

Music Notes:

The Westminster Singers today are sharing a beautiful devotional anthem of assurance and faith written by two of church music's most respected professionals. The words, a tender reminder that the God of wind, rain and sea is also a God of love, "and with His love, He covers me" are by Susan Bentall Boersma. Susan has been writing since her days at Hope College in Michigan where she trained as a church musician. She collaborates frequently with music composer Craig Courtney as well as Lloyd Larson and Mark Hayes. Craig Courtney is an award winning composer of more than 200 published works and is co-music editor of Beckenhorst Press in Columbus OH. Our Westminster Singers are Sarah Flaherty, Heather Wood, Lindsey Peterson, Kaleb Adkisson, David Hamilton and Dylan Cantin.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...



- Monday, August 13:** Madelyn McCutcheon
- Tuesday, August 14:** Shawn Davis, Mason Tighe
- Wednesday, August 15:** Bob Clyne
- Thursday, August 16:** Alice Russell, Beverly Field, Sandy Ingram, Susan Taylor, Hannah Fish
- Friday, August 17:** Richard Naider, Dan Gipson
- Saturday, August 18:** Atticus Ulrich

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 Anniversary



Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2018 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

GREETERS:

- (8:15) Loisanne Bilka & Mary Duffey
- (11:00) Sharon & Bucky Helms

Ushers & Greeters



USHERS:

- (8:15) Ken & Linda Andreassen
David & Suzanne Hamilton
- (9:30) Vicki & Curtis Krueger
- (11:00) Linda & Mike O'Leary
Sue Miskiewicz & Pete Towns

VAN DRIVER: John Makal

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (17/18 School Year)
During the summer months, there will be no children's worship. Children will remain in service with their family. Nursery will still be available.

9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-1st Grade, Room 3
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Chrissy Raborn & Carissa Johnston.
2nd-5th Grade, Room 4
Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 4 with Justine Ruisz & Jane Winne.

11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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9:30 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Middle & High Schoolers 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. After the service, youth will meet in the City at 11:00am for Sunday School where we are currently doing a recap of the Book of Genesis.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 A.M. TCI (Today's Christian Issues) Rooms 9-11

TCI will be on summer hiatus from May 27 until September 9. Have a joyful and rejuvenating summer and return with us on September 9 for new discussions of contemporary issues and their affects on our faith journey.

9:30 A.M. "Defenders" Sunday School Room 10, led by Michael Jahosky, will not be meeting during the summer months and will resume in the fall.

11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class Room 15, led by Vicki Krueger, will not meet for the summer. We will resume in the fall.

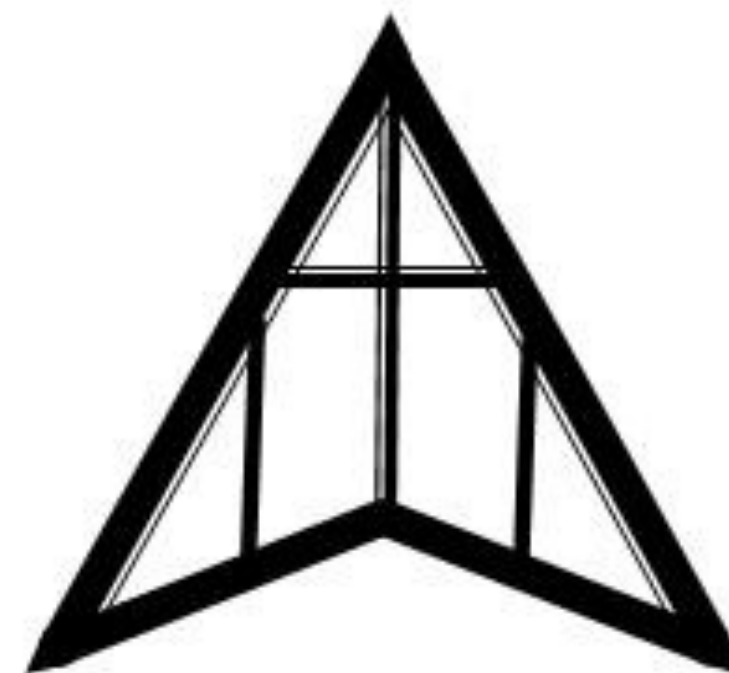
12:30 P.M. Bible Study Room 4

"Isaiah, Trusting God in Troubled Times" by Howard Peskett is the book the Sunday Bible study group is studying this summer. This study covers how to trust God even when life doesn't go as we want it to go. For the summer, the group is meeting on Sundays at 12:30 in Room 4. Contact Cindy Huffman 727-409-8727 or email lucindy1@aol.com with questions or if you need a book ordered. Books may be purchased online.

**Welcome To
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*A Stephen Ministry Church
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August 12, 2018



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Order for the Public Worship of God
August 12, 2018
12th Sunday after Pentecost
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 *(Responsive)*

Leader: Let us hear what the Lord will speak.

People: God will speak peace to the faithful.

Leader: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

People: Happy are those who trust in God.

Leader: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for,

People: the conviction of things not seen.

Leader: So in faith, let us worship God!

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship” arr. Heather Sorenson

Heather Wood, Clarinet

Dylan Cantin, Bassoon

(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 #610** “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” AZMON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

Almighty and Ever-Present God, how astonishing it is that “your eyes are open and your ears attentive” to our prayers! How amazing that you hear our unspoken whispers, that you are acquainted with all of our goings and comings. How remarkable that you desire to partner in life with us! Forgive our yawning response to this great good news. Forgive us for living by schedules that crowd you out and for agendas that have no room for the eternal. In your grace move within our hearts in such a way that we would “humble ourselves and pray” and “seek your face” so that we might draw close to you and bring honor to 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.

ANTHEM “He Covers Me” Craig Courtney

Westminster Singers

In the waves upon the ocean, in the blowing of the winds,

In the beating wings of eagles is the love that never ends,

For God is love, a steadfast love that never ends.

*Like the mist above the water, like the vapor on the sea,
Like the dew across the meadow is the love that covers me,
For God is love, and with His love He covers me.*

*For God is love, a God of color and of light.
For God is love, a comfort through the darkest night.
For God is love, the God of wind and rain and sea,
And with His love, His steadfast love, He covers me.*

*In the deepest midnight darkness, in the hint of dawn’s first light,
In the colors of the rainbow is the love that gives me sight,
For God is love, and in His love my soul delights.*

--words by Susan Bentall Boersma
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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 “Be Thou My Vision” arr. Dale Wood
(1934-2003)

***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 #451** “Open My Eyes, That I May See” OPEN MY EYES

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING John 9:1-12, 24-25 NRSV (page 871)

SERMON “The Blind See”
Jack Alwood, Guest Preacher

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #649** “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” AMAZING GRACE

***BENEDICTION**

SUNG BLESSING “May the Road Rise to Meet You” Lori True
(please be seated) Westminster Singers

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Fanfare on SLANE” Charles W. Ore

(You are invited to remain for the final act of worship, the closing voluntary. A closer 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

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

Heather Wood, Clarinet

Dylan Cantin, Bassoon

MEET AND GREET

PRAISE SONGS

“Lion and the Lamb”

“The Only Name (Yours Will Be)”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Chancel Choir

WORSHIP SONG

“In Christ Alone”

The Stephen Family

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“He Covers Me”

Westminster Singers

SCRIPTURE

John 9:1-12, 24-25

MESSAGE

“The Blind See”

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SONG OF DEDICATION

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU