

**HYMN NOTES:**

**“Seek Ye First “ (175)**

The first stanza of this “biblical song” was composed in 1971 by Karen Lafferty (b. 1948). It won immediate popularity among youth and young adult groups and soon became a standard song of the “Jesus movement” whose music came to be known as “Contemporary Christian.” Lafferty wrote the hymn after attending a Bible study where “Seek ye first the kingdom of God” (Matthew 6:33) was studied. When she returned home she composed the melody for the stanzas on her guitar. Stanzas two and three in our hymnal are of anonymous origin. Here we have an example of a folktune of the 1970’s becoming a mainstream hymn published in dozens of hymnals—helped to that end because of the singable melody and biblically based theology.

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

**Missy Wolf, Shannon & Leah**  
*In Memory of Ralph & Shirley Wolf*



**Dawn & Steve Winder**  
*In Honor of Our 40th Anniversary*

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 20:** Dennis Rasmussen, Suzanne Rimmler, Laddie Irion, Jeff Voss, Brad Hanway, Nicholas Smith, Isabella Latorre
- Monday, August 21:** Yolanda Hauer, Margie Gott, Catherine Brinkman, Dominic Fuoco
- Tuesday, August 22:** Keegan Lapham
- Wed, August 23:** Mary Duffey
- Thursday, August 24:** Violet Lawrence, Nancy Ericson, Rachelle Cox, Joe Hayes, Dylan Cantin, Haley Davis
- Friday, August 25:** Chasen Devinentis, Hayley Parker
- Saturday, August 26:** Steve Schultz, Haley Stark, Jayla Davis



*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) Dylan Cantin

**GREETERS:**

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

**Ushers & Greeters**



**USHERS:**

(8:15) Fred & Charlotte McQuown  
Gene Baker, Bob MacFall  
(9:30) Kim & Lindsey Peterson  
(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**

**3 Yr. Olds– 1st Grade, Room 3**  
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Jane Winne.

**1st-5th Grade, Room 8 & 10**

Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to rooms 8 & 10 with Justine Ruisz.

**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 is back! 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.

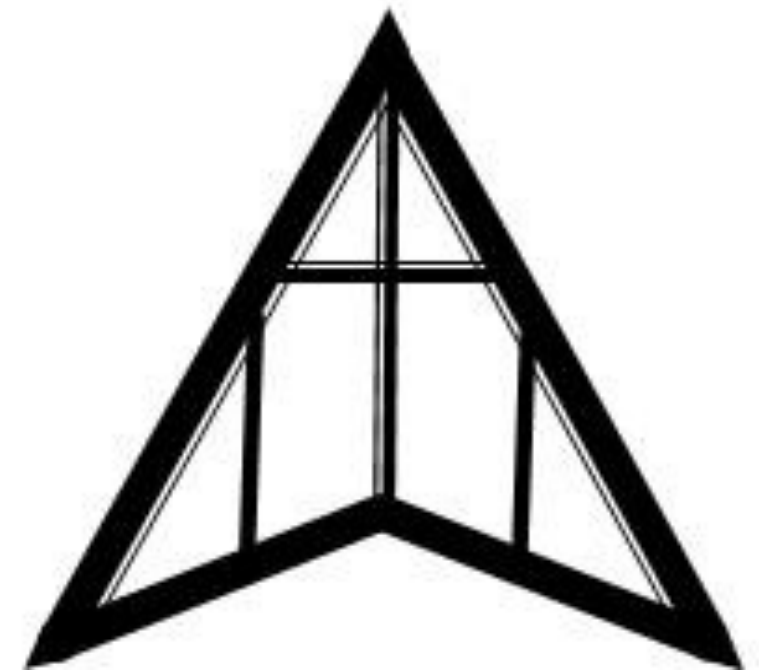
**6:30-7:30 P.M. Bible Study in rooms 4 & 6**

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

**Welcome To  
Northwood Presbyterian  
Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church  
Organized February 19, 1978*

**August 20, 2017**



**Come, Grow, Go!**

*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**  
**August 20, 2017**  
**11th 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: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: People look at the outward appearance,

**People: But the LORD looks at the heart.**

Leader: With humble and trusting hearts, let us worship God.

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" arr. Michael Burkhardt

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION— Chancel Choir**

Vickie Mills

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*(Please complete the bulletin insert, "FRIENDSHIP SHEET," and pass it toward the center aisle.)*

**\*HYMN #12**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

ST. DENIO

**WE CONFESS**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(together)*

Lord God, you have shown us such love, and stretched out your arms to draw us into your embrace. Yet we so often fail to show that love within our lives, or recognize you as its source. Forgive the walls we build with bricks made out of the hardness of our heart, walls which keep us from receiving and sharing your love. Forgive us for failing to notice how much you truly care for us. In your mercy make our hearts soft and pliable to draw close to you and to be transformed by your love and grace, 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**

"Guide My Feet, Lord"

arr. John Carter

*(see the hymn at #741)*

Barbara Jordan, Soloist

**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** "In Thee Is Gladness" arr. David Cherwien

**\*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 #175**

"Seek Ye First"

LAFFERTY

**WE HEAR THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 18:18-27 *(page 853)*

**SERMON** "Begin with the End in Mind" Paul Means, Associate Pastor

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

**\*HYMN #694**

"Great God of Every Blessing"

AURELIA

**\*BENEDICTION**

**SUNG BLESSING** *(please be seated)*

"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"

Robert A. Hobby

Barbara Jordan, Soloist

*The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name  
To bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.*

*Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim.  
God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.*

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**CLOSING VOLUNTARY** "O Day of Peace" arr. Charles Callahan  
*(based on the tune JERUSALEM, and the hymn at #373)*

*(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 SONG**

"Soul On Fire"

**PRAYER**

"Whom Shall I Fear"

**MEET & GREET**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION— Chancel Choir, Vickie Mills**

*"Come Lord Jesus (Even So Come)"*

**VIDEO: "Man on the Street— Questions for God"**

**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**

"My Savior, My God"

**SCRIPTURE**

Luke 18:18-27

**MESSAGE**

"Begin with the End in Mind"

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

**SONG OF DEDICATION**

"Your Grace Is Enough"

**GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU**