

HYMN NOTES:

“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind” (169)

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892), as a Quaker, never wrote an actual hymn, for he believed in the ideals of simplicity, stillness, and silence. In the April 1872 issue of *The Atlantic Monthly* was published his seventeen stanza poem, “The Brewing of Soma.” It describes how East Indian priests brew “a drink of the gods” from the hallucinogenic soma plant and how its intoxicating properties affect worshipers. The poem concludes with a six-stanza prayer that opens with what has become the first line of this hymn. In this “non-hymn” scriptural allusions are plentiful: disciples rising to follow without a word, Jesus prayer in the calm hills, the still small voice of God speaking to Elijah on Mt. Carmel. The present text corresponds to Whittier’s stanzas 12-14 and 16-17; no changes have been made. In some ways it is ironic that Whittier’s poem became a hymn, given that his clear ideal is silence (as befits a Quaker.) Yet it offers a reminder that we need to listen for that “still, small voice.”

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



Bailey Shields

In Memory of Norma & Ed Bauman



Jean Swintek

In Memory of my brother, Richard

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 6: Lindsay French
Monday, August 7: Eric McLendon
Tuesday, August 8: Dick Evans, Kim Peterson, Melanie Schulz, Rachel Smith
Thursday, August 10: Pat Gravatt, David Hamilton, Kelly Brinkman, Ben Cernansky
Friday, August 11: Norm Phillips, Ivan Becker



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) Blake Ruisz

GREETERS:

(8:15) Jay Basinger, Pam Wood
(11:00) Anna & Dan Hyden

USHERS:

(8:15) David & Suzanne Hamilton
Earle & Jessie Lusk
(9:30) Rich & Candy Spoenlein
(11:00) Dean Rabenstine, Ed Puschmann
Mike & Linda O'Leary

VAN DRIVER: Ed Puschmann



Acolytes



Ushers & Greeters

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 Kim Blackmore & Gulten Wulf.

1st-5th Grade, Room 8 & 10

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

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 will not meet for the summer. All youth are invited to attend worship together in the Sanctuary at 9:30 Ignite service.

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.

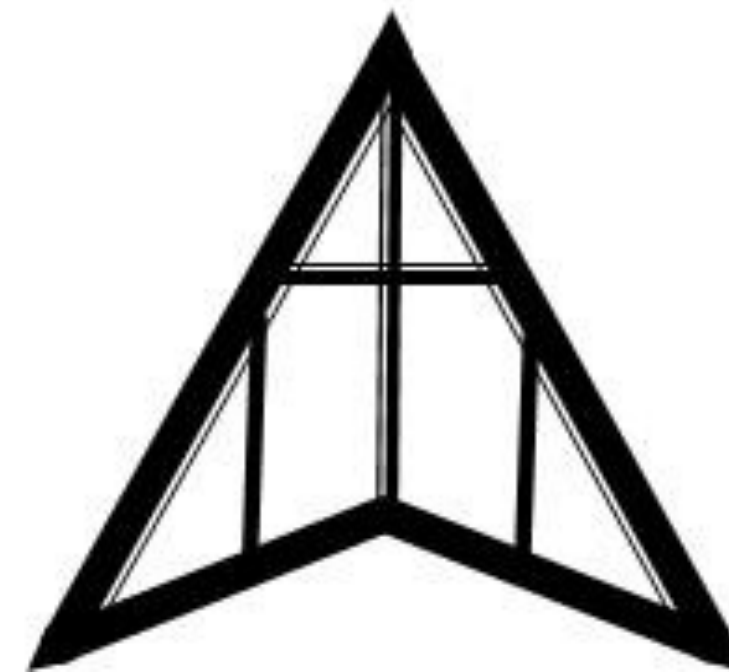
6:30-7:30 P.M. Bible Study in rooms 4 & 6

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

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
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August 6, 2017



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Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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Order for the Public Worship of God
August 6, 2017
9th Sunday after Pentecost
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

WE GATHER

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

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: God honors us by giving us his Word.

People: God in his grace calls us to follow His Son, Jesus, the living Word.

Leader: Let us worship and glorify God!

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"Let Us Break Bread Together" arr. Charles Callahan
Heather Wood, Clarinet

(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," pass it toward the center aisle.)

***HYMN #265 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"** DUKE STREET

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

Almighty and loving God, you are the one who leads us from darkness into light, from captivity into freedom, from anxiety into peace, from despair into joy. Yet we long to break free and go our own way, choosing independence, convinced of our own wisdom, forgetting your love and grace. Forgive us, draw close to us, open us up anew to your loving embrace, and enable us to follow you in worship and grateful service each day of our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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. Amen.

SOLO

"The Lord Is My Shepherd" Thomas Matthews
Liana Stephen, Soprano

OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN

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WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING "Prelude on DUKE STREET" Charles W. Ore
(based on the tune of the opening hymn, #265)

***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**

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 5:1-11 *(page 836)*

SERMON "When Jesus Transforms Your Failure into Faith"

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

***HYMN #170**

"You Walk along Our Shoreline" WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF THE CUP; THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(To symbolize our unity in Christ, we hold the bread until the Elders and Deacons are served and then all partake as one body. To symbolize our personal relationship with the Lord, we drink of the cup, as the Spirit leads.)

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"Come Down, O Love Divine" arr. Charles Callahan
(see the hymn at #282)
Heather Wood, Clarinet

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #169 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"** REST

***BENEDICTION**

VOCAL BLESSING "Benediction Hymn" Traditional Irish
(please be seated) Liana Stephen, Soprano

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Prelude on 'You Walk along Our Shoreline'" Emma Lou Diemer

(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 SONGS

"We Won't Be Shaken"

"Fires"

MEET & GREET

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"At the Cross (Love Ran Red)"

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

"God Is On the Move"

VIDEO

"Will You Be That Someone"

SCRIPTURE

Luke 5:1-11

MESSAGE

"When Jesus Turns Your Failure Into Faith"

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Raise Your Hands"

Heather Sorenson

SONG OF DEDICATION

"Call Upon the Lord"

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU