#### **HYMN NOTES:** If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee (816)

Both the German text and the music of this hymn were composed by Georg Neumark (1621-1681). You will remember, perhaps from reading these weekly notes, that the author and the composer of a hymn are more often different persons. At the age of 20, Neumark had set out to attend the University of Königsberg and on his way was robbed of all his possessions, except his prayer book and a few coins. Long without work and nearly destitute, he was unexpectedly employed by a wealthy judge. "On that very day I composed this hymn to the honor of my beloved Lord...I certainly had cause enough to thank the divine compassion for such unlooked for grace," Neumark wrote. After completing his schooling, he eventually became court poet, librarian and registrar to Duke Wilhelm II. The famed translator, Catherine Winkworth published the English version of his hymn in 1855 with the first two lines reading, "Leave God to order all thy ways, and hope in Him whate'er betide thee." She later changed it to read, "If thou but suffer God to guide thee...." (suffer meaning "allow, or "let" God to walten, i.e., govern one's life.) The line is further changed in *Glory to God*: "If thou but trust...."

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



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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, August 16th:	Beverly Field, Alice Russell,	
	Susan Taylor, Joe Tonelis	
Monday, August 17th:	Dan Gipson, Richard Naider	
Tuesday, August 18th:	Atticus Ulrich	
Wednesday, August 19th:	Irene Dewitt, Tommy Donnelly,	
	Barbara Henry, Jim McGordy,	
	Kathleen O'Leary, Omar Valdes	
Thursday, August 20th:	Brad Hanway, Laddie Irion, Isabella Latorre,	
	Dennis Rasmussen, Suzanne Rimmler,	
	Nicholas Smith, Jeff Voss	
Friday, August 21st:	Catherine Brinkman, Dominic Fuoco,	
	Margaret Gott, Yolanda Hauer	
Saturday, August 22nd:	Keegan Lapham	

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:	Aidan McDermott
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Margaret Mawhinney & Nancy Ericson
<b>USHERS:</b>	
(9:00)	Kim, Morgan & Lindsey Peterson
	Art & Jeanette Holloway
	Ed Puschmann, Bob MacFall
VAN DRIVE	R: Cynthia Lawrence

#### **SUMMER EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES**

#### 9:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (14/15 School Year), Room 16

Join us in the multi-age Sunday School in Room 16 at 9:00 AM. Teachers: Aimee McDermott & Hayley Parker

#### 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grades, Rooms 8 & 10

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 rooms 8 & 10. Teachers: Kathleen & Todd Pope

#### **10:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

The Children of NPC have the opportunity to worship with their parent or guardian. Regular Sunday school class is during the 9:00 hour, see above schedule. Nursery is available for children ages birth  $-2^{nd}$  grade if needed.

#### 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

There will be no Sunday School for Middle and High School throughout the summer! See you in the Fall at Discovery Day!

#### ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

#### **CHEW ON THAT! Bi-Weekly Adult Christian Education** August 23: Communion

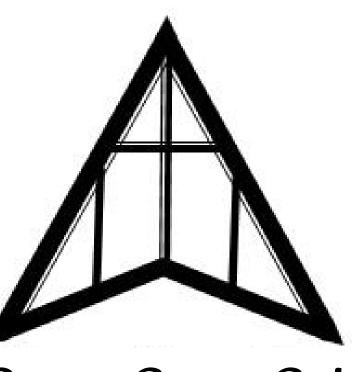
Paul gives us a basic framework with which we celebrate the Lord's Supper (1Cor 11:23b-26) – and also provides some useful advice for our preparation and celebration (1Cor 11:27-34). How do we make this sacrament ours - individually and corporately? We will meet in rooms 9-11 at 9:45 am for fellowship and at 10:05 for our topical "chew". We hope that both traditional and contemporary worshippers will try us out! Remember to bring your favorite nibble to share. Our abundance will enhance the hallway fellowship between and after services.



## Welcome To **Northwood Presbyterian** Church

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## August 16, 2015



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### Order for the Public Worship of God August 16, 2015 12th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service

#### WE GATHER

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

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** "Wayfarin' Stranger" arr. Joel Raney Gemma Briggs, Piano

(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 pass it toward the center aisle.*)

*HYMN #63	"The Lord Is God"	AZMON

#### WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and gracious God, we long to be faithful stewards of your abundant grace which you have freely given us in Jesus Christ. We desire to serve each other in love and humility. To serve your world with wisdom and energy. Forgive us when we stumble over pride, when our words and actions are not guided by love. Turn our hearts when we act in folly. Restore our energy when it is gone. Sometimes, many times, O God, our efforts fail. But we take heart that your abundant grace is strong and eternal, and forgiveness is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. Thank you, dear 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."

DUET	"As the Deer"	Martin Nystrom
	Sarah Flaherty and Lindsey Peterson	arr. Lloyd Larson

As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after thee. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship thee. You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship thee.

You're my friend and you are my brother, even though you are a King. I love you more than any other, so much more than anything.

*I want you more than gold or silver, only you can satisfy. You alone are the real joy-giver and the apple of my eye.* 

**FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN** (Children may return to their seats for the remainder of the worship service.)

#### 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

Daryl Hollinger

"If You But Trust in God to Guide You" (based on the tune of the next hymn, #816)

**\*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 (page 804) Matthew 22:34-40 (NRSV) \*HYMN #816 WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT "If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee" Psalm 42 (NRSV) SCRIPTURE READING (pages 447-448) **SERMON** Paul Means, Associate Pastor "Moved to Pursue" WE GO OUT TO SERVE \*HYMN #697 "Take My Life" HENDON **\*BENEDICTION CLOSING VOLUNTARY** "Toccatina" **Rachel Laurin** (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 is a contemporary worship service at 9:00 that delivers the message of Jesus Christ through Powerful Music, Media & Scripture Based Sermons.

#### COUNTDOWN WELCOME

**PRAISE SONG** 

"We Won't Be Shaken"

MEET & GREET

"Impossible"

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER** (1st-5th Grade Children move to Sunday School)

> CALL TO OFFERING OFFERTORY

> > "As the Deer"

Sarah Flaherty and Lindsey Peterson

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 42

**VIDEO**—"Lord I Need You"

#### MESSAGE

**"Moved to Pursue"** Paul Means, Associate Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

"Thrive"

#### GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...