

HYMN NOTES:

"Seek Ye First" (175)

The first stanza of this "biblical song" was composed by Karen Lafferty (b. 1948) in 1971. It won immediate popularity among youth and young adult groups and soon became a standard song of the "Jesus movement" whose music became to be known as "Contemporary Christian." Lafferty wrote the hymn after attending a Bible study where "Seek ye first the kingdom of God" (Matthew 6:33) was studied. When she returned home she composed the melody for the stanzas on her guitar. Stanzas two and three in our hymnal are of anonymous origin. Here we have an example of a folksong of the 1970's becoming a mainstream hymn published in dozens of hymnals—helped to that end because of the singable melody and biblically based theology.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Monday, July 20: Mary Kreuziger, Linda O'Leary,
Dan Jeffre

Tuesday, July 21: Jill Friedman

Wednesday, July 22: Ted Whitten, Joanne Spigarelli,
Kayla McDermott

Thursday, July 23: Heather Villafranca, Mike O'Leary,
Jill Manning

Saturday, July 25: Eric Gajentan, Lauren Mackie, Eli Scales,
Ethan Scales



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



Friends of Northwood



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!

"Whatever you do, work at it
with all your heart as
working for the Lord;
not for men."

~Colossians 3:23

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

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 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 and she will send you the meeting details each week.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Citylight Schedule

7/19 - 7/26

- ★ **SUNDAY 7/19**
9:30 AM & 11:00 AM LIVE STREAM CHURCH
10:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS
8:15 PM - CONFIRMATION CHAT
8:30 PM - TRIVIA NIGHT VIA ZOOM
- ★ **TUESDAY 7/21**
7:00 PM - YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM
7:30 PM - YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA TEAMS
- ★ **WEDNESDAY 7/22**
7:30 PM - CITYNIGHT VIA ZOOM
- ★ **THURSDAY 7/23**
7:00 PM - YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM
7:30 PM - YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA TEAMS
- ★ **FRIDAY 7/24**
8:30 PM - MOVIE NIGHT VIA ZOOM - VOTE ON INSTAGRAM
- ★ **SUNDAY 7/26**
9:30 AM & 11:00 AM LIVE STREAM CHURCH
10:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS
8:30 PM - JACKBOX VIA ZOOM

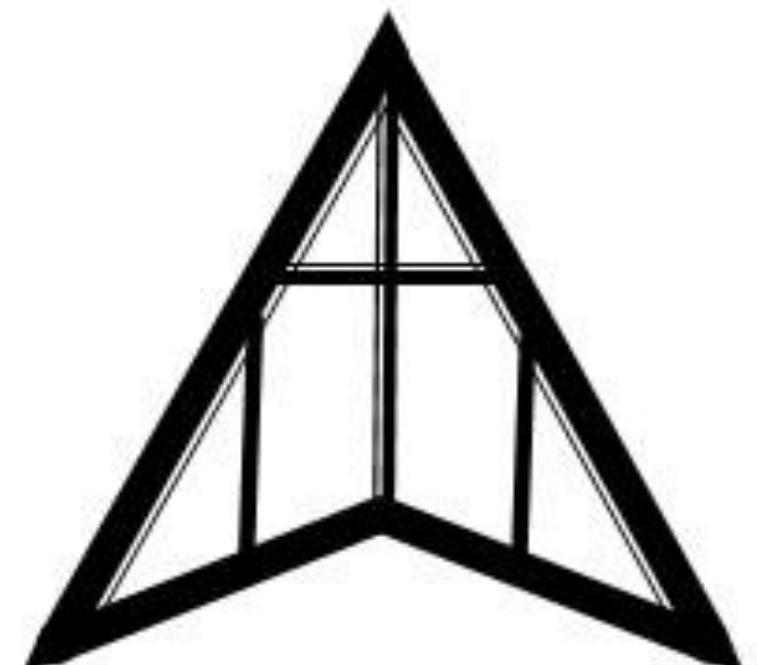
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Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
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July 19, 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
July 19, 2020
7th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: Dear Lord, you are our security, we find refuge in you.
People: Faithful Lord, everything that is good comes from you.
 Leader: You give us wisdom and make our hearts glad,
People: You lead us on the path of life.
 Leader: In your presence there is fullness of joy,
People: In your kingdom there is fulfillment forevermore!
 Let us worship God!

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"Ain't-a-That Good News" arr. Susan T. (Nelson) Sylvester
 Handbell Quartet: Robert Wood, Stephanie Carson, Linda Feller and Pam Wood

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #687 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" ST. ANNE

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
 Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.
 Beneath the shadow of Thy throne, Thy saints have dwelt secure;
 Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.
 Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame,
 From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.
 A thousand ages in Thy sight are like an evening gone;
 Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor

Almighty God, truly you are the lover of our souls. Out of your infinite love you have sought us, found us, redeemed us! This is glorious good news! Forgive us, Heavenly Father, when we follow the siren call of the world and all its allurements, rather than embracing Jesus' promise that "the kingdom of God is near." By your grace, enable us anew, to clearly hear and respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ and to live in the light of your kingdom now and always. For the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, we do pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SOLO "Gather Us In" arr. Mark Albrecht
 Heather Wood, Clarinet

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

HYMN #175 "Seek Ye First" LAFFERTY

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
 And His righteousness,
 And all these things, shall be added onto you,
 Allelu, Alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
 Seek and ye shall find.
 Knock and the door shall be opened onto you.
 Allelu, Alleluia

You shall not live by bread alone,
 But by every word
 And all these things shall be added unto you.
 Allelu, Alleluia

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:44-46

SERMON

"Life's Hidden Treasure"
 Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #223 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (stanzas 1, 2, 4)

HAMBURG

When I survey the wondrous cross
 On which the Prince of glory died,
 My richest gain I count but loss,
 And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
 Save in the death of Christ my God!
 All the vain things that charm me most,
 I sacrifice them to His blood.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
 That were a present far too small;
 Love so amazing, so divine,
 Demands my soul, my life, my all.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Allegro on ST. ANNE"

Paul Manz

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 SONG

"Blessed Be Your Name"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG

"I Am Not Alone"

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Come As You Are"

VIDEO

"Simple Gospel"

SCRIPTURES

Matthew 13:44-46

MESSAGE

"Life's Hidden Treasure"
 Paul Means, Associate Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

"The Way"

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!