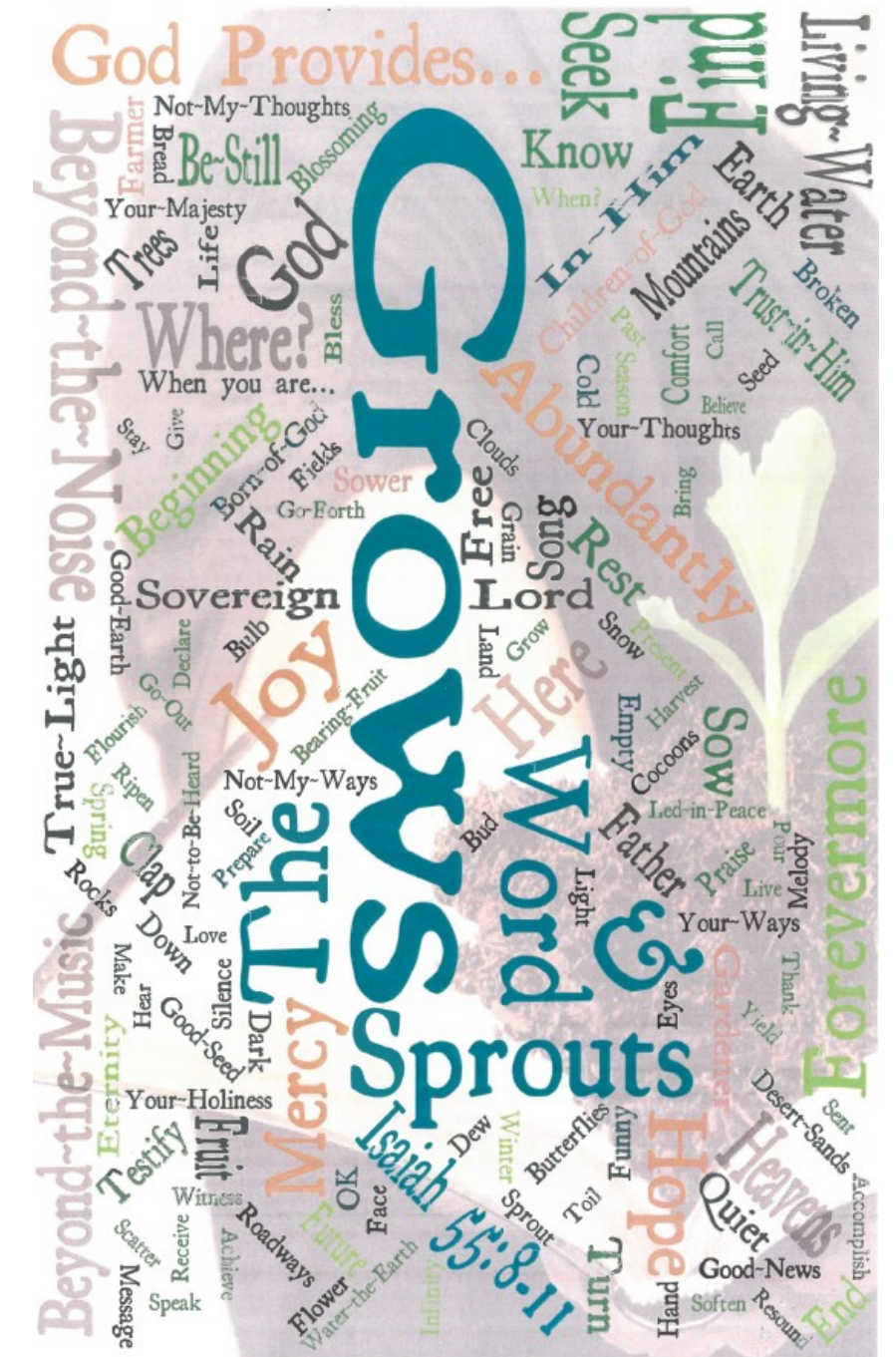


# Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church  
Organized February 19, 1978*

## September 24, 2017



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### HYMN NOTES:

When she was only nineteen years old, Julia C. Cory (1882-1963) was asked by J. Archer Gibson, the organist of the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City, to create a new text for the KREMSER tune. He was looking for a new Thanksgiving text with less conflict than the customary one usually sung to that music (“We Gather Together”, #336). By her own account she “struggled along for two weeks” to produce the three stanzas at #612 in *Glory to God*. This new text was first sung on Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 1902 at two New York Presbyterian churches, The Brick Church and the Church of the Covenant.

Soon after the text was written, the author’s father who was head of the Sunday School at Church of the Covenant, asked her to create a Christmas stanza for use there. So she wrote the following, which has seldom been used:

*Thy love Thou didst show us, Thine only Son sending,  
Who came as a babe and whose bed was a stall.  
His blest life He gave us and then died to save us;  
We praise Thee, O Lord, for thy gift to us all.*

The tune is an anonymous Dutch melody first published in 1626.

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



**Jean Swintek**

*In Loving Memory of my dear husband, John*



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. 24:** Lou Weislogel, Doris Croasmun
- Monday, Sep. 25:** Bob Cooney, Rick Cassidy, Leah Dipolito, Cecelia Turner
- Wednesday, Sep. 27:** Peter Judd, Suzanne Alexander, Eric Kemerer, Meagan Decker
- Thursday, Sep. 28:** Loisanne Bilka, Joe Zeigler, Diana Fisher, Todd Adkisson
- Friday, Sep. 29:** Gerry Krause, Todd Cash
- Sat, Sep. 30:** Cicile Sawiris

*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

#### GREETERS:

- (8:15) Suzanne & David Hamilton
- (11:00) Juli Fish, Polly Brown

#### USHERS:

- (8:15) Wayne & Nancy Rodewald
- Earle Lusk, Bob MacFall
- (9:30) Bill & Louise Mylin
- (11:00) Ken & Martha Tobiassen
- Judy Hood, Sue Miskiewicz

**VAN DRIVER:** Cynthia Lawrence



## CHILDREN’S MINISTRY NEWS

### 8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**3 Yr. Olds-2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Dan Gipson & Mauricio Estavil.

**1st & 2nd Grade, Room 2**

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

**3rd-5th Grade, Room 4**

Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 4 with Cassandra Fredriksen & Jean Swintek.

### 11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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### 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 meet today in rooms 9&11 Justine Ruisz will be sharing her faith journey and talking about the Children’s Ministry at Northwood. There will be cookies and coffee as always!

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

#### 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**  
**September 24, 2017**  
**16th 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: Here we are Lord!

**People: We come into your house this morning praising your faithfulness and seeking your joy.**

Leader: In this hour of worship, help us to become who we are meant to be-

**People: a community that breathes thankfulness, voicing your praise in all we do.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” arr. Valerie Stephenson  
Jubilation Ringers; Steve Cantin, Trumpet

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**(11:00) NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION– Food Pantry**

Cookie Roffey

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

**\*HYMN #653 “Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries”**

*(stanzas 1,3,5,6)*

MORNING SONG

**WE CONFESS**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we oftentimes resist the movement and work of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of 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.

**ANTHEM**

“All Things Beautiful”

arr. Michael Larkin

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small.  
All things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.  
Each little flow’r that opens, each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.*

*For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies;  
Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.  
The purple-headed mountains, the river running by,  
The sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky.*

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small.  
All things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.  
God gave us eyes to see them and lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.*

*For the joy of human love, brother sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild;  
Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

**OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN**

*(Children ages 3yrs – 5<sup>th</sup> 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**

“Lord of All Hopefulness” arr. David Cherwien  
*(using the Irish tune SLANE)*

**\*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 #612**

“We Praise You, O God”

KREMSER

**WE HEAR THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Isaiah 55 *(page 598)*

**SERMON** “The Word Sprouts and Grows” Jack Alwood, Guest Pastor

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

**\*HYMN #250**

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

PROMISE

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

“May the Lord Bless You and Keep You”

Lloyd Larson

Stephanie Carson, Soloist

*May the Lord bless you and keep you;  
may the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;  
may the Lord turn His face toward you and grant you peace. Amen.*

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**CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”**

*(based on the hymn at #394)*

arr. David Cherwien

*(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**

“This Is Amazing Grace”

“Open Up the Heavens”

**MEET & GREET**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION– Food Pantry, Cookie Roffey**

“Old Church Choir”

**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**

“Holy Spirit”

**SCRIPTURE**

Isaiah 55 *(page 598)*

**MESSAGE**

“The Word Sprouts and Grows”

Jack Alwood, Guest Pastor

**SONG OF DEDICATION**

“Greater”

**GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU**