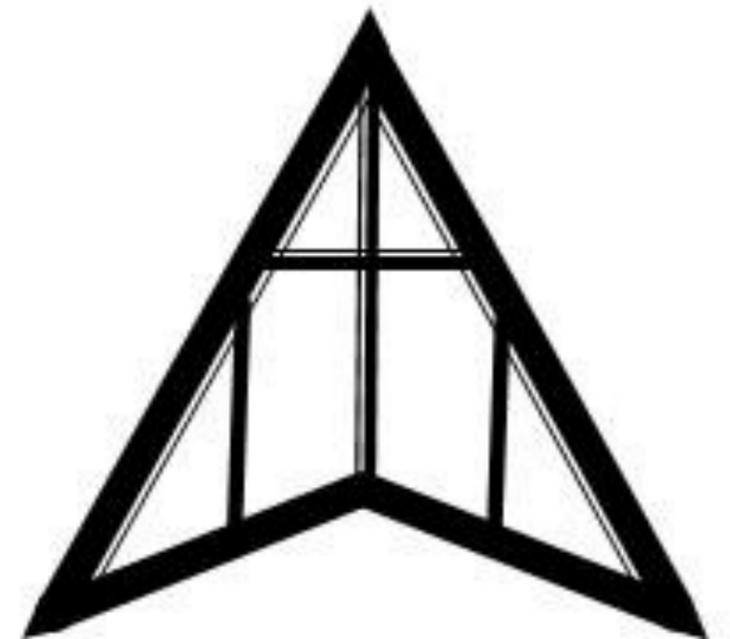
9:30 TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Class– TCI Class will meet today in rooms 9&11. This week’s topic is, “Heritage and Loyalty”. The TCI class will discuss the ways the Bible says a loyalty to our heritage can affect our walk of faith. Coffee and cookies are always available.

11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class will meet today in room 15, led by Vicki Krueger.

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

October 15, 2017



Come, Grow, Go!

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
October 15, 2017
19th Sunday after Pentecost
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

WE GATHER

(Please silence electronic devices. Large print bulletins and hymnals as well as hearing assistance devices are available. Ask an usher.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Chris Curvin, Pastor

Leader: Make a joyful noise, all the lands! Serve God with gladness!
Come into God's presence with singing!

People: We enter your gates with thanksgiving, O God, and your courts with praise! We give you thanks and bless your name!

Leader: Let us worship God.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"Foundation"

arr. Karen Thompson

Revelation Handbell Choir

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

(Please complete the bulletin insert, "FRIENDSHIP SHEET," and pass it toward the center aisle.)

***HYMN #409**

"God Is Here!"

ABBOT'S LEIGH

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

Holy and gracious God, at times we feel so frail and fragile, getting blown about by the latest crisis, by bad news, by our own short tempers and failings. You call us to hold fast to what is good, but so often we flounder, unable to find that solid thing that will center us again. Help us, we pray. Help us to see you as our center, and to cling to the good that you create in the world. Help us to set aside all our jealousies and prejudices, all of our betrayals and lies, all that adds to the world's hurt. Help us to grow even more into Christ's likeness, that we will bear his love and truth to the world. We pray in his name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, let us affirm the Good News of Jesus Christ for us and all the world.

People: Christ was born, lived and died, and rose again that we would be freed from sin and death. We can be assured that in Christ's name we are forgiven and be at peace. Alleluia! Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581**

ABBOT'S LEIGH

God of days and years and eons, still You call, as in the past.

Work undone demands our labor, justice yearns for peace at last,
Yours the vision and the challenge; ours the mission and the praise,
Celebrating past and present, consecrating future days.

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ANTHEM

"And the Father Will Dance"

Mark Hayes

And the Father will dance over you in joy!

He will take delight in whom He loves.

Is that a choir I hear singing the praises of God?

No, the Lord God Himself is exulting o'er you in song!

And He will joy over you in song!

My soul will make its boast in God, for He has answered all my cries.

His faithfulness to me is a sure as the dawn of a new day.

Awake my soul, and sing! Let my spirit rejoice in God!

Sing, O daughter of Zion, with all of your heart!

Cast away fear for you have been restored!

Put on the garment of praise as on a festival day.

Join with the Father in glorious, jubilant song.

And He will joy over you in song! God rejoices over you in song!

OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN

(Children ages 3yrs – 5th Grade, are welcome to remain in service with their parents or see back panel for classroom information.)

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 "Nearer, My God, to Thee"

Robert A. Hobby

***A 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 #650**

"O Beauty Ever Ancient"

ANCIENT BEAUTY

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Philippians 4:5-9 *(page 955)*

Luke 4:13-20 *(page 835)*

SERMON

Stewardship Series

Chris Curvin, Pastor

Sharing God's Vision #1: "Worship"

"Jesus went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom." (Luke 4:16)

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #824**

"There Is a Place of Quiet Rest"

MCAFFE

***BENEDICTION**

(8:15) CHILDREN SINGING

"Give Me Oil in My Lamp"

arr. Vicki Hancock Wright

NPC Children's Choir

(11:00) SUNG BLESSING *(please remain seated)*

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

John Rutter

Stephanie Carson, Soloist

The Lord bless you and keep you:

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Amen.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Poco vivace"

Hermann Schroeder

(1904-1984)

(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

"Foundation"

arr. Karen Thompson

Revelation Handbell Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONGS

"Revival"

"Only Wanna Sing"

'Pierced' Youth Band

MEET & GREET

"Give Me Oil in My Lamp"

Arr. Vicki Hancock Wright

NPC Children's Choirs

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

For more information and classroom assignments for Children's Sunday School, please see Children's Ministry News on the back panel of this bulletin.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Jesus Loves Me"

VIDEO- "Worship"

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4:5-9 *(page 955)*

Luke 4:13-20 *(page 835)*

MESSAGE

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SONG OF DEDICATION

"Unstoppable God"

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU