

HYMN NOTES:

Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers (407)

In 1829 the Board of Congregational Ministers in London urged the appointment of a special day (Good Friday) of humiliation and prayer to promote a revival of religion in British churches. This hymn by Andrew Reed (1787-1862) was written for that occasion. The text was radically revised by Samuel Longfellow for American use in *Hymns of the Spirit* (1864). Although stanza one suggests the theme of dedicating a new church, the rest of the hymn is a prayer for renewal by the Holy Spirit, to come as light, fire, and a dove to awaken the Church to new life.

Born in Butcher Row, London, Andrew Reed was educated at Hackney College and entered the family's watchmaking business. He was ordained a minister in the Congregational Church of England and the church he served grew and required a new building which they named Wycliffe Chapel. When urged by his son to write his autobiography Reed stated, "I was born yesterday, I shall die tomorrow, and I must not spend today telling what I have done, but in doing what I may for Him who has done all for me." Reed wrote twenty-one hymns.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, May 17: Adrienne Roberts, Kenny Giese
Monday, May 18: Bill Mylin, Mike Nigels
Tuesday, May 19: Bryce Bullis
Thursday, May 21: Nancy Johnson, Bill Martin, Michele Nigels
Friday, May 22: Tim Beaver, Jim Roberts, Sandy Estavil
Saturday, May 23: Bryan Bullis



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

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



Jackie & Jerry Koski
In Loving Memory of Our Mothers



Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2020 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!

"May the God of *hope* fill you with all *joy* and *peace* as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with *hope* by the power of His Holy Spirit."

Romans 15:13

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Children's Ministry is sending out personal notes to the children of Northwood so watch for your note in the mail. If you want to receive a note for your child or grandchild contact Justine Davis at childrensministry@northwoodpc.org.
- Please be sure to check out and "like" the Children's Ministry Facebook group. Each week we will have a children's Bible lesson posted along with other activities.
https://www.facebook.com/groups/633579497423839/?source_id=263480270372443

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Given the guidance from the Presbytery and public health officials, we have suspended all group gatherings, including Christian Education for children, youth and adults until further notice. Please use our website for up to date information.

Experiencing God Class, led by Vicki Krueger

If you'd like to join the Experiencing God class virtually via Zoom at 10:30am on Sunday mornings, please contact Vicki Krueger via email at vickilee33@aol.com and she will send you the meeting details each week.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Citylight Virtual Schedule 5/17 - 5/24

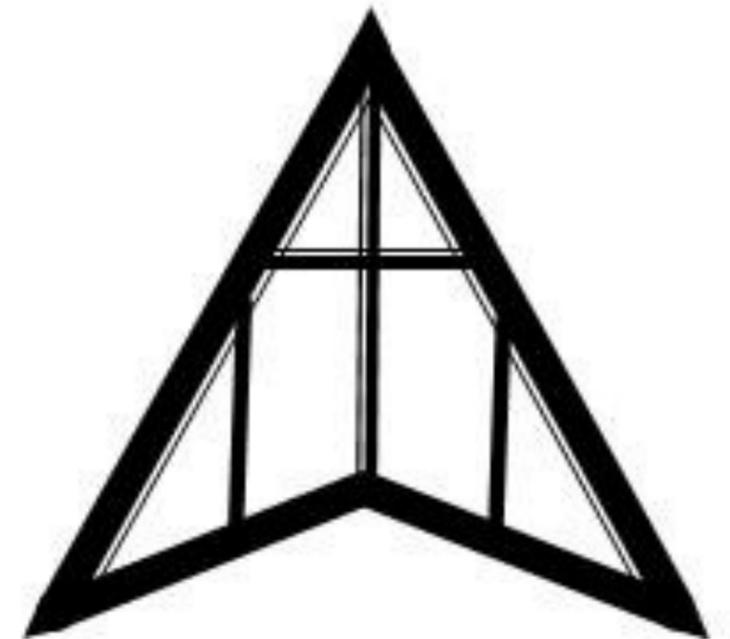
- ★ **SUNDAY 5/17 *GRADUATION SUNDAY***
9:30 AM & 11:00 AM LIVE STREAM CHURCH
10:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH DAN JEFFRE VIA TEAMS
8:15 PM - CONFIRMATION CHAT VIA ZOOM
8:30 PM - JACKBOX VIA ZOOM
- ★ **TUESDAY 5/19**
#BETTERTOGETHER BIBLE STUDIES!
- YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE STUDY WITH DAN JEFFRE VIA TEAMS AT 7:30 PM
- YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY WITH ROSALIE VIA ZOOM AT 7:00 PM
- ★ **WEDNESDAY 5/20**
7:30 PM - CITYNIGHT GROUP CHAT WITH ROSALIE VIA ZOOM
- ★ **THURSDAY 5/21**
YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE STUDY WITH DAN JEFFRE VIA TEAMS AT 7:30 PM
- ★ **FRIDAY 5/22**
8:30 PM - JACKBOX VIA ZOOM
- ★ **SUNDAY 5/24**
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<https://mailchi.mp/49b04febac8c/citylight-updates-1362120>

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

May 17, 2020



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 Worship of God
May 17, 2020
6th Sunday of Easter
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*)

Leader: God is love.

People: Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Leader: God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

People: And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

Leader: Let us worship God!

OPENING VOLUNTARY "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Jan Bender
(1909-1994)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

HYMN #2 "Come, Thou Almighty King" ITALIAN HYMN
(stanzas 1,2,3)

**Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing;
Help us to praise: Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.**

**Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord, our prayer attend.
Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.**

**Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.**

CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Together*)

Almighty God, you have shown us such love, and stretched out your arms to draw us into your embrace. Yet we so often fail to show that love within our lives. Forgive our short-sightedness and misplaced loyalties when we honor you with our lips but our hearts are far from you. Be merciful, dear Lord, when we have little regard and little love for our neighbors. By your grace, quicken our hearts with your love and give us eyes to see and hands to reach out to those you bring into our lives. We ask all of this in the name of Jesus Christ, the One who knows us the best and loves us the most. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GRADUATES VIDEO Rosalie Bradford

YOUTH ANTHEM "Who Will Be a Witness?" Donald Moore
(recorded at the 11:00 service, February 23, 2020)
Westminster Youth Choir

*Who will be a witness, O my Lord? Who will be a witness O my Lord?
Who'll be there beside me? Who'll be there to guide me? Who'll be a witness, O my Lord?*

*I'm going to heaven, want to do it right. I'm going to heaven, I'll be dressed in white.
Who'll be there to meet me? Who'll be there to greet me? Who will be a witness, O my Lord?*

*Don't want to stumble, don't want to fall. I'm going to heaven when the roll is called.
Heaven bells are ringin'. Saints are all a singin'. Who will be a witness, O my Lord?*

*Who'll be there beside me? Who'll be there to guide me?
Who'll be there to meet me? Who'll be there to greet me?
Who will be a witness? Who will be a witness? Who will be a witness, O my Lord?*

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.

CALL TO OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN #407 "Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers"
(stanzas 1,3,4) NUN DANKET ALL' UND BRINGET HER'

**Spirit divine, attend our prayers, and make this house your home.
Descend with all your gracious powers. O come, great Spirit, come!**

**Come as the fire and purge our hearts like sacrificial flame.
Let our whole soul an offering be to our redeemer's name.**

**Come as the dove and spread your wings, the wings of peaceful love.
And let the church on earth become blest as the church above.**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING John 14:15-21 (NRSV)

SERMON "Life and the Love We Live By"
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #450 "Be Thou My Vision" SLANE
(stanzas 1,2,4)

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
Raise thou me heavenward, O power of my power.**

**High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Lebantanz: MIT FREUDEN ZART" Franklin D. Ashdown
(Praise Dance on "I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath")

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

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

"The River"

"Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRADUATES VIDEO

Rosalie Bradford

YOUTH ANTHEM

"Who Will Be a Witness?"

(recorded at the 11:00 service, February 23, 2020)

Westminster Youth Choir

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"New Doxology"

SCRIPTURE

John 14:15-21

MESSAGE

"Life and the Love We Live By"

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

"One Thing Remains"

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!