

### HYMN NOTES:

#### “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” (32)

Our closing hymn today is stanzas 1,3, and 5 of what was originally titled “Praise for Creation and Providence” by Isaac Watts (1715). This was one of eight texts that Watts included in the first hymnal intended for use by children. Excerpts from this collection became the mainstay for the moral upbringing of children with parents having their children memorize verses such as the following, titled “Against quarreling”:

*Let dogs delight to bark and bite, for God hath made them so;  
Let bears and lions growl and fight, for 'tis their nature to.  
But children, you should never let such angry passions rise;  
Your little hands were never made to tear each other's eyes.*

Remember, this was the year 1715. Fortunately the text of the Watts' hymn we sing today rises to a higher level—a fine hymn for adults also, clearly based on the creation accounts in the opening chapter of Genesis.

### BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

**Monday, July 6:** Jerry Goodman, Peri Decker  
**Tuesday, July 7:** Prescott Seckel  
**Wednesday, July 8:** Linda Andreassen, Olivia Catlin  
**Thursday, July 9:** Carol Bushnell, Sandi Fahy, Ally Wolf  
**Friday, July 10:** Bridgette Ulrich, Amy Schultz, James Towell  
**Saturday, July 11:** Bob MacLennan, Dawn Winder, Kristen Murry, Erin McLarty



*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*

**Terry and Peggy Steele**  
**In Memory of Terry's Father, E.A. Steele, Jr.**  
**and Terry's Uncle, Jack D. Steele**



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. During this time when we are not meeting for in person worship, please send your information directly to [communications@northwoodpc.org](mailto:communications@northwoodpc.org). Thank you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

*“Blessed is the nation  
whose God is the LORD”*

Psalm 33:12

## 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](mailto: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.  
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### ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

#### Wednesday Bible Study, led by Cindy Huffman

The Sunday Bible study has moved to Wednesdays and is meeting on Zoom. The group is studying the book of Ecclesiastes. If you'd like to join the Wednesday Bible Study that meets on Wednesdays at 7:00pm, please email Cindy Huffman at [lucindy@aol.com](mailto:lucindy@aol.com) and she will forward you the Zoom link. All are welcome!

#### 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](mailto:vickilee33@aol.com) and she will send you the meeting details each week.

### MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

#### Citylight Schedule 7/5 - 7/12

- ★ **SUNDAY 7/5**  
9:30 AM & 11:00 AM LIVE STREAM CHURCH  
10:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH DAN JEFFRE VIA TEAMS  
8:15 PM - CONFIRMATION CHAT  
8:30 PM - MOVIE NIGHT VIA ZOOM - REMEMBER THE TITANS
- ★ **TUESDAY 7/7**  
9:00 AM - MIDDLE SCHOOL CLEANING PROJECT FOLLOWED BY BEACH DAY - MESSAGE ROSALIE FOR MORE DETAILS  
7:00 PM - YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM  
7:30 PM - YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA TEAMS
- ★ **WEDNESDAY 7/8**  
7:30 PM - CITYNIGHT VIA ZOOM - NEW DEVOTIONAL SERIES WEEK 3
- ★ **THURSDAY 7/9**  
7:00 PM - YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM  
7:30 PM - YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA TEAMS
- ★ **FRIDAY 7/10**  
7:00 PM - YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MOVIE NIGHT VIA ZOOM - CARS 1
- ★ **SUNDAY 7/11**  
9:30 AM & 11:00 AM LIVE STREAM CHURCH  
10:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH DAN JEFFRE VIA TEAMS  
8:15 PM - CONFIRMATION CHAT  
8:30 PM - TRIVIA NIGHT VIA ZOOM (JACKBOX LINK)

Follow the link to view our weekly email with links:  
<https://mailchi.mp/b0887e66a160/citylight-updates-139141>

# Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church  
Organized February 19, 1978*

**July 5, 2020**



*Ministers: All Members of the Church*

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Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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Order for the Worship of God  
July 5, 2020  
5th Sunday after Pentecost  
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*)

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord for God is good.

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Welcome one another in Jesus' name,

**People: for Christ is truly present among us.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

OPENING VOLUNTARY "Patriotic Pride" Blanche Marie Lewis  
Tom Huffman & Heather Wood

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN "Christ Be with Us" HYFRYDOL

**Christ be with us, Christ behind us, Christ before us — all around!**

**Christ in busy, noisy cities, Christ where hardly rings a sound.**

**Jesus, you're our Lord and Savior; on your love we can depend.**

**Help us see your presence clearly in each stranger and each friend.**

**Christ in lines of people fleeing, praying that a war will cease;**  
**Christ in battered women's shelters, looking for a place of peace.**  
**Christ with people sick or dying, loved ones trying hard to cope**  
**in this world of so much suffering, Christ, you give your people hope.**

**Christ with all who keep on struggling, helping others to be free;**  
**Christ with churches working, searching for a greater unity;**  
**Christ, in bread and wine, be with us, giving strength for each new day**  
**In this world of daily crosses, be our joyful, living way.**

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Together*)

**Great God: your Son called disciples, and prayed for their unity. Forgive our divisions as a nation. Help us to confess our lack of charity toward people whose customs are different, or whose creeds conflict with what we believe. Forgive us when we claim equality in God's sight but still do not show equality to all. Heal the broken fellowships throughout our land. Hear our prayer, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

APOSTLES' CREED (*Together*)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

SOLO "God Bless America" Irving Berlin  
Michele White, Soloist

CALL TO OFFERING

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Corinthians 3:18 (NRSV)

SERMON SERIES Hear My Prayer  
#4 "O Lord, Hear My Prayer, Transform Our Nation!"  
Chris Curvin, Pastor

HYMN #338 "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" MATERNA  
(stanzas 1,2)

**O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
for purple mountains majesties above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.**

**O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!  
America! America! God mend thy every flaw;  
confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty and law!**

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Together*)

**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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF THE CUP; THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND CUP  
(Please plan to celebrate communion during this livestream service by preparing a small portion of juice—or something to drink—and bread for your use at home.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #32 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" ELLACOMBE

**I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.  
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.**

**I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.  
God formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,  
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze up on the sky.**

**There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known.  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne,  
While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,  
And everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY "THAXTED" arr. Charles Callahan  
(from hymn # 341 in *Glory to God*)

*Let all the peoples praise you; let all the nations sing;  
In every land let praises and songs of gladness ring. (Psalm 67)*

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**

**HANDBELL DUET**

"Patriotic Pride"

Tom Huffman & Heather Wood  
arr. Blanche Marie Lewis

**WELCOME**

**PRAISE SONG**

"America/My Country 'Tis of Thee"

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**VIDEO**

"A Fourth of July Prayer"

**PRAISE SONG**

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

"For Our Freedom"

**SCRIPTURE**

2 Corinthians 3:18

**MESSAGE**

Sermon Series #4 Hear My Prayer

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**HOLY COMMUNION**

**SONG OF DEDICATION**

"God Bless the USA"

**GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU**