

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, April 29:** Wayne Rodewald, Jarrett Mattson
- Monday, April 30:** Jane Archerd, Sarah Flaherty
- Tuesday, May 1:** Richard Smith
- Wednesday, May 2:** Steve Lawrence
- Thursday, May 3:** Melissa Schultz, Sophie Dietrich
- Friday, May 4:** Fred Inkles, Barbara Jeffrey, Raymond Linville
- Saturday, May 5:** Juanita Hickey

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



Louise & Bill Mylin
In Honor of our Anniversary



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FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

ACOLYTES:

- (8:15) Blake Ruisz
- (11:00) Dylan Cantin



GREETERS:

- (8:15) Barbara Englehart
- (11:00) Nancy & Wally Ericson

USHERS:

- (8:15) Dennis & Betty O’Shea
Barbara Moler & Gene Baker
- (9:30) Bill & Louise Mylin
- (11:00) Pete Towns & Jon Mills
Eleanor Cicerchi & Nancy Johnson



VAN DRIVER: Jerry Koski

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 Jane Frame & Chrissy Reborn.

3rd-5th Grade, Room 8

Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8 with Tanya Adkisson & Justine Ruisz.

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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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

The TCI Class will discuss Poverty as it is seen around the world and more particularly how Poverty is managed in the US.

Bill Bitner will lead the discussion and as usual cookies and coffee will be available to add to the flavor of the discussion.

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

9:30 A.M. Adult Bible Study

Professor Michael Jahosky will continue teaching an Adult Sunday School Bible Study, today, April 29th at 9:30AM in room 10. This class will meet on Sundays through May 13th. This class is a Bible study that will give you the basic tools to talk about your faith with non-Christians. Please let us know if you are interested in attending the class, by contacting Justine Ruisz at childrensministry@northwoodpc.org.

**Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

April 29, 2018

O God, in Your Love

O God, in your love, you have made us unique:
In gifts and traditions, in service we seek,
In race and in culture and family design,
diverse are the branches in Jesus the Vine.

Lord Jesus, you came to bring God's love on earth;
You welcomed the outcasts and showed us our worth.
You reached out to people whom others despised,
You said all are precious in God's loving eyes.

O Christ, with your welcome your church feels unease:
We stand at closed doors tightly holding the keys.
Yet this is your body, the church that you love,
O Lord, do you weep for your church from above?

So may your church welcome in loving accord;
All people who want to serve Jesus our Lord.
O Spirit, unite us in Jesus the Son
In mission and ministry, God, make us one.

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Ministers: All Members of the Church

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Order for the Public Worship of God
April 29, 2018
5th Sunday of Easter
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

THE GATHERING

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

CALL TO WORSHIP Chris Curvin, Pastor
(Adapted from John 15:5-16)

Leader: Jesus said, "I tell you this so that my joy may be in you..."

People: Love one another as I have loved you..."

Leader: Jesus said, "You are my friends if you do what I ask you..."

People: Love one another as I have loved you..."

Leader: Jesus said, "I have appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last..."

People: Love one another as I have loved you..."

Leader: As we gather in worship, we know that Christ laid down his life for us.

All: Christ, you are the vine. We are the branches. We will abide in your love and share it!

OPENING VOLUNTARY Ron Mallory
"Enduring Gladness"
Celestial Ringers(3rd-5th grade)

(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** "O God, in Your Love" ST. DENIO
(see front cover)

SONG OF PRAISE #598 "Amen Siakudumisa" arr. Stephanie Carson
Celestial Orff Ensemble (3rd-5th grade)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we are people formed by your word in Christ, but we have wondered away from your truth, we have broken your commandments, we have distorted your teachings to serve our own ends, we have failed to trust your promises. Ground us again, O Holy One, in the written wisdom of scripture and in the living Word which is Christ Jesus, so that we may find joy in obedience and freedom in giving ourselves to you. 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 "I Will Praise You with Song" Joseph M. Martin
Lord, I will praise you with song. How can I keep from singing?

*I give you my worship, I lift up my life. Your word shall be my delight.
Lord, I will serve you with music; you are my reason for singing.
The dawn breaks with singing, the noon sounds thanksgiving;
You are my song in the night.
Lord, you are holy. Lord, you are worthy.
Lord, you are solely the source of my song.
I will sing your story! I will sing your glory!
With all my heart I will praise you forever.*

*I will sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me;
How he left his home in glory for the cross of Calvary.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me.
Sing it with the saints in glory, sing for all eternity.
Lord, I will praise you with song. How can I keep from singing?*

COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTERS (8:15)
Troy Harris, Earle Lusk, Jessie Lusk, Gwen Reefer, Roxie Schwartz
***HYMN #761 (8:15)** "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" BEECHER
(stanzas 1 & 2)

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
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.

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING "How Firm a Foundation" David Cherwien

***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 #157 (11:00)** "I Danced in the Morning" LORD OF THE DANCE

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 4: 7-21 (page 865)

SERMON "The Logic of Love" Chris Curvin, Pastor

***HYMN #463** "How Firm a Foundation" FOUNDATION

***BENEDICTION**

SUNG BLESSING "Go Gently, Go Lightly" Carlton R. Young
(please be seated) Roger Winder, Soloist

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing" Michael Burkhardt
(You are invited to remain for the final act of worship, the closing voluntary. A Close look is welcomed if you wish to come stand next to the organ console.)

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

"Enduring Gladness" by Ron Mallory
Celestial Handbell Ensemble (3rd-5th grade)

PRAISE SONGS

"Resurrection Power"
"Glorious Day"

MEET AND GREET

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SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Ever Be"

SCRIPTURE

1 John 4:7-21

MESSAGE

"The Logic of Love"
Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

"Your Love Feeds My Soul"

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!