

HYMN NOTES:

“The Day of Resurrection” (233)

This hymn from the early 8th century is one of the oldest found in most hymnals. Its origin is rooted in the liturgy of the Greek Church. It was written by one of the famous monks of the church, John of Damascus (c. 676-c. 780). This writing occurred several centuries before the Byzantine or Greek Orthodox Church split with the western Roman Church in 1044. The hymn is still sung in Greek churches at midnight before Easter as the congregation lights candles to dispel darkness and the silence is shattered by sounds of drums and trumpets. The hymn moves from the Exodus (crossing the Red Sea appears in all Greek Easter hymns) to the New Testament story of Easter morning.

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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO....

- Sunday, April 22:** Edwin Smith, Garry Justice
- Monday, April 23:** Shirley Gleason
- Tuesday, April 24:** Charlie Hersh, Keith Nadig, Kat Voss
- Wednesday, April 25:** Billie Nesmith, Renee Smtih
- Thursday, April 26:** Dianne Lynn, Jessie Lusk, Tom Michaels, Eli Jeffre, Isaac Jeffre, Luke Ruisz
- Friday, April 27:** Anna Colon, Troy Harris, Shaun Flaherty, Olivia French
- Saturday, April 28:** Judy Hood



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

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

- ACOLYTE:**
 - (8:15) Claire Cantin
 - (11:00) Sarah Birch
- GREETERS:**
 - (8:15) Barbara Englehart & Joanne Spigarelli
 - (11:00) June Arnold & Nancy Erikson
- USHERS:**
 - (8:15) Barbara Moler & Betty O’Shea
 - Heather Villafranca & Sue Walker
 - (9:30) Candy Spoenlein & Louise Mylin
 - (11:00) Martha Tobiassen & Donna Wallace
 - Eleanor Cicerchi & Nancy Johnson
- VAN DRIVER:** Keith Nadig



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (17/18 School Year)
Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship following the anthem.

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade, Room 2
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Dan Gipson & Mauricio Estavil

3rd-5th Grade, Room 8
Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8 with Cassondra Fredriksen & Jean Swintek

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (17/18 School Year)
Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship following the anthem.

Childcare for children 3yrs-5th grade who attended Sunday school at 9:30 will be in room 2.

9:30 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Middle & High Schoolers are meeting this week for Sunday School. All youth are welcome to worship together in the back row of the Sanctuary at the 9:30 Ignite service. We’ll be in service for the first 20 minutes or so and then we’ll move to the City for Sunday School.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 A.M. TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Rooms 9-11
We’ll welcome Al Barrett, Ministry Director of Threads of Hope, a Ministry of Missionary Ventures International. This is a great opportunity to learn about the miracles God is working among the Massai people in Kenya through this Northwood-supported mission. As always, we’ll have coffee and cookies.

9:30 A.M. Adult Bible Study Room 10
Professor Michael Jahosky will be teaching an Adult Sunday School Bible Study and will continue on Sundays through May 13th. This class will teach and discuss the basic tools in sharing and talking about your faith with non-Christians. All are welcome.

11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class will meet today in room 15, led by Vicki Krueger

**Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church
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April 22, 2018

Gifts of Women Sunday



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 Public Worship of God
April 22, 2018
Gifts of Women Sunday
8:15 & 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service

THE GATHERING

*(Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins.
Please silence electronic devices.)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Heather Wood (8:15)
Barbara Englehart (11:00)

Leader: We gather to worship God, for He is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: We gather to worship God, for He has called us and has given us gifts to be faithful people.

People: We remember that God's steadfast love endures forever.

OPENING VOLUNTARY "Alleluia! Amen!" Karen Lakey Buckwalter
Celebration Ringers

(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Curvin, Pastor

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Patty Martin (8:15)
Sue Miskiewicz (11:00)

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

(Please complete the bulletin insert, "FRIENDSHIP SHEET," and pass it toward the center aisle.)

***HYMN #233**

"The Day of Resurrection" LANCASHIRE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Barbara Englehart (8:15)
Sharon Helms (11:00)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

Loving and merciful God, you have searched us and known us and still you love us. We confess that we take this love and mercy for granted; we are careless with our gifts and resources, and we refuse to focus on you and your will for all creation. You call us to lead with love but we are reluctant leaders or we lead with only rules and efficiency in mind. Grant us, O God, caring hearts, attentive minds, and renewed commitment to follow you and to help lead others to you. In the saving grace of Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581**

GLORIA PATRI

ANTHEM

"The Gift of Love" arr. Hal Hopson

*Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
Though I may give all I possess and striving so my love profess,
But not be giv'n by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.
Come spirit come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed. By this we worship, we are freed. Amen.*

OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN

(Children ages 3yrs – 2nd Grade, are welcome to remain in service with their parents or join us in room 3 for Children's Church.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER *(page 35)*

Jackie Koski (8:15)
Linda O'Leary (11:00)

CALL TO OFFERING

Pam Wood (8:15)
Marti Huff (11:00)

MUSICAL OFFERING "Now the Green Blade Rises" Michael Burkhardt
(based on the Easter hymn at #247)

***A DOXOLOGY #606**

OLD HUNDREDTH

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN**

"God of the Women"

SLANE

God of the women who answered your call,
Trusting your promises, giving their all,
Women like Sarah and Hannah and Ruth
Give us their courage to live in your truth.

God of the women who walked Jesus' Way,
Giving their resources, learning to pray,
Mary, Joanna, Susanna, and more—
May we give freely as they did before.

God of the women long put to the test,
Left out of stories, forgotten, oppressed,
Quietly asking: "Who smiled at my birth?"
In Jesus' dying you show us our worth.

God of the women who ran from the tomb,
Prayed with the others in that upper room,
Then felt your Spirit on Pentecost Day
May we so gladly proclaim you today.

*-from Gifts of Love: New Hymns for Today's Worship
by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette © 2000 Geneva Press*

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruth 1: 1-22 *(page 210)*

SERMON

"Good Ullage" Rev. Barbara Booth-Jarmon

A LITANY FOR THOSE WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS

Ellen Stoup (8:15) Jeanette Holloway (11:00)

Leader: Loving God, we thank you for mothers and fathers who lovingly raised and are raising their children and teaching them to be kind and thoughtful people. We thank you for the times they teach children how to work through difficult times, remembering they are always loved.

People: We thank you for teachers and pastors who challenged us to explore meaningful ways to be servant leaders with compassion and a sense of justice, with openness to all your people.

Leader: We thank you for children and youth who are curious and searching and invite us to join them on their journeys. We are grateful that they remind us of the importance of play and not taking ourselves too seriously.

People: Give all leaders hearts of love and the desire to do better and be better. Grant them the commitment to be among those who lead with love, purpose, and compassion. Be with all your people, loving God, this day and in the days to come. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN #39**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

***BENEDICTION**

SUNG BLESSING "Peace to You, Sisters, Brothers"
(please be seated) Barbara Washburn, soloist

Jillian Bray

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Today, God's Only-gotten Son"

J.S. Bach

**Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.*

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

"Alleluia! Amen"

*Celebration Ringers
arr. Karen Lakey Buckwalter*

MEET & GREET

PRAISE SONGS

"Jesus"

"One Thing Remains"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Come As You Are"

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Jesus Loves Me"

VIDEO

"I AM-The Good Shepherd"

SCRIPTURE

John 10:1-15

MESSAGE

"What Am I Hearing?"

Cindy Huffman

SONG OF DEDICATION

"I Will Rise"

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!