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 Friends of Northwood

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, 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 Andreasen, 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) Julia Fish, Beth Brinkman
USHERS: (8:15) Wayne & Nancy Rodewald Bob MacFall (9:30) Kim & Lindsey Peterson (11:00) Ken & Martha Tobissien Judy Hood, Sue Miskiewicz
VAN DRIVER: Jane Winnie

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 & Gulten Wolf.
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.

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Childcare for children 3yr-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 AM, EXPERIENCING GOD CLASS will resume today in room 15, led by Vicki Kreuger.
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
“Gaelic Improvisation” Charles Callahan

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
(Complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle."

*HYMN #39
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” PFAU FAL INES

CALL TO CONFESION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WE GATHER

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #418
“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling” SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

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.

*HYMN #774
“There Is Now a New Creation” STUTTGART

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

LET THERE BE BLESSING
Let there be blessing shared out among us,
let our eyes be open to goodness and grace,
let our ears be open to the soothing gladness of the word,
and our hearts be open to the transforming power of your love.

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

SCRIPTURE READING

SERMON
“The Father’s Joyful Embrace” Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE HEAR THE WORD

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BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Our Ministry with the Children” WAYSIDE WASHINGTON
(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.

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SONG OF DEDICATION
“This Power” WAYSIDE WASHINGTON

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU