

HYMN NOTES: Now Thank We All Our God (643)

This is one of the best-known German hymns—not only in Germany but throughout the English speaking world as well. We often associate this hymn with Thanksgiving, but the author, Martin Rinkart (1586-1649) intended it for a table prayer. As recently as the 19th century, one of Rinkart’s descendants owned the now-lost original manuscript of the hymn which was written on June 24, 1630 for his children to sing at meal time. This would have been in the midst of the Thirty Years’ War (1618 -1648). There is much more gratitude here for much less than the benefits enjoyed by many people who now sing this hymn nonchalantly. The final stanza is a doxology (song of praise to Father, Son and Holy Spirit), the first two stanzas are based on a book of the Apocrypha, Ecclesiasticus (also called Sirach) 50:22-24:

“Now bless the God of all, who everywhere works great wonders, who fosters our growth from our birth, and deals with us according to his mercy, and may there be peace in our days in Israel, as in the days of old. May he entrust us to his mercy, and may he deliver us in our days!”

The Apocrypha was not yet being ignored, as it came to be in later Protestantism; Luther had included it in his German translation of the Bible in the previous century.

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

Jean Swintek

In Honor of my Granddaughter, Kelsey’s Birthday

Melissa Schultz

In Memory of my parents, Mitchel & Lucille Skaff

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...

- Monday, Nov. 20:** Betty O’Shea
- Tuesday, Nov. 21:** Don MacLennan, Muriel Antonakes
- Wednesday, Nov. 22:** Wanda King, Jane Winne, Tracey Birch, Joshua Luther, Shayna Davis
- Thursday, Nov. 23:** Steve Fisher, Beth Saperstein, Chris Means
- Friday, Nov. 24:** Jan Hewlett, Pete Towns, Marian Hill, Jana Davis, Caitlyn Turner

If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven’t seen them in church recently, give them a call!

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD TODAY

ACOLYTE:
(8:15 & 11:00) Claire Cantin

GREETERS:
(8:15) Barbara Englehart & Ellen Stoup
(11:00) Carol Bushnell & Margie Gott

USHERS:
(8:15) Ken & Linda Andreassen, Fred Heider, Bob MacFall
(9:30) Kim & Lindsey Peterson
(11:00) Roger Snay, Nancy Johnson, Sue Miskiewicz

VAN DRIVER: Cynthia Lawrence

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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 Kim & Sydney Blackmore.

1st & 2nd Grade, Room 2

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Charles & Alice Ellis.

3rd-5th Grade, Room 4

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

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

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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 will meet this week! All youth are invited to attend worship together in the Sanctuary for the 9:30 Ignite service. We will attend service for the first 20 minutes and then move to the Youth Room for Bible Study.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

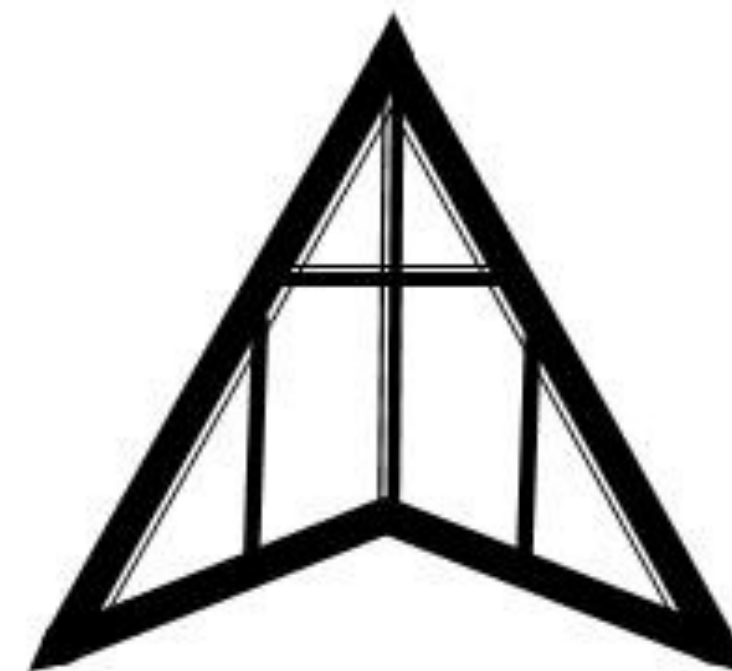
9:30 TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Class– Continuing to "get to know our staff" Pastor Chris Curvin will discuss his faith journey, his role as senior pastor, and anything else that’s on his heart. Plan to participate and enjoy the conversation, coffee and cookies.

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

**Welcome To
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Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

November 19, 2017



Come, Grow, Go!

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Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission
Stephanie Carson, Music Director
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Order for the Public Worship of God

November 19, 2017

24th 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: Your law is perfect, O God; it revives the soul; your commandment is pure; it enlightens our eyes.

People: **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, my rock and my redeemer.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River” arr. Valerie Stephenson
Jubilation Ringers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION—Beth-El Angel Tree

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

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

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

Almighty God, some days our biggest sin is trying to control our lives and everything in them. We don’t give You the big things or even the little things that consume us. We think that we can handle it on our own. We go to You as a last resort. We fiercely hang on to our families, our finances, our jobs, our vices, our plans, and our futures. Remind us that You are the foundation upon which we build our lives. Remind us that You are in control and we can trust You with it all. Forgive us for building our lives on anything but You. In Jesus Holy Name we pray, 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.

ANTHEM

“Spirit, Open My Heart”

Alfred V. Fedak

*Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and forgiving.
Spirit, open my heart.*

*God, replace my stony heart with a heart that’s kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender. (Refrain)*

*Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought and word and deed, may my living bring you glory. (Refrain)*

*May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another. (Refrain)*

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 *(page 35)*

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING “We Are Called” David Haas
Westminster Youth Choir arr. Mark Hayes

*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 #175 “Seek Ye First” LAFFERTY

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 12:13-21 *(page 847)*

SERMON “Bigger Barns” Jack Alwood, Guest Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #65 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” CWM RHONDDA

*BENEDICTION

SUNG BLESSING “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” arr. Michael Burkhardt
(please be seated) Gail Rothrock, Soloist

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Now Thank We All Our God” arr. Paul Manz

(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.)

**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

“I’ve Got Peace Like A River”

arr. Valerie Stephenson

Jubilation Ringers

MEET & GREET PRAISE SONG

“Fires”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION—Beth-El Angel Tree

VIDEO—“Thanksgiving Praise”

“Stand Up”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

For more information and classroom assignments for Children’s Sunday School, please see the back panel of this bulletin under “Christian Education”.

CALL TO OFFERING OFFERTORY

“We Are Called”

Haas/Hayes

Westminster Youth Choir

SCRIPTURE

Luke 12:13-21

(page 847)

MESSAGE

“Bigger Barns”

Jack Alwood, Guest Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Open Up the Heavens”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU