

**HYMN NOTES:**

**“Faith of Our Fathers”**

This is a hymn whose focus and meaning is completely different from the intention of the author. Frederick W. Faber (1814-1863) wrote this to be sung by Roman Catholic parishioners who with their newly restored freedom of political and religious expression were calling for the return of Roman rule to the Church of England. The original third stanza read: “Faith of our Fathers! Mary’s prayers, shall win our country back to thee...” It is still not popular in Britain but since the Unitarians altered it for Protestant use, it is found in most American hymnals (not our *Glory to God*) as singers vow to be true to the faith till death. God moves in mysterious ways!

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...**

- Sunday, September 27:** Peter Judd, Suzanne Alexander, Eric Kemerer, Meagan Decker
- Monday, September 28:** Loisanne Bilka, Joe Zeigler, Diana Fisher, Todd Adkisson
- Thursday, October 1:** Diane Musto, Ethan Winder
- Friday, October 2:** Missy Wolf
- Saturday, October 3:** Justine Davis, Brian Mackie



*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. 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). 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!

*“I have fought the good fight,  
I have finished the race, I have kept the FAITH.”*

2 Timothy 4:7

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**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 [lucindyl@aol.com](mailto:lucindyl@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.

**Fresh Brewed**

Fresh Brewed will meet on the first Friday of every month at 10:30am via Zoom. The next meeting is October 2nd. The new book will be “Deeply Rooted; Knowing Self, Growing in God” by Christopher Marcie. Please contact Louise Mylin for a Zoom code and if you have any questions (727) 787-9868

**MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL  
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**Citylight Schedule  
9/27 - 10/4**

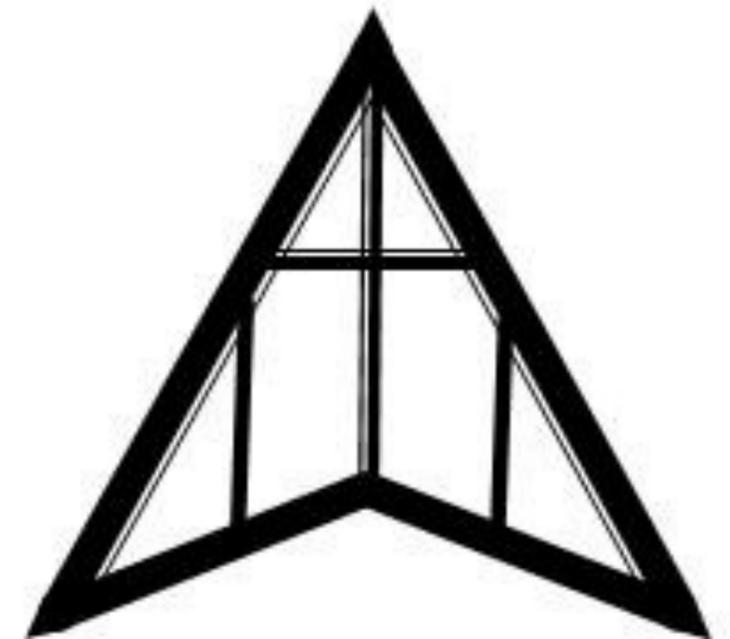
- ★ **SUNDAY 9/27**  
9:30 AM & 11:00 AM LIVE STREAM CHURCH  
10:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS  
8:30 PM - COLLEGE GROUP VIA ZOOM
- ★ **TUESDAY 9/29**  
7:00 PM - CONFIRMATION CHAT VIA ZOOM  
7:30 PM - YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM
- ★ **WEDNESDAY 9/30**  
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM IN PERSON BIBLE STUDY OUTSIDE OF THE YOUTH ROOM
- ★ **FRIDAY 10/2**  
9:00 PM LATE NIGHT JACKBOX VIA ZOOM
- ★ **SUNDAY 10/4**  
9:30 AM & 11:00 AM LIVE STREAM CHURCH  
10:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS  
7:30 PM - YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA TEAMS

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<https://mailchi.mp/b5091d74f269/citylight-updates-1405688>

**Welcome To  
Northwood Presbyterian  
Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church  
Organized February 19, 1978*

**September 27, 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  
September 27, 2020  
17th Sunday after Pentecost  
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*)

Leader: Choose this day whom you will serve.  
**People: We will serve and obey the Lord our God.**  
Leader: The Lord watches over the stranger;  
**People: God upholds those who are in need.**  
Leader: Stand firm and hold fast to your faith.  
**People: God indeed will strengthen us in word and deed.**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Meditation on TERRA BEATA” Charles Callahan  
(This Is My Father’s World)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #837 “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine” SHOWALTER  
**What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

*Refrain:* **Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
leaning in the everlasting arms;  
O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain***

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain***

CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Together*)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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, amen.**

SOLO “Nearer, My God, To Thee” arr. Heather Sorenson  
Stephanie Carson, Soloist

*Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee, even though it be a cross that raises me.  
Still all my prayer shall be, “Nearer, my God, to Thee.”  
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer, Lord, to Thee.  
And when the nighttime hides Your face, dark is all I see.  
Then urgently, my heart cries out, “Nearer, Lord, to Thee!”*

*In Your presence, I am sheltered. In Your presence, I am strong.  
There is healing for the hurting. There’s forgiveness for the wrong.  
You are hope for every heartache. You are help for every need,  
Your abundant grace has offered the promise to be free.*

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 “Faith of Our Fathers” ST. CATHERINE  
**Faith of our fathers, living still, in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword,  
O how our hearts beat high with joy  
when-e’er we hear that glorious word!**

**Faith of our fathers, holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death.**

**Faith of our fathers, we will strive to win all nations unto thee,  
And through the truth that comes from God,  
we all shall then be truly free.**

**Faith of our fathers, we will love both friend and foe in all our strife;  
And preach thee, too, as love knows how  
by kindly words and virtuous life.**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Timothy 4:6-18 (NRSV)

SERMON SERIES Some Things I’m Most Thankful For Just Now  
#2 “Those Keeping the Faith—In Spite of...”  
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #269 “Lead On, O King Eternal!” LANCASHIRE

**Lead on, O King eternal! The day of march has come;  
hence forth in fields of conquest your tents shall be our home.  
Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong,  
and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.**

**Lead on, O King eternal, till sin’s fierce war shall cease,  
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;  
for not with swords’ loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums;  
with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.**

**Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears,  
for gladness breaks like morning where’er your face appears;  
your cross is lifted o’er us; we journey in its light.  
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Trumpet Tune in D” David N. Johnson

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**

“Holy Water”

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAISE SONG**

“Believer”

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

“Go So Loved”

**SCRIPTURE**

2 Timothy 4:6-18 (NRSV)

**MESSAGE**

Sermon Series

Some Things I’m Most Thankful For Just Now  
#2 “Those Keeping the Faith—In Spite of...”  
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**SONG OF DEDICATION**

“Same Power”

**GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU**

*Sermon notes...*

*that Ignite Action!*