

HYMN NOTES: "God, Bless Your Church with Faith" was written by ordained Presbyterian (USA) minister, John A. Dalles (b. 1954) in Pittsburgh. He served First Presbyterian Church in South Bend IN, and Fox Chapel Presbyterian in Pittsburgh and is presently at Wekiva Presbyterian in Longwood FL. This hymn was written for the 150th anniversary of the South Bend church in 1984. His idea was to write a general hymn with a primary focus on the changing world of the 20th century and a Christian response to those changes. It first appeared in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*, 1990. The editors chose to pair it with a different tune than Dalles had in mind. Today we sing it to DIADEMATA, the tune originally chosen by the hymnwriter.

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



Judy Peterson
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In Memory of
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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

- Sunday, September 1st:** Lou Hortobagyi, Vicki Phillips
- Monday, September 2nd:** Fred Heider, Dewey Parsons, Jr, Roger Risberg
- Tuesday, September 3rd:** Samantha Beran, Drew Bryant, Alex Ham, Howard McIntosh
- Wednesday, September 4th:** Scott Curkan, Danielle Locicero
- Thursday, September 5th:** Bob Anderson, Allison Gunderman, Tammy Shierling, Toby Shugart, Michael Turner, Terri Youngblood
- Friday, September 6th:** Mark Giese, Gary Jay, Aimee McDermott
- Saturday, September 7th:** Roy Jackson, Curtis Krueger, Owen Lemon, Marian Rather

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

- ACOLYTES:**
 - (8:15) Brandon Strelcheck
 - (11:00) Ethan Crossley
- GREETERS:**
 - (8:15) Juanita Hickey & Marilyn Lindblad
 - (11:00) Jan Hewlett
- USHERS:**
 - (8:15) Wayne & Nancy Rodewald
 - Norm & Marie Phillips
 - (9:30) Sam & Barb Musgrave
 - (11:00) Jon & Vicki Mills
 - Another Name????
- VAN DRIVER:** Ed Puschmann



Acolytes



Greeters & Ushers

EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (13/14 School Year) Room 1, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children's Message.
Teachers: Nathan Rodewald & Barbara Englehart

9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (13/14 School Year) Room 3
Teachers: Jana Davis & Trish Cole

1st & 2nd Grades Rooms 16
Teachers: Mr. Bill & Jean Swintek

3rd-5th Grades Room 8
Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 6.
Teachers: Andy & Stephanie Strelcheck

11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Children over three may remain with their parents in worship.
3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (13/14 School Year) Room 1, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children's Message.
Teachers: Barbara Englehart, Georgianna Winder & Dawn Winder

9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15
You're invited to look into the book of John - the first book many of us were introduced to in order to know more about the Lord and His Message to us. Our class has a comfortable atmosphere for learning by listening or participating. Class starts at 9:45, but come early for coffee and cookies. Bibles are provided or bring your own. Try us as we learn together. Our team welcomes you - Doug Shierling, Jane Sutton, Jeanette Holloway.

TCI (Today's Christian Issues)
This week: What makes a happy marriage? Led by Ken Tobiassen. See you there!

11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 & 15
September 15th: "Christian." Ask 100 people to define what it means, and you'll get 100 different answers. In this series, we will explore the truth and fiction behind one of the most famous brands in all of history.

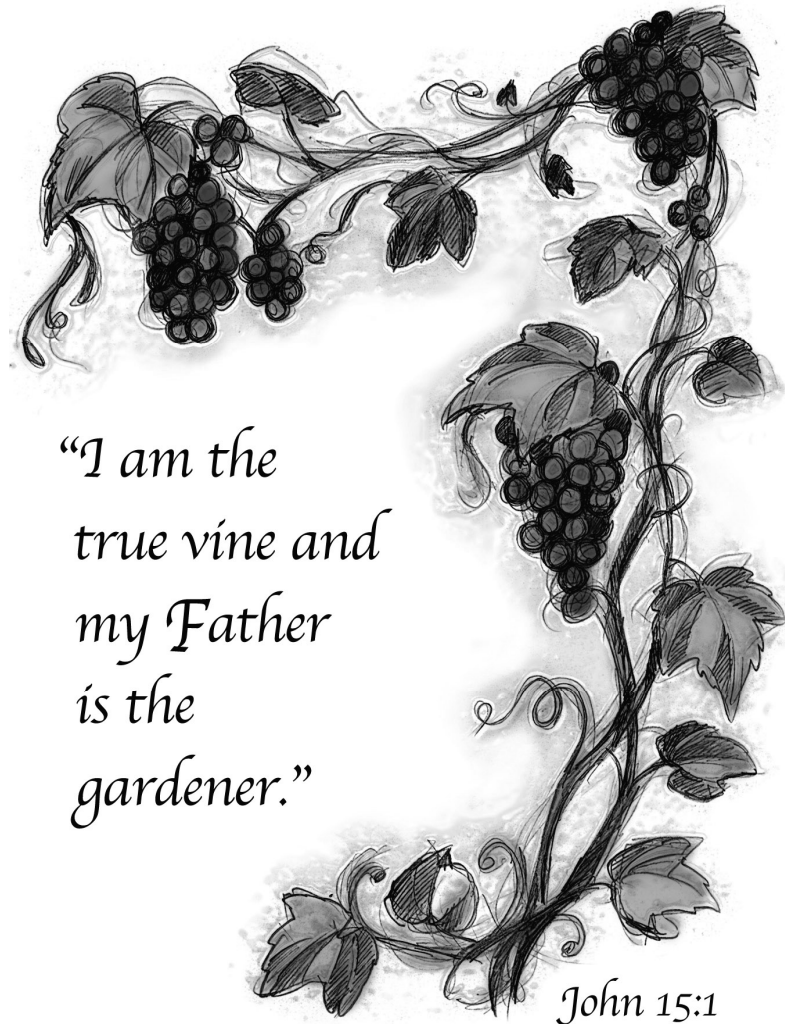
DEADLINES FOR ALL PUBLICATIONS

THE MONITOR—Usually the 2nd & 4th Monday of each month
This publication is emailed to those providing email addresses.
SUNDAY BULLETIN—Info due 9/6 for 9/15 bulletin
(Please limit articles/announcements to no more than 4 lines)
THE WINDOW—MONTHLY NEWSLETTER:
Deadline: Thursday before the 3rd Tuesday of the month
Mailing: 3rd Tuesday of the month
Please send articles to Katie Pacana at Katie@northwoodpc.org.

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Church

September 1, 2013



"I am the true vine and my Father is the gardener."

John 15:1

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 1, 2013
15th 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 turn off cell phones.)*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

OPENING VOLUNTARY arr. George Shearing
“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

(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 place it in the offering plate later in the service.)

***HYMN #41** “When Morning Gilds the Skies” LAUDES DOMINI

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

Almighty God, insofar as we have drawn near to you with our mouths, and have honored you with our lips – while our hearts have remained far from you – good Lord, forgive us. Insofar as our worship is more ritual than heartfelt, good Lord, forgive us. Awaken us today and cause us to respond in ever deepening love and faith, that we will more faithfully abide in Jesus Christ our Lord. And in so doing, may our lives bear effective witness to the freely given grace that Jesus offers to all. For it is in Jesus’ name and for his sake we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Together)**

“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 “If You Love Me” John Ness Beck

If you love me, keep my commandments. If you love me, heed my law.

If you seek me, you shall surely find me; if you search for me with all your heart.

FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN (8:15 am & 11:00 am: Children’s church is taking a break through August. Children over three may remain with their parents in worship.)

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING arr. Alfred V. Fedak
“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

***DOXOLOGY—#544** OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, 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 (pages 878) John 15:1-11 (NRSV)

SERMON SERIES Paul Means, Associate Pastor
Glimpses of Jesus #5- “I Am the Vine”

HYMN #445 EUCHARISTIC HYMN
“Bread of the World in Mercy Broken”
(Please Remain Seated)

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 AT COMMUNION Leo Sowerby
“Communion Meditation on PICARDY”

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN** “God, Bless Your Church with Strength!” DIADEMATA

God, bless your church with strength! Wherever we may be,
upbuild your servants as we work in common ministry.
Urge us from fledgling faith to venture and to soar
through open skies, to sing the praise of Christ whom we adore.

God, bless your church with life! May all our branches thrive,
unblemished, wholesome, bearing fruit, abundantly alive.
From You, one holy vine, in freedom may we grow;
sustain us in our mission, Lord, your love and peace to show.

God, bless your church with hope! Despite chaotic days,
may we in chaos shine to light a pathway through life’s maze.
May justice be our aim, and kindness ours to share,
in humbleness O may we walk, assured our God is there!

--John A Dykes, 1990

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Wilbur Held
“Hymn Prelude on DIADEMATA”

(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.

LET THE COUNTDOWN BEGIN

PRAISE SONG

“Mighty to Save”

“Your Grace Is Enough”

MEET & GREET

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP CONTINUES

“You Are”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“New Doxology”

SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:1-11 (NRSV)

MESSAGE

Glimpses of Jesus #5:

“I Am the Vine”

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

“Nearer, My God to Thee/In the Secret”

arr. Carol Tornquist

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Jesus Messiah”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!