

HYMN NOTES:

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (610)

The five stanzas in *Glory to God* were among the eighteen that formed the hymn headed “For the Anniversary of One’s Conversion” in *Hymns and Sacred Poems* (London 1740) by Methodist hymnwriter Charles Wesley. We have stanzas 7, 9, 11, 8, and 1 of the original. The event commemorated here took place on Pentecost Sunday, May 21, 1738. Charles’ conversion occurred two days before his brother John’s similar spiritual reawakening. Even though they were both priests of the Church of England, they had been greatly influenced by the piety and commitment of the Moravians and felt the need of a more heart-centered sense of the redeeming work of God in Christ than they had previously known. In his journal, Charles said that his “heart was strangely warmed.” This text has customarily stood as the first hymn in Methodist hymnals around the world.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by



Mike & Linda O’Leary
In Memory of Dorothea O’Leary



Ethel & Al Holden
In Honor of Al’s 89th Birthday

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2017 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!

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

- Sunday, August 27:** Fred McQuown, Chris Hurst
- Monday, August 28:** Earle Lusk, Gene Baker, Dorian Latorre, Melissa Michalk-Long, Lindsey Childs-Kean
- Tuesday, August 29:** Al Holden
- Wed, August 30:** Velma Bupp, Traci Charlton, Aaron McDermott
- Thursday, August 31:** George Cernansky, Sharon Johnson, Marilyn Wolf, Kathleen Meyer
- Friday, September 1:** Janet Dudley, Vicki Phillips
- Sat, September 2:** Fred Heider, Roger Risberg



If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven’t seen them in church recently, give them a call!

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

ACOLYTE:

(11:00) Blake Ruisz

GREETERS:

(8:15) Jay Basinger, Loisanne Bilka
(11:00) Anna & Dan Hyden



USHERS:

(8:15) Ken & Linda Andreassen
Don Stevens, Bob MacFall
(9:30) Louise & Bill Mylin
(11:00) Dean Rabenstine, Ed Puschmann
Mike & Linda O’Leary

VAN DRIVER: Don Stevens

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

As a reminder, there will not be Sunday School this morning, we encourage you to attend church as a family and then stop by Discovery Day. You’re a part of the picture, come discover where you fit in! While you walk around enjoy some coffee and goodies from the Kitchen Krew. Then send your children to the Children’s Ministry area to do a craft and spend time with their peers. We hope to see you there! *The nursery will be available for the little ones birth – 3yrs.*

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 will meet this week! All youth are invited to attend worship together in the Sanctuary at 9:30 Ignite service for the first 20 minutes, then move to the Youth Room for Bible Study.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Class– TCI Class is on hiatus. Have a joyful and restful summer and plan to return with us on September 10. We’ll have more lively but respectful discussions of contemporary issues and their affect on our faith journey. As always, we’ll have cookies and coffee.

11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class is on break and will resume on Sunday, September 10.

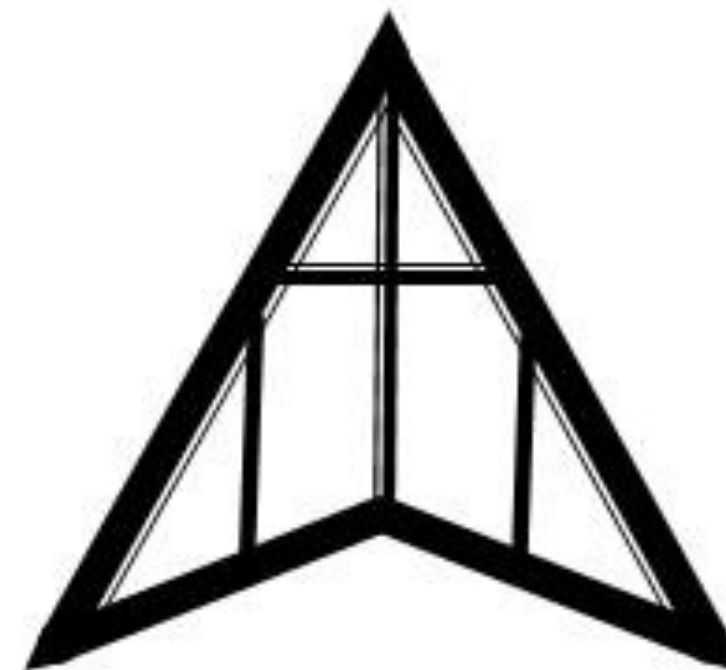
6:30-7:30 P.M. Bible Study in rooms 4 & 6

Is currently on a break. Any questions? Please call Cindy Huffman at 727-733-8726.

Welcome To
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*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

August 27, 2017



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Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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Order for the Public Worship of God
August 27, 2017
12th Sunday after Pentecost
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

WE GATHER

(Please silence electronic devices. Large print bulletins and hymnals as well as hearing assistance devices are available. Ask an usher.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

Leader: Shout for joy to God, all the Earth;

People: Let us sing the glory of his name;

Let us give to him glorious praise!

Leader: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"

People: All the Earth worships you and sings praises to you.

Leader: Let us worship God!

OPENING VOLUNTARY "On Eagle's Wings" arr. Charles Callahan

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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***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

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

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, how we focus on our wants and ignore 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.

ANTHEM "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" arr. Hal H. Hopson

*The Lord's my shepherd I'll not want; He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me the quiet waters by.*

*My soul He doth restore again; and me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness, E'en for His own name's sake.*

*My table Thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.*

*Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be. Amen*

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 "Folktune Sketch on NYLAND" Dale Wood
(based on the tune of the closing hymn, #725)

***A 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 #744** "Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

FESTAL SONG

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 40:27-31 *(page 583)*

Luke 14:1, 7-14 *(page 849)*

SERMON "First Class Seats" Rev. Dr. Jack Alwood, Guest Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #724, #725**

"O Jesus, I Have Promised" ANGEL'S SONG/NYLAND
(sing stanzas 1,2 from #724; stanzas 3,4 from #725)

***BENEDICTION**

SUNG BLESSING *(please be seated)*

"Jude Benediction"

Lloyd Larson

Heather Wood, Soloist

And now to Him who is able to keep you from falling

And to present you without blemish to the holy sovereign God

To Whom be glory, majesty, power, dominion now and evermore. Amen.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" arr. Emma Lou Diemer

(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

"The Only Name (Yours Will Be)"

"Nothing Ever (Could Separate Us)"

MEET & GREET

"O Happy Day/Happy Day"

VIDEO: "Join A Group Today"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

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.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Because He Lives"

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 40:27-31 *(page 583)*

Luke 14:1, 7-14 *(page 849)*

MESSAGE

"First Class Seats"

Rev. Dr. Jack Alwood, Guest Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

"Lift My Life Up"

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU