

MUSIC NOTES:

Two hymns today on this Gifts of Women Sunday are by women writers. Six stanzas of "Be Still My Soul" (819) were written by the German Katharine von Schlegel in 1752, then translated by Jane Borthwick in 1855. The words were coupled with an adapted section of Sibelius's tone poem *Finlandia* for the 1933 hymnal of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. It was dropped from the 1990 *The Presbyterian Hymnal*, but restored with three stanzas in our present *Glory to God*. An omitted stanza reads:

*Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
Then shalt thou better know his love, his heart,
who come to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears.
Be still, my soul: they Jesus can repay
from his own fondness all he takes away.*

A second hymn today, "God of Forgiving Grace," was written in the 1950's by Marian D. Ford, President of the Woman's Mission Society of New Jersey. The music had been composed a few years earlier by Elinore Frey Geer while a student in college. Mrs. Geer has been a member of Northwood Presbyterian Church since 2014.

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



Bailey Shields
In Memory of
Carol Lee Bailey



Grandpa & MiMi Winder
In Honor of
Olivia's 1st Birthday

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2015 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, April 26th:** Elias Jeffre, Isaac Jeffre, Diane Lynn, Jessie Lusk, Tom Michaels
- Monday, April 27th:** Shaun Flaherty, Olivia French, Troy Harris
- Tuesday, April 28th:** Elinore Geer
- Wednesday, April 29th:** Jarrett Mattson, Wayne Rodewald
- Thursday, April 30th:** Jane Archerd, Sarah Flaherty
- Friday, May 1st:** Altha Long, Richard Smith
- Saturday, May 2nd:** Steven Lawrence, Jr.

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) Nadia Rodewald
- (11:00) Kylie Crossley

GREETERS:

- (8:15) Loisanne Bilka, Gwen Reefer
- (11:00) Linda O'Leary, Evelyn Towns

USHERS:

- (8:15) Bunny Bitner, Connie Evans, Betty O'Shea, Sue Walker
- (9:30) Kim, Morgan & Lindsey Peterson
- (11:00) Nancy Johnson, Pat Rabenstine, Carol Rathmell, Jessica Robicheau

VAN DRIVER: Ed Puschmann



EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (2014/15 School Year), Room 3, join us in the multi-age Sunday School worship class after the Children's Message.

Teacher: Barbara Englehart

9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (14/15 School Year) Room 3

Teachers: Dan Gipson & Mauricio Estavil, Diane Musto

1st & 2nd Grades Room 16

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 16.

Teachers: Todd & Kathleen Pope

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 8.

Teacher: Joyce Curvin & Pam Jeffre

11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds - 5th grade (14/15 school year) join us as we bring the Bible to Action through games and activities in room 3 beginning at 11:00. Should your child like to attend worship up until the Children's message, they can join in on the fun in room 3 after the Children's Message or remain in worship with their parents.

Teacher: Don & Nancy Stevens

Children Welcome to the Lord's Table

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. (Communion is normally celebrated on the first Sunday of each month).

Middle & High School Christian Education

Come join us for combined middle/high school Sunday school. We will be studying the "Elements" of our faith. Through new and exciting curriculum, we will learn how to grow in our walk with God.

- 9:30 AM Youth Room
- 11:00 AM Youth Room

9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15

TODAY: Join us as we study the life of Joseph in Genesis. Led by Bob Meier.

TCI (Today's Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11

TODAY: The class will have opportunities to join the discussions from articles that were posted during the first quarter of this year in THE CHRISTIAN CENTURY. The topics will vary but are designed to prompt discussion. Bill Bitner will lead the class.

11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 & 15

TODAY: We are studying Nehemiah—a story that begins with his fellow Jews reporting that the walls and gates of Jerusalem were in terrible shape. God put it on his heart to rebuild the walls. Join our class to find out just how Nehemiah went about accomplishing this feat and how God's love and faithfulness works in our lives on a daily basis.

**Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church**

A Stephen Ministry Church

April 26, 2015

A LITANY FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL WOMEN

- One: Creator God, we thank you for women who are filled with your life-giving Spirit,
- All: for women with words from the divine;**
- One: for women who advocate for justice;
- All: for women who speak truth;**
- One: for women called by God to serve in the Church of Jesus Christ.
- All: We lift our voices in gratitude for women who give the gift of knowledge, proclaiming your saving grace, in pulpits and women's groups, session tables and kitchen tables, boardrooms and family rooms, Sunday schools and quilting circles.**
- One: We lift our voices in gratitude for named and unnamed women who lead us in God's way. For Ruth and Naomi, whose destinies were intertwined,
- All: we thank you, God.**
- One: for Mary and Elizabeth, who blessed each other,
- All: we thank you, God.**
- One: We are grateful, Loving Creator, for these women and their witness and love.
- All: We are grateful, Loving Creator, for all the faithful women, walking together, serving Christ in the world.**



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
April 26, 2015
Gifts of Women Sunday
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

Tracey Birch; Sue Miskiewicz

One: Our souls magnify God, and our spirits rejoice in our Savior,
All: for the mighty One has done great things for us. Holy is God's name.
One: God has looked upon me with favor. From now on, all generations will call me blessed,
All: for the mighty One has done great things for me. Holy is God's name.
One: Blessed are you among women, and blessed is she who believes,
All: for the mighty One has done great things for us. Holy is God's name.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"How Firm a Foundation" arr. Mark Albrecht
Heather Wood, Clarinet

(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Curvin, Pastor

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

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Janet George & Barbara Schlerf; Ellen Stoup

*HYMN #815 "Give to the Winds Thy Fears" FESTAL SONG

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Suzanne Hamilton; Barbara Jordan

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

Loving God, we confess that we criticize and pass judgment upon others. We seek to control the way others live their lives of service to you. Forgive us for our shortsightedness and sin. Help us to appreciate and love our sisters and brothers in Christ, both younger and older, for we are all valued members in the household of God. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Based on Ruth 1:16)

One: "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you!"
All: "Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God."
One: Likewise, God will not leave us. God, who forgives us, frees us and gives us peace.
All: Thanks be to God.

***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

"Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal" arr. Mark Hayes

*Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore,
As I near those swollen waters with their deep and solemn roar.
Refrain: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, praise the Lamb.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, glory to the great I AM.*

*And my soul, though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day,
Passes swiftly o'er those waters to the city far away. Refrain*

*Souls have crossed before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest;
And I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest. Refrain*

FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN

Kay Scheuerman

(Children age 3 (by 9/14) through fifth grade may go to Room 3 for Children's Sunday School.)

WE UNITE IN PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lindsey Childs-Kean; Cindy Huffman

"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

Ellen Stoup; Jean Swintek

MUSICAL OFFERING "Father of Light"

Craig Courtney

Trio: Michele White, Stephanie Carson, Barbara Jordan

***DOXOLOGY—#606**

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

Jackie Koski; Elaine Cornillaud

(pages 831-832) Luke 1:39-56 (NRSV)

***HYMN #324**

"For All the Faithful Women"

NYLAND

(Please Stand.)

SOLO

"God of Forgiving Grace"

Marian D. Ford

Music by Northwood Member Elinore Frey Geer

Michele White, Soprano

SCRIPTURE READING (page 210)

Ruth 1:7-22 (NRSV)

SERMON

Rev. Kathi Trautwein, Guest Preacher

"Two by Two"

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #819**

"Be Still My Soul"

FINLANDIA

***A LITANY FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL WOMEN**

Marian Hill; Marti Huff

(Litany Words on Front Cover)

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Festal Song"

Wayne L. Wold

(based on the tune of the opening hymn, #815)

(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.*

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COUNTDOWN

"This Is Amazing Grace"

"Open Up the Heavens"

PRAYER

"All the People Said Amen"

MEET & GREET

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS**

Janet George

"Come As You Are"

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

(1st-5th Grade Children move to Sunday School)

**CALL TO OFFERING
OFFERTORY**

"Hallelujah"

VIP Women

SCRIPTURE

Ruth 1:1-18 (NRSV)

MESSAGE

"Reflections"

Libby Shannon, Guest Preacher

SONG OF DEDICATION

"Live Like That"

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!