

HYMN NOTES:

“How Firm a Foundation” (463)

The author of this popular text is identified only as “K” and is one of the unsolved mysteries of 18th century English hymnody. It was first published in John Rippon’s *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787 and since Richard Keen was the precentor (song leader) in Dr. Rippon’s Baptist church, it is reasonable to assume that he was the author. It is basically about the promises of God, and hymnals use quotation marks for all the stanzas in which various promises are quoted. The tune which we sing was one of the most popular of the shape-note repertory and was associated with this text. However, all the official Presbyterian hymnals until 1955 set this text to ADESTE FIDELIS (O Come, All Ye Faithful) because of a cultural bias against shape-note tunes.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

- Sunday, August 14:** Shawn Davis
- Monday, August 15:** Bob Clyne
- Tuesday, August 16:** Alice Russell, Beverly Field, Sandy Ingram, Susan Taylor, Joe Tonelis
- Wednesday, August 17:** Richard Naider, Dan Gipson
- Thursday, August 18:** Tracy Donovan
- Friday, August 19:** Tommy Donnelly, Jim McGordy, Irene Dewitt, Barbara Henry, Omar Valdes, Kathleen O’Leary
- Saturday, August 20:** Dennis Rasmussen, Suzanne Rimmmler, Laddie Irion, Jeff Voss, Brad Hanway, Nicholas Smith, Isabella Latorre



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

Jon & Vickie Mills

In Honor of our 52nd Wedding Anniversary



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!

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

ACOLYTES:

- (8:15) Nadia Rodewald
- (11:00) Aidan McDermott



GREETERS:

- (8:15) Pam & Heather Wood
- (11:00) Jon Drawdy & Ed Puschmann

USHERS:

- (8:15) Rocky & Natalie Davis
Dick & Connie Evans
- (9:30) Curtis & Vicki Krueger
- (11:00) Jon & Vickie Mills
Nicole Twors & Bryan Bullis



MUSIC DIRECTORS: Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY NEWS

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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.

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds– VPK Grades, Room 3

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Tracey Birch & Pam Means.

Kindergarten-2nd Grade, Room 2

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Alice & Charles 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 Cassandra Fredriksen & Jean Swintek.

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

Please meet in the Ignite service (9:30 am) to enjoy worship together. During the summer, there will be no Sunday School for the Middle and High School Youth. Middle & High School Sunday School begins on Sunday, August 14 during the 9:30am service. Meet in the sanctuary to worship together for the first 30 minutes, then move to the youth room for the lesson with Jon.

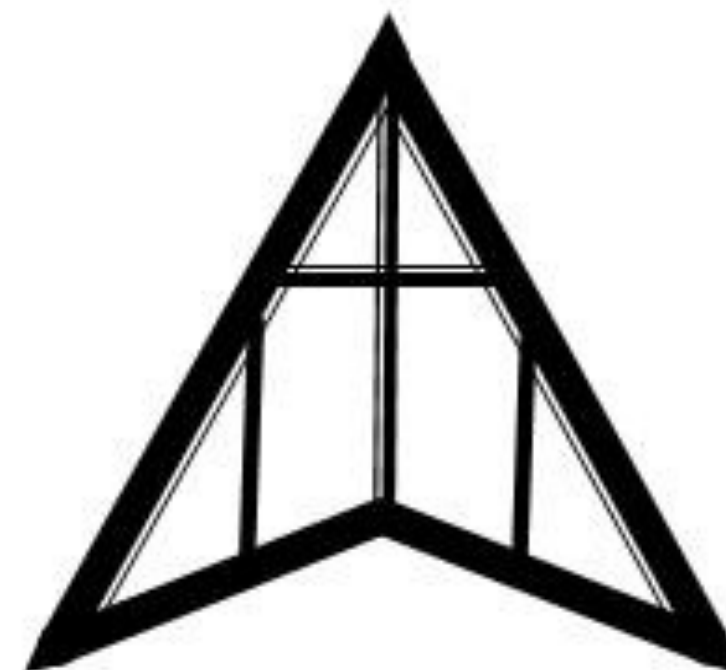
ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday morning adult education classes will resume in September. Please look for other adult Christian education opportunities on our announcement insert.

**Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church**

A Stephen Ministry Church

August 14, 2016



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Order for the Public Worship of God
August 14, 2016
13th 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

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Celtic Celebration” Joseph M. Martin
(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 #463** “How Firm a Foundation” FOUNDATION

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful and loving God, we desire to live with a robust, life-empowering faith that is expressed in love for you and for our neighbors. Sadly, we confess it is all too easy for us to live lives with complacent, lukewarm faith which is seen in how we disregard your ways, and how we focus on our wants and ignore and dismiss the needs of others. Forgive us, God of grace. Remove the burden of sin that so easily entangles us, so that we may run with faith and love the race that you have set before us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 “Nothing Left to Say” Joseph M. Martin
Alyssa Long, Soprano

*When I see the morning rise, when I gaze at cloudless skies
or watch a golden eagle as she flies,
there’s nothing left to say, God is.*

*When I watch the children play, dancing through a summer’s day,
dreaming, singing, laughing all the way,
there’s nothing left to say, God is.*

*When I see the falling snow, touch the beauty of the rose,
trace the winding river as it flows;
when I see a caring face, or a simple act of grace,
people reaching out with love’s embrace;*

*When I hear a symphony, view creation’s tapestry
or wonder at life’s sacred mystery, there’s nothing left to say,
Lord I stand amazed, nothing left to say.*

OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN

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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

“What Does the Lord Require” Michael Burkhardt

***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** “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 whene’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, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.

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

--Frederick W. Faber, 1849

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 11:29-12:2 *(page 978)*

SERMON

“The Faith Race” Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #321**

“The Church’s One Foundation” AURELIA

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Trumpet Tune” Maurice Greene
(1695-1775)

(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

“This is Amazing Grace”
“God Is on the Move”

MEET & GREET

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Come As You Are”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

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

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Hungry”

VIDEO

“Run”

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

MESSAGE

“The Faith Race”
Paul Means, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“We Believe”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU