

HYMN NOTES:

“I Love to Tell the Story” (462)

Many people sing this hymn vigorously but do little to go out and “tell the story” beyond the church walls. Katherine Hankey (1834-1911) startled England with an unheard-of-thing: starting a Bible class for working girls in London. She also served as a nurse in South Africa and turned over all proceeds from her writings to Christian missions. She lived what she wrote!

The hymn had its origins in an extended poem the author wrote in 1866 during a long convalescence. One verse not represented in our book reads:

*I love to tell the story: more wonderful it seems
Than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story: it did so much for me!
And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.*

The hymn became very popular after the present tune was written for it in 1869 by William Fischer (1835-1912). Fischer dedicated the tune to Chaplain C.C. McCabe. Charles Caldwell McCabe (1836-1906) eventually became a Methodist Episcopal bishop, had been held in a Confederate prison during the Civil War but emerged to become a well-known motivational speaker and fund-raiser. Julia Ward Howe regarded him as the great popularizer of her “Battle Hymn of the Republic” because he sang it at all his events.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

- Sunday, July 30:** James McMurray, Gwen Reefer
- Monday, July 31:** Carolyn Rickrode, Isabelle Doce
- Tuesday, August 1:** Thomas Zareczny, Jordyn Rothberg, Nicole Cody, Olivia Wulf
- Friday, August 4:** John George, Jane Larson, Gemma Briggs
- Saturday, August 5:** Cindy Huffman, Candy Spoenlein, Kevin Matson

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) Bill & Patty Martin
- (11:00) Murle Whitten, Ed Puschmann

USHERS:

- (8:15) Rocky & Natalie Davis
- Mary Duffey, Barb Moler
- (9:30) Linda Howard, Carol Zieres
- (11:00) Nancy Johnson, Carol Rathmell
- Jon & Vickie Mills



VAN DRIVER: Jerry Koski

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 Jane Winne & Chrissy Raborn.

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.

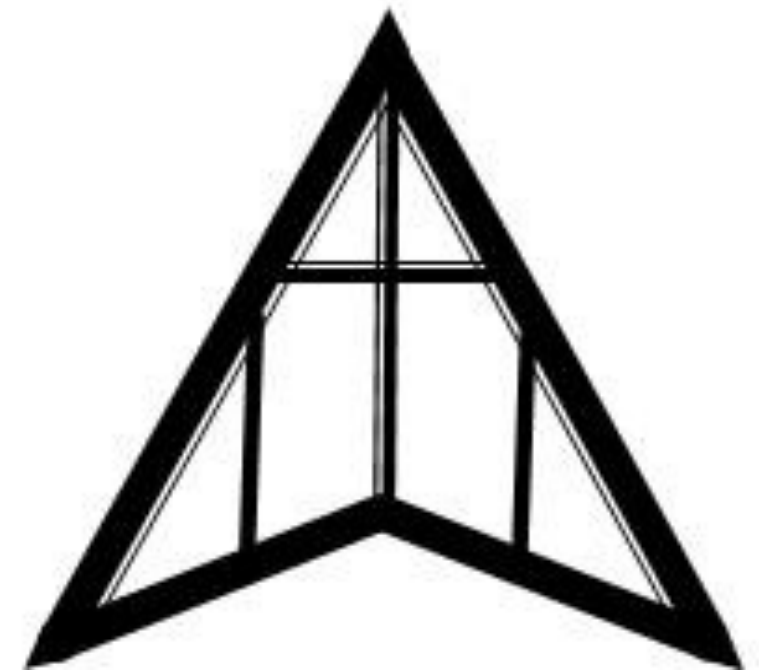
6:30-7:30 P.M. Bible Study in rooms 4 & 6

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*

July 30, 2017



Come, Grow, Go!

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Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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Order for the Public Worship of God
July 30, 2017
8th 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: If God is for us, who can be against us?

People: Let us worship God.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"A Love So Fierce and Free" David Ashley White

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

***HYMN #634**

"To God Be the Glory" TO GOD BE THE GLORY

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

Almighty and loving God, you have given us a world full of beauty and promise to enjoy and share with all people. You have given us a world to feed us and yet so many go hungry. A world rich in resources, and yet we are unwilling to share. A world to care for, and we think only of ourselves. Forgive us, gracious God, for those times your heart is saddened by our selfishness and greed. Enable us to see this world anew as a gift from you, to be shared and nurtured, and those who live upon it to be loved and cared for. We ask that your name may be glorified, through the beauty of this world, and through the service of our lives which is carried out in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and 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.

SOLO

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" arr. Joseph M. Martin
Liana Stephen, Soprano

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

"I Love to Tell the Story" arr. Emma Lou Diemer

***A DOXOLOGY—#606**

OLD HUNDRETH

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 #774**

"There Is Now a New Creation" STUTTGART

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (page 642)
John 3:1-8; 16-17 (pages 863-864)

SERMON

"New Life" Jack Alwood, Guest Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #462**

"I Love to Tell the Story" HANKEY

***BENEDICTION**

SUNG BLESSING *(please be seated)*

"A Blessing" Dale Wood
Liana Stephen, Soprano

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Trumpet Tune in C" David Lasky

(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

"The River"

MEET & GREET

"Today Is the Day"

"Impossible"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Eye of the Storm"

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

"Back to God"

Duet: Emily Cantin, Stephanie Carson

VIDEO- "I Have Overcome the World"

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 31:31-34
John 3:1-8; 16-17

MESSAGE

"New Life"

Jack Alwood, Guest Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

"Live Like That"

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU