

**HYMN NOTES:**

“A namby-pamby, childish style is most unpleasing to children. It is surprising how soon they can understand and follow a high order of poetry.” Thus wrote Cecil Frances Alexander, author of the hymn “Jesus Calls Us” (720). She was a 19<sup>th</sup> century educator in her native Ireland and wrote many hymns for children, including “All Things Bright and Beautiful” and “Once in Royal David’s City.”

The opening hymn, “Come, Thou Almighty King” (2) has been credited to Charles Wesley, but that is doubtful as he never wrote anything in this unusual meter, 664.6664--the same meter as “My Country, ‘Tis of Thee.” The tune was written especially for these words by the prolific composer, opera conductor and violinist, Felice de Giardini in 1769.

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...**

- Sunday, June 25:** Marti Huff, Tom Alexander, Margaret Michaels, Grace Michalk
- Monday, June 26:** Art Holloway, Jeff Fulford
- Tuesday, June 27:** Pat Jay, Vicki Krueger, Joe Flaherty, Mauricio Estavil, Krista Lemon, Savanna Luther, Kayla Dabbs
- Wednesday, June 28:** Gary Granata
- Thursday, June 29:** Michael Cromwell
- Friday, June 30:** Jane Kaempfer, Alvin Bushnell
- Saturday, July 1:** Tom Golec, Zoila Rose, Laura Gajentan, Carissa Johnston, Caitlyn McCutcheon

*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**

**ACOLYTES:**

- (8:15) Blake Ruisz
- (11:00) Claire Cantin

**GREETERS:**

- (8:15) Carol Rathmell & Barbara Englehart
- (11:00) Nicole & Bryan Bullis

Ushers & Greeters



**USHERS:**

- (8:15) Ken & Linda Andreassen  
Don & Polly Hamilton
- (9:30) Louise & Bill Mylin
- (11:00) Cindy Whiteside, Steve Winder  
Bryan & Nicole Bullis

**VAN DRIVER:** Cynthia Lawrence

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



**Babs Bailey**

*In memory of parents--  
Roy & Mary Frances Bailey (June 29)*



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!

**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– Kindergarten, Room 3**

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Jane Winne.

**1st-5th Grade, Room 8 & 10**

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

**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.

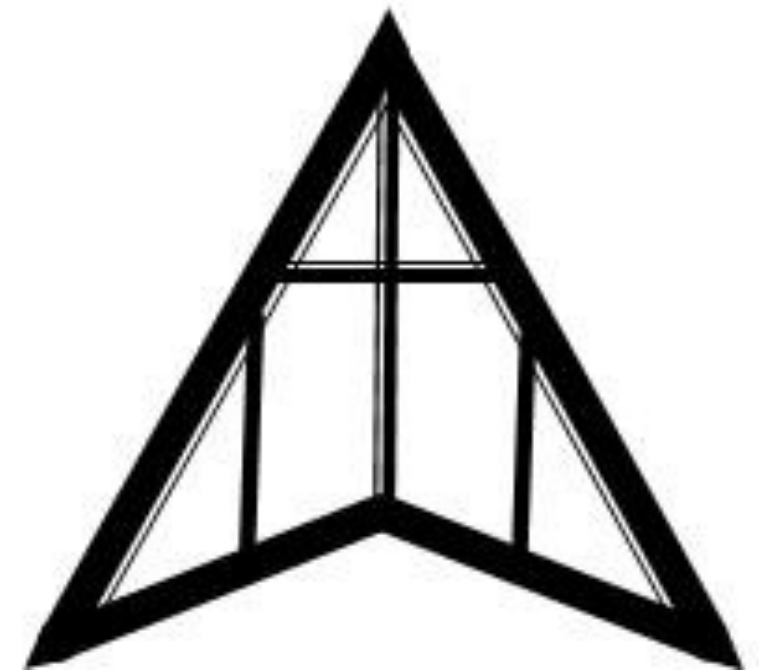
**6:30-7:30 P.M. Bible Study in rooms 4 & 6**

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

**Welcome To  
Northwood Presbyterian  
Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church  
Organized February 19, 1978*

**June 25, 2017**



**Come, Grow, Go!**

*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**  
**June 25, 2017**  
**3rd 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: Through faith in Jesus expressed in our baptism, we are dead to sin.

**People: Now we are alive to God in Christ Jesus.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

“Arioso”

J.S. Bach

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

**\*HYMN #2**

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

ITALIAN HYMN

**WE CONFESS**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

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

Almighty and loving God, we praise you for your glory and holiness. Sadly dear Lord, we confess we often live our lives with a lack of reverence for beauty, for truth and for goodness. Forgive us when we scheme and seek to use and manipulate others to further our own purposes and agendas. Almighty God, purify our lives and make us brave and loyal disciples, so we may serve and honor Jesus Christ, who, tempted in every way as we are, was faithful to you. For we come to you offering this prayer in the name 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. Amen.

**ANTHEM**

“Grace”

Carolyn Hamlin

*Lord, as I seek your guidance for the day,  
I find my thoughts unyielding, confusion crowds my way;  
But then when I bow to you, the challenges you guide me through,  
Your promises are ever new, I claim them for today.*

**Refrain:** *Your will cannot lead me where your grace will not keep me,  
Your hand will protect me, I rest in your care.  
Your eyes will watch over me, your love will forgive me,  
And when I am faltering, I still will find you there.*

*Each new day's design is charted by your hand  
And graciously revealed as I seek your Master plan.  
Keep my footsteps faithful when from you I go.  
Return me to the joy that your blessings can bestow. (Refrain)*

**OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN**

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**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**

“alla Offertorio”

Domenico Zipoli

**\*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 #828** “More Love to Thee, O Christ”

MORE LOVE TO THEE

**WE HEAR THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 16:1-13 *(page 851)*

**SERMON** “Jesus' Provocative Parable on Living Wisely”

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

**\*HYMN #720**

“Jesus Calls Us”

GALIEE

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

“Fanfare”

Henry Purcell

*(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 SONG**

“The Only Name (Yours Will Be)”

**MEET & GREET**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WORSHIP SONG**

“Call Upon the Lord”

**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**

“Gotta Serve Somebody”

Bob Dylan

Larry Stephen

**SCRIPTURE**

Luke 16:1-13

**VIDEO**

“The Shrewd Manager”

**MESSAGE**

“Jesus' Provocative Parable on Living Wisely”

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

**SONG OF DEDICATION**

“Thrive”

**GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU**