

HYMN NOTES:

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (39)

Many times there is an exotic story about the origin of a particular gospel song, but in this case the author wrote in 1955 that there were no special circumstances for his. Thomas O. Chisholm (1866-1960) was a Methodist pastor from New Jersey and based this hymn on two biblical texts, especially as they are worded in the KJV. The first, James 1:17 includes the phrase “the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.” The second is Lamentations 3:22b-23: “his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.” This hymn gained great popularity in the mid twentieth century through its use in the Billy Graham Crusades. Originally the tune had no name. The composer suggested the name FAITHFULNESS when one was requested for the *Baptist Hymnal*, 1956.

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



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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

- Sunday, Sep. 17:** Myrl Chronister, Ted Wojciechowski
- Monday, Sep. 18:** Eve Walker, Janet George, Charlie Fitzgerald, Gail Rothrock, Dave Glaser, Grace Fulford, Julie Latorre, Steven Musgrave, Louie Cinelli
- Tuesday, Sep. 19:** Virginia Sloane, Cynthia Lawrence, Larry Stephen, Brian Preston, Toby Cash
- Wednesday, Sep. 20:** Ken Andreassen, Mitchell Johnston
- Thursday, Sep. 21:** Alyssa Long, Hannah Gipson
- Friday, Sep. 22:** Steve Lang, Matilde Naider, David Nelson, Rachel Granata
- Sat, Sep. 23:** Carl Corrello, Klara Hortobagyi, Faye Mackie, Tanya Adkisson

If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven't seen them in

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

ACOLYTE:

(11:00) Blake Ruisz

GREETERS:

(8:15) Joanne & Ray Spigarelli
(11:00) Juli Fish, Beth Brinkman

USHERS:

(8:15) Wayne & Nancy Rodewald
Bob MacFall
(9:30) Kim & Lindsey Peterson
(11:00) Ken & Martha Tobiassen
Judy Hood, Sue Miskiewicz

VAN DRIVER: Jane Winne

Ushers & Greeters



CHILDREN’S MINISTRY NEWS

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- Kindergarten, Room 3

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Chrissy Raborn & Gulden Wulf.

1st & 2nd Grade, Room 2

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Alice & Charles Ellis.

3rd-5th Grade, Room 4

Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 4 with Todd & Tanya Adkisson.

11:00 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.

Childcare for children 3yrs-5th grade who attended Sunday school at 9:30 will be in room 2.

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

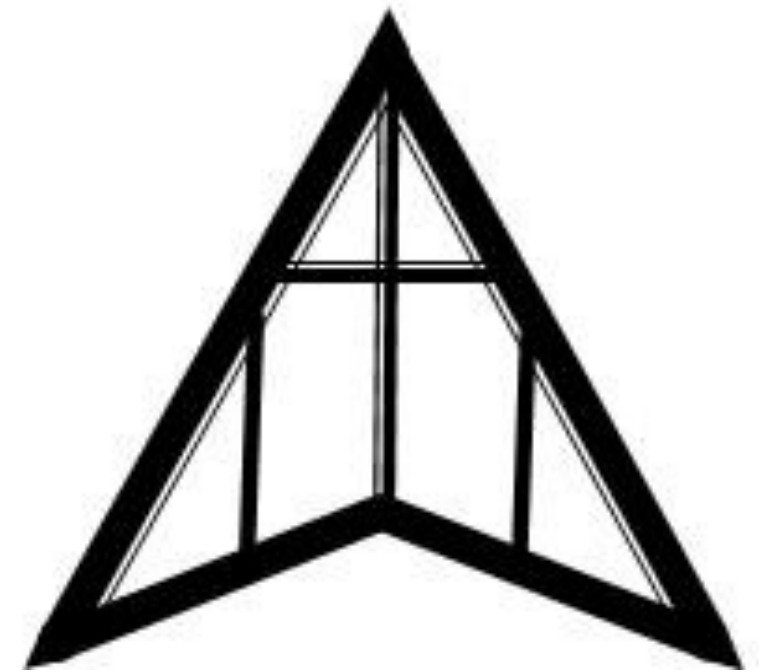
9:30 TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Class– TCI Class will resume today in rooms 9&11 We'll have more lively but respectful discussions of contemporary issues and their affect on our faith journey. As always, we'll have cookies and coffee.

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

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

September 17, 2017



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Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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Order for the Public Worship of God
September 17, 2017
15th 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: The mercy of the Lord who comes to seek and save the lost, be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: God is our light and salvation, joy of the heart's desiring.

People: Let everyone who has been touched by God's love shout for joy.

Leader: Let us worship God!

OPENING VOLUNTARY "A Gaelic Improvisation" Charles Callahan

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

***HYMN #39** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

Loving God, there are enough sinful desires within us to lead us away from you and cause us to stumble down all sorts of dead end roads. There is enough doubt in us at times to bury our faith. Some days there is enough apathy within us smother our compassion. God of our Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us for we are sinners in desperate need of your grace. Forgive us! Redeem us! Transform us into growing, faithful followers of Jesus for it is in his precious name we pray. 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.

ANTHEM "Beautiful Savior" arr. Robert W. Thygeron
Chancel Choir

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands.

Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring.

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fairer than the sunshine, fairer than the moonlight;

(and) all the twinkling starry hosts.

Jesus shines brighter,

Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of all nations, Son of God and Son of Man.

Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forever more be Thine. Amen.

--Münster Gesangbuch, 1677
Trans. by Joseph A. Seiss, 1873

OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN

(Children ages 3yrs – 5th Grade, are welcome to remain in service with their parents or see back panel for classroom information.)

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 "10,000 Reasons" arr. Lloyd Larson
Westminster Youth Choir

***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 #418**
"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 15:1-31 *(pages 850-851)*

SERMON

"The Father's Joyful Embrace" Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #774** "There Is Now a New Creation" STUTTGART

***BENEDICTION**

SUNG BLESSING *(please be seated)*
"Let There Be Blessing" Jillian Bray
Rachelle Cox, Soloist

*Let there be blessing shared out among us,
let our eyes be open to goodness and grace,
Giving, receiving care and compassion, suffering, rising to a new day.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" arr. David Cherwien
(based on the opening hymn, #39)

(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

"Stand Up"

"Let It Rise"

MEET & GREET

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Cornerstone"

VIDEO: "The Prodigal Son- A Father's Love"
(based on Luke 15:11-31)

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

"10,000 Reasons"

Westminster Youth Choir

SCRIPTURE

Luke 15:1-31 *(pages 850-851)*

MESSAGE

"The Father's Joyful Embrace"

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

"Same Power"

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU