

**HYMN NOTES:**

**“To God Be the Glory” (634)**

Fanny Crosby (1820-1915) is possibly the most widely sung hymn author in America. Blind from the age of 6 weeks, she wrote over 8,500 gospel hymns, including 1000 unpublished manuscripts discovered in 1972 by Hope Publishing Co. She is also known for “Blessed Assurance,” “I Am Thine O Lord,” “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross,” “Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior.” Crosby was on the faculty of the New York School for the Blind and supplied texts for the most popular gospel hymn composers of her day. She was a lifelong Methodist and the wife of blind musician Alexander Van Alstyne. In Britain, she is known by her married name.

Usually a gospel hymn focuses on a personal testimony or shares a subjective aspect of faith, however this hymn is a remarkably objective celebration of God’s saving work in Jesus Christ. Our opening hymn today was written in 1875 but didn’t gain popularity until it was included in the Nashville Billy Graham Crusade in 1954.

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...**

- Sunday, Sep 18:** Eve Walker, Janet George, Charlie Fitzgerald, Gail Rothrock, Dave Glaser, Grace Fulford, Julie Latorre, Steven Musgrave, Tad Dye, Louie Cinelli
- Monday, Sep 19:** Virginia Sloane, Cynthia Lawrence, Larry Stephen, Brian Preston, Toby Cash
- Tuesday, Sep 20:** Ken Andreassen, Mitchell Johnston
- Wednesday, Sep 21:** Alyssa Long, Hannah Gipson
- Thursday, Sep 22:** Steve Lang, Matilde Naidler, David Nelson, Jolynn Farina, Rachel Granata
- Friday, Sep 23:** Carl Corrello, Klara Hortobagyi, Faye Mackie, Tanya Adkisson, Tyler Vecchio
- Saturday, Sep 24:** Lou Weislogel, Doris Croasmun

*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*



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**FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY**

**ACOLYTES:**

- (8:15) Kayla Dabbs
- (11:00) Aidan McDermott

**GREETERS:**

- (8:15) Linda Ciokan & Barbara Moler
- (11:00) Lauren & Bob Meier

**USHERS:**

- (8:15) David & Suzanne Hamilton  
Wayne & Nancy Rodewald
- (9:30) Kim Peterson & Lindsey Peterson
- (11:00) Cindy Whiteside & Sue Miskiewicz  
Carol Rathmell & Ed Puschmann

**VAN DRIVER:** Cynthia Lawrence



**CHILDREN’S MINISTRY NEWS**

**8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**3 Yr. Olds-2<sup>nd</sup> 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 when directed.

**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 Justine Ruisz.

**1st-2nd Grade, Room 2**

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Kristen Williamson & Alice Ellis.

**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 Todd & Kathleen Pope.

**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**

Middle & High School Sunday School during the 9:30am service will meet in the sanctuary to worship together for the first 30 minutes, then move to the youth room for the lesson with Youth Director, Jon Drawdy.

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**9:30 TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Class– Rooms 9 & 11**

This week the TCI class will meet at 9:30 in Rooms 9 and 11 to answer the question “Is It True That God Loves *Them* Best?”. The discussion will center around the Beatitudes and the relationship between the teachings of Jesus and the *mores* of American society. Coffee and cookies will be available.

**9:30 Serendipity Class in rooms 13 & 15 at 9:30– Fall Series,**

“Reconfirming the Faith, What it Means to be a Presbyterian”.  
September 18: “The Great Ends of the Church, Being a Presbyterian”

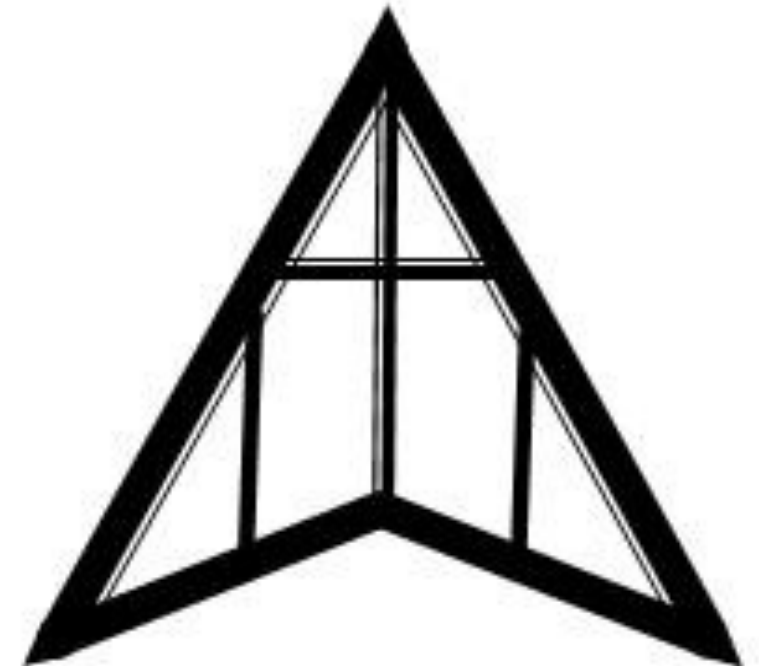
**11:00 Experiencing God Class in room 15 led by Vicki Krueger.**

All are welcome!

**Welcome To  
Northwood Presbyterian  
Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church*

**September 18, 2016**



**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 Public Worship of God**  
**September 18, 2016**  
**18th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services**

**WE GATHER**

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Paul Means, Associate Pastor

Leader: O people of God, praise the Lord!

**People: Blessed is God's name forever.**

Leader: From break of day to setting sun,

**People: Let us praise the name of the Lord.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** "Morning Has Broken" arr. Brant Adams  
Dick Casper, Violin

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** Chris Curvin, Pastor

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

**\*HYMN #634 "To God Be the Glory" TO GOD BE THE GLORY**

**WE CONFESS**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Sovereign God, we confess that we have not turned away from sin. We seek our own self-interest instead of serving others. We glorify power and wealth instead of worshiping you. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to treasure your gifts and to seek the good of all, so that we may be a blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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.

**ANTHEM** "For the Beauty of the Earth" John Rutter

*For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,  
Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For the beauty of each hour, of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:  
Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For each perfect gift of thine, to our race so freely given,  
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven:  
Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

**OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN**

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

**WE UNITE IN PRAYER**

**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.

**WE SHARE**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

"Prelude on LAUDA ANIMA" Robert Buckley Farlee  
*(based on the tune of the next hymn)*

**\*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**

**\*HYMN "God of Eager Conversation" LAUDA ANIMA**

God of eager conversation, ever wooing us to prayer  
As the primal loving parent close beside with constant care,  
Though we leap into a myst'ry still we recognize you there....

Energizing life within us, feeding us essential bread,  
Reconciling life among us, tracing mercy's common thread,  
Orchestrating life beyond us so the Realm of Life is spread.

God of lavish affirmation, "Seek," you say, and we will find,  
So we seek, and in the seeking see the depth of love's design—  
You in us and with us working, God and human heart aligned.

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**WE HEAR THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING** 1 Timothy 2:1-8 *(page 963)*

**SERMON** "Let Us Pray" Chris Curvin, Pastor

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

**\*HYMN #465 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" CONVERSE**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY** "March on LAUDA ANIMA" Donald P. Hustad  
(1918-2013)

*(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.*

# 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 SONGS**

"Mighty to Save"

"Good to Be Alive"

**MEET & GREET**

"God Is on the Move"

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**VIDEO**

"The Skinny on Prayer"

"Oceans"

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER**

*(3rd-5th Grade Children move to Sunday School)*

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

"We Fall Down"

**SCRIPTURE**

1 Timothy 2:1-8

**MESSAGE**

"Let Us Pray"

Chris Curvin, Pastor

**SONG OF DEDICATION**

"Lord, I Need You"

**GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU**