

**Hymn Notes:**

**“Eternal Father, Strong to Save” (8)**

William Whiting wrote this hymn for a pupil of his setting sail for America in 1860. Its initial rise to popularity resulted from its appearance in the most influential British hymnal of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, *Hymns Ancient & Modern*. Beyond the obvious references to the sea and sailors, a more significant aspect of this text is its clear Trinitarian organization. The first three stanzas recall connections between each divine Person and some body of water, and the final stanza addresses the full Trinity for the protection of travelers—in air, on land and sea. It is often sung or played on state occasions especially the funerals of U.S. presidents, including Franklin Roosevelt, Kennedy, Nixon, Ford and Reagan.

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...**

- Monday, May 28:** Betty Evans, Chris Lumia, Melinda Pena, Brandon Strelcheck, Justin Wulf
- Tuesday, May 29:** Matthew Nigels, Delaney Pope
- Wednesday, May 30:** Jody Beattie, Kayla Johnson, Garland Pelham
- Thursday, May 31:** Anne Lanning
- Friday, June 1:** Lindsey Peterson, Alberto Doce
- Saturday, June 2:** Penny Shore



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

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



**Sue & Steve Miskiewicz**  
In Memory of our Mothers



**Howard Green**  
In Memory of Joan Green

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2018 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!

**FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY**

**GREETERS:**

- (8:15) Mary Duffey & Jay Basinger
- (11:00) Carol Bushnell & Margie Gott

**Ushers & Greeters**



**USHERS:**

- (8:15) Rocky & Natalie Davis  
Herman Gaillard & Gene Baker
- (9:30) Bill & Louise Mylin
- (11:00) Ernie & Carol Kirkwood  
Mike & Linda O’Leary

**VAN DRIVER:** Keith Nadig

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

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

**3 Yr. Olds-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** (17/18 School Year)

During the summer months beginning June 3rd, there will be no children’s worship. Children will remain in service with their family. Nursery will still be available.

**9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**3 Yr. Olds-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, Room 2**

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Dan Gipson & Mauricio Estavil.

**3rd-5th Grade, Room 8**

Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8 with Chrissy Raborn & Justine Ruisz.

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

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**9:30 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

The Middle & High School youth are meeting this week for Sunday School. All youth are welcome to worship together in the back row of the Sanctuary at the 9:30 Ignite service. We’ll be in service for the first 20 minutes and then we’ll move to the City for Sunday School.

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**9:30 A.M. TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Rooms 9-11**

TCI will be on summer hiatus from May 27 until September 12. Have a joyful and rejuvenating summer and return with us on September 12 for new discussions of contemporary issues and their affects on our faith journey.

**9:30 A.M. “Defenders” Sunday School Room 10**

This class is led by Michael and Sarah Jahosky and is a Bible-based class about defending your faith. This class will meet through July in room 10. Please stop by any Sunday, all are welcome.

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

**12:30 P.M. Bible Study Room 4**

“Isaiah, Trusting God in Troubled Times” by Howard Peskett is the book the Sunday Bible study group will be studying this summer. This study will cover how to trust God even when life doesn’t go as we want it to go. For the summer, the group will be meeting on Sundays at 12:30 in Room 4. Contact Cindy Huffman 727-409-8727 or email [lucindy1@aol.com](mailto:lucindy1@aol.com) with questions or if you need a book ordered. Books may be purchased online.

**Welcome To  
Northwood Presbyterian  
Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church  
Organized February 19, 1978*

**May 27, 2018**



**Ministers: All Members of the Church**

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**Order for the Public Worship of God**  
**May 27, 2018**  
**Trinity Sunday**  
**8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services**

**THE GATHERING**

*(Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins.  
Please silence electronic devices.)*

**CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**

Leader: Jesus calls us to go and make disciples,  
**People: Baptizing them in the triune name of God.**  
Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
**People: The earth is full of the glory of God.**  
Leader: We have peace with God through Jesus Christ;  
**People: We have love from God through the Holy Spirit.**

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” arr. Vernon Taranto, Jr.  
*(based on the hymn at #35 in Glory to God)*  
Melanie Schulz, Violin  
*(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

**\*HYMN #1** “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” NICA EA

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)**

Holy and Triune God, You alone live in perfect relationship, one God in three persons, mutual and loving, ever seeking unity. You call us to live in your completion, yet we confess that our relationships are imperfect, and we are incomplete without you. We have allowed sin to drive us apart from one another and from you. Forgive us and draw us together in your mercy. This we pray in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, by power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsive)**

Leader: Friends, hear the great news: God continually shows us a better way.  
**People: God’s mercy is as wide as the ocean. God’s forgiveness is as strong as the mighty wind.**  
Leader: Receive with gratitude and joy the outpouring of God’s love given to us in Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

**\*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** “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” Dale Wood

*Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the Head and Cornerstone;  
chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the Church in one;  
Holy Zion’s help forever, and her confidence alone.*

*To this temple, where we call Thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today;  
with Thy wonted loving kindness hear Thy servants as they pray,  
and Thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always.  
Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,  
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,  
One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.*

**OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN**

*(Children ages 3yrs – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, are welcome to remain in service with their parents or join us in room 3 for Children’s Church.)*

**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.

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” arr. Vernon Taranto, Jr.  
Melanie Schulz, Violin

**\*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 #137** “He Came Down” HE CAME DOWN  
Dylan Cantin, Djembe

**WE HEAR THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING** John 3: 1-17 NRSV (page 863)

**SERMON** “God’s Self Disclosure” Chris Curvin, Pastor

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

**\*HYMN #8** “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” MELITA

**\*BENEDICTION**

**SUNG BLESSING** “Go in Peace” Kenneth E. White  
*(please be seated)* Sarah Flaherty, Soloist

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

“Finale and Hymn: NICA EA” Piet Post (1919-1979)

*(You are invited to remain for the final act of worship, the closing voluntary. A closer look is welcomed if you wish to come stand next to the organ console.)*

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**

“God Is on the Move”

**MEET AND GREET**

“Greater”

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**VIDEO**

“Selfies or Sacrifice”

**PRAISE SONG**

“This Is My Land”

by Larry Stephen

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

“Whom Shall I Fear”

**SCRIPTURE**

John 3: 1-17

**MESSAGE**

“God’s Self Disclosure”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

**SONG OF DEDICATION**

“We Believe”

**GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU**

*Sermon notes...*

*that Ignite Action!*