

HYMN NOTES:

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (366)

Authored by Charles Wesley this hymn was first published in 1747. The current use of the term “parody” nearly always implies that the original work is being treated with disrespect or distortion. For Wesley however, parody became a way of claiming secular models for sacred purposes. Such is the case here. This now beloved and much used hymn was a reworking of a song by John Dryden from the fifth act of the opera *King Arthur* by Henry Purcell:

*Fairest Isle, all isles excelling,
Seat of pleasures and of loves;
Venus here will choose her dwelling
And forsake her Cyprian groves.*

Wesley’s reuse of this material—even retaining some of the rhyme words—was not to use something new and trendy (the opera debuted sixteen years before he was born) but an expression that nothing was beyond redemption or could not be used for God’s purposes. So a song by the mythological goddess of love can be adapted as a hymn celebrating the true divine Love.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, Sep. 4: Scott Curkan
Monday, Sep. 5: Bob Anderson, Toby Shugart,
Terri Youngblood, Michael Turner,
Allison Gunderman
Tuesday, Sep. 6: Gary Jay, Mark Giese, Aimee McDermott
Wednesday, Sep. 7: Roy Jackson, Marian Rather, Curtis
Krueger, Owen Lemon
Thursday, Sep. 8: Dot Brown, Carol Curry
Saturday, Sep. 10: Loring Daniel, Ashley Gordon, Tyler Jones,
Mitchell Jones



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



Fred Drew

In Loving Memory of Mary Ann Drew



Tracey Birch

In Honor of Joyce Baker’s (Tracey’s mother) Birthday

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2016 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!

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY NEWS

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds– 2nd Grade (16/17 School Year)

Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship class during the offering.

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds– Kindergarten, Room 3

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with David Sr. & Suzanne Hamilton.

1st- 2nd Grades, Room 2

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Kelly Makal and Nora Gunderman.

3rd-5th Grades, Room 8

Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 8 with Justine Ruisz.

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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Parents, if you wish for your children to receive communion please have them remain with you in the worship service on Communion Sundays. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Elder Dawn Winder, Chair of Worship Team.

9:30 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Meet in the sanctuary to worship together for the first 30 minutes, then move to the youth room for the lesson with Jon.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

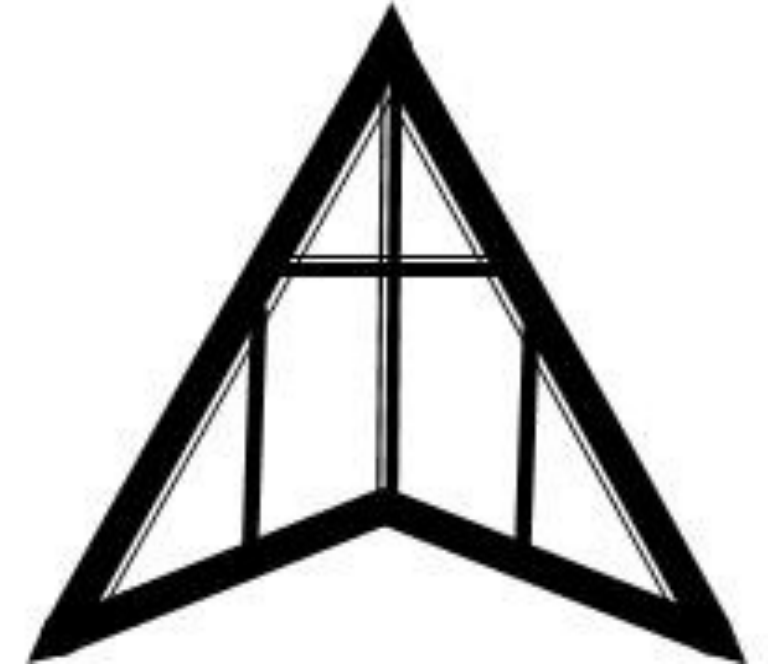
TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Class will resume Sunday, September 11 at 9:30 A.M. in rooms 9 & 11.

Experiencing God Class resumes September 11 in room 15 led by Vicki Krueger.

Welcome To **Northwood Presbyterian Church**

A Stephen Ministry Church

September 4, 2016



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Order for the Public Worship of God
September 4, 2016
16th Sunday after Pentecost
8:15 & 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service

WE GATHER

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us proclaim the goodness of the Lord.
People: **Let us bless the holy name of God forever.**
Leader: For the Lord is gracious and merciful.
People: **Everlasting love and compassion surround us.**
Leader: Therefore we will sing praises to you our God.
People: **We will declare the joy of being your children!**
We will celebrate the glory of your everlasting love!
We will come together in the worship of our God!

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Sometimes a Light Surprises” Irish melody
(based on the hymn at #800) arr. Larry Shackley

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

*HYMN #366 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” HYFRYDOL

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

God of our hopes and dreams, we are empty, and long to be filled—yet we resist you. We are hungry, and long to be fed—yet we resist you. We are lost, and long to be found—yet we resist you. Dear Lord, forgive us. In your grace gather us into your love. In your mercy, just as Jesus picked up the fragments of the five loaves and two fish that remained after the feeding of the five thousand, pick up the pieces of our lives. Call us anew to eat our fill and to find our true nourishment in Jesus, the bread of heaven. 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.

*THE APOSTLES’ CREED *(Together, page 35)*

ANTHEM “Come to the Table” arr. Joseph M. Martin

*Come to the table, all who hunger, those who seek the Bread of Life.
Come to the table, all who are thirsty, those who are seeking living wine.
At the table, leave your burdens; lean upon the Savior’s breast.
Come to the table, all who are weary, come and find your promised rest.*

*Come to the table, bring your troubles; lay them at the feet of Christ.
Come to the table, all who are needy; God himself has paid the price.
To the table bring your sorrow; wipe each teardrop from your eye.
Come to the table, God is calling. All who come are satisfied.*

*Come to the table, all are welcome; Christ invites the world to dine.
Come to the table, Christian pilgrims, come and taste the bread and wine.
At the table there is plenty; ev’ry need will be supplied.
Come to the table, Christ is waiting, come and celebrate new life.
Come to the table, come!*

OUR MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN

(Children’s Church is taking a break through September. Children over three should remain with their parents in worship. Nursery is available all services for children 3 and under.)

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING “Prelude on HYFRYDOL” arr. Charles W. Ore

*DOXOLOGY—#606 OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 14:13-21 *(page 796)*

SERMON “God’s Multiplication Table” Paul Means, Associate Pastor

*HYMN #460 “Break Thou the Bread of Life” BREAD OF LIFE

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF THE CUP; THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(To symbolize our unity in Christ, we hold the bread until the Elders and Deacons are served and then all partake as one body. To symbolize our personal relationship with the Lord, we drink of the cup, as the Spirit leads.)

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

“Two Improvisations” Dom Paul Benoit
(1893-1979)

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #525 “Let Us Break Bread Together” LET US BREAK BREAD

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker” Jan Bender
(1909-1994)

(The closing voluntary is the final act of worship. If you must leave before the end of the service, please respect those who are listening and leave quietly.)

Stephanie Carson, Music Director

Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

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

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COUNTDOWN

WELCOME

PRAISE SONGS

“The River”

“Greater”

MEET & GREET

“Chain Breaker”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“The Name”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

(5th Grade Children move to Sunday School)

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“If We’re Honest”

VIDEO SCRIPTURE

John 6:1-15 (from ‘The Gospel of John’)

MESSAGE

“God’s Multiplication Table”

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Sometimes a Light Surprises”

Irish melody

arr. Larry Shackley

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Same Power”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU