

HYMN NOTES:

“For the Fruit of All Creation” (36)

At a conference of the Methodist Music Society of Great Britain the author of this hymn, Fred Pratt Green (1900-1996), was given a suggestion to write a harvest themed hymn for a particular existing tune. The result was “Harvest Hymn.” Written in 1970, by 1982 the hymn was already in fourteen hymnals. Pratt Green skillfully employs the motif of thanksgiving for God’s bounteous gifts in this social gospel hymn, advocating adequate compensation to the laborer and chiding the Western world as ungrateful for God’s gifts of food and unable and unwilling to share these gifts with the rest of God’s family.

EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (14/15 School Year) Room 3, join us for the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children’s Message

Teacher: Justine Ruisz

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

Teachers: Melissa Michalk Long, Amy Kemerer & Joan Tobiassen

1st & 2nd 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: Steve Cantin & Jeremy Stephen

3rd-5th 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: Melissa Patel & Pam Jeffre

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds – 5th 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

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

What's happening in the PCUSA and our Presbytery? The Rev. Dr. Charles Perrine, Interim Executive Presbyter for the Presbytery of Tampa Bay, will lead our discussion. Plan to join the conversation as we examine the challenges and opportunities we face as Presbyterians. Your participation, along with coffee and cookies, will enrich the dialog.

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 16, 2014



*Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace
that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment
in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.*

Ministers: All Members of the Church

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor
Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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



*Melissa & Steve Schultz
In Memory of
Mitchel & Lucille Skaff*



Congratulations!

*The roses on the baptismal font today
are in honor of the birth of*

*Olivia Autumn Scalera, born October 17 in Tennessee to
Lindsey & Cameron Scalera (and sister Zoey)
(Grandparents: Chris and Allen Hurst)*

And in honor of

*Graham Joseph Pacana born November 1 to
Katie and Eric Pacana*

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO....

- Sunday, November 16th:** Dan Hyden, Cheryl Isler
- Monday, November 17th:** Don Booth
- Tuesday, November 18th:** Ruth Thompson
- Wednesday, November 19th:** Nellie Elzerman
- Thursday, November 20th:** Karl Groff, Betty O’Shea
- Friday, November 21st:** Muriel Antonakes, Don MacLennan, Bill Newman
- Saturday, November 22nd:** Tracey Birch, Shayna Davis, Wanda King, Joshua Luther



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) Nadia Rodewald
- (11:00) Ethan Crossley



GREETERS:

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

USHERS:

- (8:15) Bill & Loisanne Bilka
Dennis & Betty O’Shea
- (9:30) Kim, Morgan & Lindsey Peterson
- (11:00) Rob & Trish Robicheau,
Doug & Georgianna Winder



Greeters & Ushers

VAN DRIVER: Cynthia Lawrence

Order for the Public Worship of God
November 16, 2014
23rd 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 “Fanfare and Reflection” Jason W. Krug
Westminster Handbell Choir

(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 #35 “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”** LOBE DEN HERREN

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

Almighty and loving God, in the providence of your love you have created human beings in your image. You have blessed us with gifts and abilities to live lives full of joy and meaning. You call us to live out our God-given gifts not just for ourselves, but also to use them to be a blessing for our neighbors and for your church. Forgive us dear Lord when we live as if the gifts and talents you give are all about us, or when we are negligent in cultivating and employing them in the doing of your will. By your grace may we always be open to your Spirit working in us and through us for Jesus’ sake. 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 “Let There Be Peace on Earth” arr. Craig Courtney
Solo: Barbara Jordan
Quartet: Barbara Jordan, Cindy Huffman, Robert Wood, Roy Jackson
(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.)*

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

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING “Be Still, Jordan” Jay Althouse
Westminster Youth Choir
Carissa Johnston and Sarah Flaherty, Soloists

*Be still, Jordan.
Oh, Satan is a-comin’, he’s a followin’ me, And a cold, dark river is all I see.
I look over yonder at the other shore. That’s heaven waiting for evermore.*

*Oh, I want to go to heaven when I die. Cross the river Jordan bye and bye.
Lord, guide my passage this I pray. Help me cross that river one heavenly day.*

*Oh the river runs deep and the river runs wide
but I’m gonna make it over to the other side.
O the River Jordan is chilly and cold. Yes, my Lord.
It chills the body but not the soul. Yes, my Lord.
Be still Jordan.*

***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 950) Ephesians 2:8-10 (NIV)

***HYMN #36 “For the Fruit of All Creation”** AR HYD Y NOS

SCRIPTURE READING (page 806) Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)

SERMON Paul Means, Associate Pastor
“Taking Seriously the Gifts and Talents God Gives”

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN “O God, We Yearn for Safety”** AURELIA
O God, we yearn for safety; we long to be secure.
Yet faithful, loving service is what you value more.
You give us what is needed; you love, forgive and save.
Then, sending us to serve you, you call us to be brave.

You give to some ten talents—to others, two or three;
To some you give one blessing to manage faithfully.
For you, O Lord, are loving and don’t demand success;
You daily call your people to lives of faithfulness.

You give your church the gospel-- good news for us to share.
You give us great compassion for neighbors everywhere.
You give us skills to serve you and loving work to do.
We’re blest to be a blessing, and called to risk for you.

O God, it seems much safer to live from day to day,
Protecting what you lend us and hiding it away.
Yet all these gifts can’t flourish when hidden in the ground;
When we are brave to share them your blessings will abound.

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***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Paul Manz
“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

(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.*

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LET THE COUNTDOWN BEGIN

PRAISE SONGS

“The Only Name (Yours Will Be)
“Nothing Ever (Could Separate Us)

MEET & GREET

“Start a Fire”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP CONTINUES

“Fanfare and Reflection”

Jason W. Krug
Westminster Handbell Choir

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

1st-5th Grade Children dismissed to Sunday School

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Be Still, Jordan”

by Jay Althouse
Westminster Youth Choir
Carissa Johnston and Sarah Flaherty, Soloists

VIDEO

“Parable of the Talents”

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:14:30 (NIV)

MESSAGE

“Taking Seriously the Gifts and Talents God Gives”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“We Believe”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!