

HYMN NOTES:

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” (645)

One hundred years after Martin Luther, a pastor in Germany, Philip Jacob Spener, felt the church needed to emphasize the importance of a personal commitment to Christ and a continuing devotional life. This became a movement known as the Pietist movement. Johann Schütz, a prominent lawyer, helped Spener spread these ideas. Schütz also wrote several hymns emphasizing the nearness of God, including the nine stanza “Sing Praise to God....” in 1675. The second stanza, included in *Glory to God*, has frequently been dropped by various hymnal editors because of the apparent contradiction of God’s established kingdom where “all is just and right.” The kingly imagery is contrasted in stanza 3 with the feminine nature of God (“as with a mother’s tender hand....”) based on Isaiah 66:13.

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

Melissa Schultz

In Memory of her parents, Mitchel & Lucille Skaff



Lea & Gene Ecker

11/24/15 70th Wedding Anniversary



Steve & Dawn Winder

In Honor of our Family

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2015 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, November 22nd:** Wanda King, Jane Winne, Tracey Birch, Joshua Luther, Shayna Davis
Monday, November 23rd: Steve Fisher, Beth Saperstein, Chris Means
Tuesday, November 24th: Alice Beck, Jan Hewlett, Pete Towns, Marian Hill, Jana Davis, Caitlyn Turner
Wednesday, November 25th: Rita Kitenplon
Thursday, November 26th: Burt Benziger, Rik McNeill, Eric Curkan, Eric Briggs
Friday, November 27th: Bree Greff
Saturday, November 28th: Fred Archerd, Linda Diamond

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

ACOLYTE:

- (8:15) Eli Jeffre
 (11:00) Aly Tobiassen

GREETERS:

- (8:15) Patty Martin & Jean Swintek
 (11:00) Gloria Whitfield & Sue Miskiewicz

USHERS:

- (8:15) Ken & Linda Andreassen
 Don Morrison & Bob MacFall
 (9:30) Louise & Bill Mylin
 (11:00) Mike & Linda O’Leary
 Nancy Johnson
 Roger Snay



VAN DRIVER: Ed Puschmann

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. Justine Ruisz

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (15/16 School Year), Room 3

Dan Gibson & Mauricio Estavil

1st & 2nd Grades, Room 4

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour. Melissa Patel & Justine Ruisz

3rd – 4th Grades, Room 8

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour. Bill Sutton & Mary Duffy

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. Kathleen & Todd Pope

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 led by Bob Meier and Jeanette Holloway.

9:30 AM TCI Sunday School Class (Today’s Christian Issues)

“What D’Ya Keep And What D’Ya Change...And How D’Ya Decide” is the topic for this week’s TCI class which meets in Rooms 9 & 11. Garry Justice will be leading the discussion in this third part of the “Truth and Change” series. Come and join us as we try to balance the “truths” we have been taught in our lives. Coffee and cookies will be available.

11:00 AM Experiencing God Class

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

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Church

November 22, 2015



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 22, 2015
Christ the King Sunday
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 to the Lord, the Almighty” arr. Paul Sjolund

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Prelude and Setting on MIT FREUDEN ZART”

(based on the tune of the first hymn, #645) Hugo Distler
(1908-1942)

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

***HYMN #645 “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”**

MIT FREUDEN ZART

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Creator, you have given us so much, but too often we take those gifts for granted. Too often we place our wants and needs first, worried that there may not be enough. For all the times when we mistreat and misuse Your gifts, for all the times we assume that we get what we have by ourselves, forgive us and lead us back to the path of wisdom. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***A DOXOLOGY** *(all singing)*

LAUDA ANIMA

Glory be to God in heaven, songs of joy and peace we bring,
Thankful hearts and voices raising to creations! Lord we sing:
With the Father and the Spirit praises be to God, our King!

ANTHEM

“Give Thanks and Glorify His Name!” Lloyd Larson

*Refrain: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!
Give thanks to the Lord, His faithful love endures forevermore!
God has redeemed you. Sing it out, His love proclaim!
Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. Glorify His holy name!*

*Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and enter his courts with your praise;
Give thanks to God and praise His name. He is evermore the same.
(Refrain)*

*Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom the world rejoices;
Who, from our mother’s arms, hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today. (Refrain)*

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 “We Gather Together” Neil Harmon

***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 #652**

“A Grateful Heart”

ROCKINGHAM

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 93:1-5 (page 478)
Revelation 1:4-8 (pages 994-995)

SERMON

“A Season For Giving Thanks”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #643 “Now Thank We All Our God”** NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Now Thank We All Our God” David Cherwien

(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

PRAISE SONGS

“Soul On Fire”

“The River”

MEET & GREET

“Step By Step/Forever We Will Sing

ANNOUNCEMENTS
INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

VIDEO- “Your Thanksgiving Inventory”

“Because of Your Love”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

(5th Grade Children move to Sunday School)

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Secret of Life” James Taylor

Solo, Larry Stephen

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 93:1-5

Revelation 1:4-8

MESSAGE

“A Season For Giving Thanks”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Thrive”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!