HYMN NOTES:
“If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee (816)
Georg Neumark (1621-1681) was only twenty years old when he wrote this text in
the winter of 1641. He was traveling from his home to the University of Königs-
berg when he was robbed by highwaymen who left him with nothing but his
prayer book and a little money sewn into the clothes he was wearing. With no
money for school he searched for months for employment and finally by chance
secured an appointment as tutor in the household of a prominent judge. This hymn
was written in thanksgiving for this long-sought blessing. The text is based on
Psalm 55:22 (“Cast thy burden on the Lord, and he shall sustain thee”). The tune
name is the German of the first line of text.

“God Is Calling through the Whisper” (410)
This is a relatively new hymn (2006) by Mary Louise Bringle, a Presbyterian
hymnwriter born 1953. The text points out how God’s call may not come to us in
literal words but may appear in the beauties of art and nature or in recognizing a
need we are especially well equipped to address. The opening two lines allude to
Psalm 55:22 (“Cast thy burden on the Lord, and he shall sustain thee”). The tune
name is the German of the first line of text.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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
A study of the Book of Matthew meets every Wednesday at 7:00pm through
Zoom. The study guide being used is The Immersion Bible Study: Matthew
by J. Ellsworth Kalas. If you’d like to join the Wednesday Bible Study or
need a study book, please email Cindy Huffman at
lucindy1@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
7/16 - 7/18
★ SUNDAY 8/8
9:30 AM & 10:00 AM LIVE STREAM CHURCH
10:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS
4:00 PM - SLIP IN SLIDE KICKBALL IN HERITAGE LOT
★ TUESDAY 8/8
7:00 PM CONFIRMATION CHAT VIA ZOOM
7:30 PM : YOUNG WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM
7:30 PM : YOUNG MEN’S BIBLE STUDY VIA TEAMS
★ WEDNESDAY 8/9
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM WRITING GIVING WALL THANK YOU CARDS ACTIVITY - SEE SIGN UP
★ THURSDAY 8/9
7:30 PM : YOUNG WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM
7:30 PM : YOUNG MEN’S BIBLE STUDY VIA TEAMS
★ SUNDAY 8/15
9:30 AM & 10:00 AM LIVE STREAM CHURCH
Follow the link to view our weekly email with links:
https://mailchi.mp/976615cc7925/citylight-updates-1462652

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church
A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978

September 6, 2020

“God Is Calling Through the Whisper ”

God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit’s deepest sighs,
through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise.
Flash of lightning, crash of thunder; hush of stillness, rush of wonder.
God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?

God is calling through the voices of our neighbors urgent prayers,
Through their longing for redemption and for rescue from despair.
Place of hurt or face of needing; strident cry or silent pleading:
God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?

God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts,
Through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts.
Lift of joy and gift of singing: days and nights our praises bringing:
God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?

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. During this time when we are not meeting for in person worship,
please send your information directly to communications@northwoodpc.org
Please remember to mark “flowers” and the date on your $30 donation. Thank
you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or
an anniversary/birthday!

“The LORD indeed is GOD: the LORD indeed is GOD.”
1 Kings 18:39

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Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission
OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Apostles’ Creed”

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

HYMN #816

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.

People: We will praise you, O Lord, among the nations; we will sing of you among the peoples.

Leader: For great is your love, higher than the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

People: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and let your glory be over all the earth.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”, arr. Paul Manz

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #816 “If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”

“If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hopeful heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, whate’er betide thee, to bear thee through the evil days. Who trusts in God’s unchanging love builds on the rock that not to be can move. Only be still, and wait God’s leisure, in cheerful hope, with heart content to take whate’er thy keepers pleasure and all discerning love hath sent. No doubt our inmost wants are clear to One who holds us always dear. Sing, pray, and swerve not from God’s ways, but do thine own part faithfully. Trust the rich promises of grace; so shall they be fulfilled in thee. God never yet forsook at need the soul secured by trust indeed. Only be still, and wait God’s leisure, in cheerful hope, with heart content to take whate’er thy keepers pleasure and all discerning love hath sent. No doubt our inmost wants are clear to One who holds us always dear. Sing, pray, and swerve not from God’s ways, but do thine own part faithfully. Trust the rich promises of grace; so shall they be fulfilled in thee. God never yet forsook at need the soul secured by trust indeed.

CALL TO OFFERING

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

(Selected verses) 1 Kings 18 (NRSV)

SERMON

“Can You Hear Me Now?”

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

HYMN #511 “Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven”

(stanzas 1,2,4)

“...Hear the Word of God declared: Alleluia! “Come! the banquet is prepared.” Alleluia! All is ready, come attend. Alleluia! As the Lord’s invited friend; Alleluia! Come from north, west, south, and east; Alleluia! Celebrate the joyful feast. Alleluia! As the Lord our God has willed, Alleluia! Here the hungry soul is filled; Alleluia! Here the weary are refreshed. Alleluia! All who share God’s feast are blessed. Alleluia! 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.


(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

HYMN #410 “God Is Calling Through the Whisper” W ZLOBIE LEZY

(see front cover)

Benediction

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Now Thank We All Our God”

(arr. Michael Burkhardt)

Stephanie Carson, Music Director

Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director