

**HYMN NOTES:**

**“Sing of God Made Manifest” (156)**

This hymn was authored by Carl P. Daw Jr and first published in 1990. Today we observe the Baptism of the Lord or the First Sunday after the Epiphany. “Epiphany” means “manifestation” or “showing forth,” and this hymn explores a series of important occasions when Jesus was revealed to the world as God’s Anointed One. In Western Christianity, the Feast of the epiphany (January 6) centers on the coming of the Magi—treated as the essential manifestation of the Messiah to the Gentiles. So this is the subject of the first stanza. By contrast, the second stanza focuses on the event that the Eastern Christianity has regarded as the primary occasion of Christ’s manifestation, his baptism by John the Baptist (Matthew 3:13-17). As Orthodox icons make clear, this event is also understood as the initial revelation of the Trinity. Recent liturgical revisions in Western churches now provide for a prominent celebration of this occurrence which was formerly neglected. Because of this there are few hymns on the Baptism of Christ before the latter part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...**

- Sunday, Jan. 8:** Pat Speer, Joe Cernansky
- Monday, Jan. 9:** Susan Gajentan, Cody Carson, Steven Cole
- Tuesday, Jan 10:** Patrick Turner, Riley Nigels
- Wednesday, Jan. 11:** Elaine Findley, Shannon Dipolito, Chelsea Luther, Andrew Carlstedt
- Thursday, Jan. 12:** Michele White, Megan Giese
- Friday, Jan. 13:** Kristen Kelly, Alice Nisk
- Saturday, Jan. 14:** Nick Papolos, Ashley Long, Brooke Estavil, Alyssa Beach

*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) Jade Johnson
- (11:00) Dylan Cantin



**GREETERS:**

- (8:15) Nancy & Wayne Rodewald
- (11:00) Linda & Mike O’Leary



**USHERS:**

- (8:15) Bill & Bunny Bitner  
Fred & Charlotte McQuown
- (9:30) Curtis & Vicki Krueger
- (11:00) Cindy Whiteside, Jon Mills  
Pete & Evelyn Towns

**VAN DRIVER:** Art Holloway

**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 following the anthem.

**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 Melissa Long & Joyce Curvin.

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

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Melissa Patel & Nancy Stevens.

**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 Tanya & Todd Adkisson.

**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

Lively discussions, fueled by coffee and cookies, will resume today.

**9:30 A.M. Serendipity Class**

Sunday, January 8 & 15 Serendipity will be joined with TCI Class. The “New Serendipity Class” for youths and adults will begin a study of Job on January 22.

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

**6:30-7:30 P.M. Bible Study in rooms 12 & 14**

Will resume on Sunday, January 15. Please contact Cindy at (727) 409-8727 if you have any questions.

Welcome To  
**Northwood Presbyterian Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church  
Organized February 19, 1978*

**January 8, 2017**

“Our Hope for Years to Come”

*O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!*

*Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.*

*Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God. To endless years, the same.*

*A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.*

*O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home!*

—Mary McDonald

**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**  
**January 8, 2017**  
**Baptism of the Lord**  
**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: Sing to the Lord a new song;

**People: sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters,

**People: and in the temple God's people say: Glory!**

Leader: Let us worship God.

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

"Hymn Improvisation on SALZBURG"

Paul Manz

*(based on the tune of the middle hymn, #156)* (1919-2009)

**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**

"Down by the Jordan"

LOBE DEN HERREN

Down by the Jordan, a prophet named John was baptizing,  
Preaching a message the people found bold and surprising:  
"God will forgive! Show that you'll change how you live!  
Surely God's new day is rising!"

There by the river, the crowd came with great expectation:  
"Are you God's Chosen One, sent here to rescue our nation?"  
"No!" John replied. "He who is mightier than I  
Judges and offers salvation."

Jesus, you went to be baptized along with the others,  
Taking your place among sinners, God's lost sons and daughters.  
Then with great love, God's Spirit came as a dove!  
Your work began in those waters.

Here in the Church, we are baptized and filled with God's Spirit.  
Freed and forgiven, we're welcomed with joy! Can you hear it?  
This is God's sign! This is how God says, "You're mine!"  
Let's take the good news and share it!

Matthew 3:1-17; Mark 1:1-11; Luke 3:1-22 and John 1:6-8, 14-34  
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**WE CONFESS**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Creator of All Worlds, we confess to sporadic beliefs and inconsistent faithfulness. In the face of natural disasters and cruel inhumanity, we doubt that Love reigns. Between our own actions and the best we know, we see a wide gap that we cannot bridge. O God, reclaim us, and help us to reclaim our baptism; we need your healing, forgiving, transforming Spirit. 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.

**ANTHEM**

"Our Hope for Years to Come" arr. Mary McDonald  
*(see front cover)*

**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**

"Take Me to the River"

Patsy Ford Simms

Westminster Youth Choir

Sarah Flaherty, Soloist

*Take me to the river, to the River Jordan.*

*Take me to the river, let my soul be free again.*

*Sometimes, when the road is rough, sometimes, when the goin' gets tough,*

*I need a place to go, a friend who will always know*

*I need some comfort I can hold on to, I need assurance just to make it through.*

*Can't let this world get me down when troubles are all around.*

*I need someone who cares, a friend who will always be there.*

*I need some comfort I can hold on to, I need assurance just to make it through.*

--Words and music by Patsy Ford Simms

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**\*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 #156**

"Sing of God Made Manifest"

SALZBURG

*(stanzas 1,2)*

**WE HEAR THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 3:13-17 *(page 784-785)*

**SERMON**

"Two Things We Need Most"

Chris Curvin, Pastor

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

**\*HYMN #688**

"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

MORECAMBE

*(stanzas 1,2,5)*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

"Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ"

J.S. Bach

(All Praise to Jesus' Hallowed Name) (1685-1750)

*(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**

"Joy to the World" (Unspeakable Joy)

**MEET & GREET**

"Only King Forever"

"Impossible"

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**VIDEO**

"New Year's Confessions"

"Jesus Loves Me"

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER**

*For more information and classroom assignments for Children's Sunday School, please see Children's Ministry News on the back panel of this bulletin.*

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**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 3:13-17

**MESSAGE**

"Two Things We Need Most"

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**SONG OF DEDICATION**

"The River"

**GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU**