

**HYMN NOTES: "As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought (712)**

Written in 1960, this text by Presbyterian pastor Frank von Christierson (1900-1996) was first published in *Ten Stewardship Hymns* by the Hymn Society of America. The original first line, "As men of old their first fruits..." was altered by Christierson to "As saints of old their first fruits..." For the *Lutheran Book of Worship* (1978). The word "those" in the line that we sing is from *The Hymnal 1982* (Episcopal). On this text Christierson wrote: as pastor of two small churches with small memberships and great financial needs, I have been deeply concerned with stewardship, also because I am deeply concerned about missions and the outreach of the church to "all the world," also because stewardship is a very important phase of the Christian life. No one is deeply Christian until he (she) is a "good steward."

Born on Christmas Day in Finland in a house previously owned by the composer Jan Sibelius (*Finlandia*), Christierson served several Presbyterian churches in California.

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



*Ed Puschmann  
In Memory of  
Judi Puschmann's 71st Birthday*



*Friends of Northwood*

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2013 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!

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.**

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO....**

- Sunday, November 9th:** Ginger Tatarzewski, Anna Mary Weimer
- Monday, November 10th:** Daniel Pena, Ande Preston, Michelle Voytko
- Tuesday, November 11th:** Tom Huffman, Gail Weislogel
- Wednesday, November 12th:** Lindsey Scalera
- Thursday, November 13th:** Mike Fisher, Susan Spina
- Friday, November 14th:** Annie Thompson



*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) Katie Birch
- (11:00) Kylie Crossley



**GREETERS:**

- (8:15) Don Morrison and Bill Lewis
- (11:00) Martha and Ken Tobiassen

**USHERS:**

- (8:15) Bill and Loisanne Bilka  
Dennis and Betty O'Shea
- (9:30) Curtis & Vicki Krueger
- (11:00) Rob & Trish Robicheau,  
Doug & Georgianna Winder



**Greeters & Ushers**

**VAN DRIVER:** Cynthia Lawrence

**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, are invited to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children's Message  
*Teacher: Nathan Rodewald*

**9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (14/15 School Year) Room 3**

*Teachers: Jana Davis, Aimee McDermott & Diane Musto*

**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) join us as we bring the Bible to Action through games and activities in room 4 beginning at 11:00. Children will move to room 3 at 11:20 where they can be picked up after service. Should your child like to attend service up until the Children's message, they can join in on the fun in room 3 after the Children's Message or return to worship with their parents.

*Teacher: 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

*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 Jackie Koski (jackieandjerry@verizon.net), Chair of Worship Team.*

**9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15**

**TODAY:** Pete Judd will lead a discussion of Hosea. Please join us!

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

**TODAY:** The TCI class will be engaged in discussion covering a number of challenging articles from the magazine, *The Christian Century*. Bill Bitner will lead the discussion that will deal with some of the difficult questions facing Christians in today's society. The class begins at 9:30 in rooms 9 and 11. Coffee and cookies are an added treat.

**11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 & 15**

**TODAY:** Led by Vicki Krueger.

**Welcome To  
Northwood Presbyterian  
Church**

**A Stephen Ministry Church**

**November 9, 2014**

**Dedication Sunday**

*Order my steps in your Word, dear Lord,  
lead me, guide me, everyday.  
Send your anointing, Father, I pray.  
Order my steps in your Word.  
Please, order my steps in your Word.*

*Humbly, I ask Thee, teach me your will,  
while You are working,  
help me be still.  
Tho' Satan is busy, God is real!  
Order my steps in your Word.  
Please, order my steps in your Word!*

*I want to walk worthy, walk worthy Lord, my calling to fulfill.  
Please order my steps, Lord, order my steps,  
and I'll do your blessed will.  
The world is ever changing, yes, changing Lord,  
but You are still the same.  
If you order my steps, I'll praise your name.*

*Order my steps in your Word, order my tongue in your Word;  
Guide my feet in your Word, wash my heart in your Word.  
Show me how to walk in your Word,  
show me how to talk in your Word.  
When I need a brand new song to sing,  
show me how to let your praises ring,  
in your Word, your Word! Please order my steps in your Word!*

—anthem text by Glenn Burleigh

**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**  
**November 9, 2014**  
**22nd 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**

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** (8:15) “Hymn to Joy” arr. Paul Manz  
(11:00) “Bells of Praise” Phyllis Treby Hentz  
Celestial Ringers (3rd-5th grade)

*(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** “God, Your Blessings Overflow!” DIX  
God, your blessings overflow! What can we begin to say?  
How can we begin to show all our gratitude this day?  
God, we join to worship you, giving thanks for all you do.

Thank you for the life you give, for each friend and family,  
For the land in which we live, for your love that sets us free.  
Thank you, God, for daily bread, and for feasts of joy you spread.

Yet at tables where we share, sometimes there is also pain.  
There may be an empty chair: when will we feel whole again?  
When our days of grief are long, thank you that your love is strong.

So we join in thanks this day, and your gifts we freely share,  
So we follow Christ the Way, loving, serving everywhere.  
Spirit, may our lives express all our daily thankfulness.

**WE CONFESS**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)**

Let the trumpet sound, O God, and waken us from slumber. The day passes quickly and our time is soon spent. We are caught sleeping when we should be wakeful; there are tasks to be done, fulfilling your will. Forgive our failure to obey your commandments, and our drowsiness when we hear Christ’s word. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: “Lo! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye.” Receive the victory over sin that Christ has won, and arise to a newness of life.  
All: Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581** GLORIA PATRI

**ANTHEM** “Order My Steps (In Your Word)” Glenn Burleigh  
*(anthem text on front cover)*

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

**CHILDREN’S ANTHEM** (11:00) “Daniel” Williams/Perry  
Angel (3rd-5th grade) Choir

**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 DIX” Wayne Wold

**\*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**

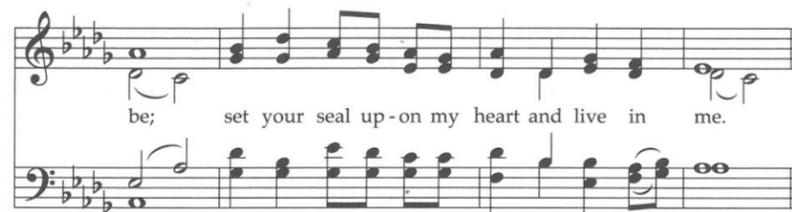
**SCRIPTURE READING** *(page 72)*  
Exodus 35:4-5; 20-22; 27-29 (NRSV)

**STEWARDSHIP SERIES** Chris Curvin, Pastor  
**Taking the Next Step of Faith in Our Giving #5**  
“I Step Forward to Give Myself”

**DEDICATION OF OURSELVES AND PLEDGES FOR 2015**

*(Members and guests are invited to come forward in an act of rededication and to touch the baptismal font. During this time pledge cards are brought forward and placed in the font. Please join in singing this refrain as you come.)*

**DEDICATION HYMN**



**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN #712** As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought FOREST GREEN

**\*BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE** (8:15) “Give Me Oil in My Lamp”  
Cherub (Pre K/K) and Seraph (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade) choirs

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

“Chorale Prelude on OLD HUNDREDTH” Johann Pachelbel  
*(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**

**WELCOME**

**CHANCEL CHOIR**  
“Order My Steps (In Your Word)”  
Glenn Burleigh, arr. Schrader

**MEET & GREET**

**CHILDREN’S SONG**  
“Give Me Oil in My Lamp”  
Cherub (Pre K/K) and Seraph (1st-2nd) Choirs

**PRAISE SONGS**

“Thrive”  
“Stand Up”

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CELESTIAL RINGERS**  
“Bells of Praise”  
by Phyllis Treby Hentz

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER**  
1st-5th Grade Children proceed to Sunday School after the prayers

**CALL TO OFFERING OFFERTORY**  
“Daniel”

Williams/Perry  
Angel (3rd-5th) Choir

**SCRIPTURE READING**  
Exodus 35:4-5; 20-22; 27-29

**MESSAGE**

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“Take, O Take Me As I Am”

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SONG OF DEDICATION**  
“My Heart Is Yours”

**GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU**