

**HYMN NOTES:**

**“God of the Ages” (331)**

This widely sung patriotic hymn was written for an 1876 centennial Fourth of July celebration and was first sung at Brandon, Vermont. Later it was coupled with the tune we sing today for the Hymnal for the Episcopal Church (1894). The author, Daniel C. Roberts was an Episcopal priest who had been a private in the Civil War. The original first line, “God of our fathers, whose almighty hand....” was changed to “God of the ages....” by the Hymnal Revision Committee of the United Methodist Church for *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989). That committee’s guidelines were to reduce, where possible, the predominance of masculine pronouns and images. Some on the committee objected to this particular change stating that the author’s use of “fathers” referred to George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, etc., “fathers of the USA,” obviously male, and that the change slighted the fact that these “fathers” were “believers.” The decision was to make the change to broaden the image beyond that singular image. The Presbyterians, and most denominational hymnals after that, kept the change.

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



*Barbara Schlerf  
In Loving Memory of  
My Mother, Mary Simpson*



*Carolyn & Steve Rickrode & family  
In Honor of Our Mom,  
Doris Hoffman’s 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!

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.**

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO....**

- Monday, July 6th:** Peri Decker
- Tuesday, July 7th:** Pres Seckel
- Wednesday, July 8th:** Linda Andreassen, Cheryl Eschweiler, Bob Grubbs, Dan Musto
- Thursday, July 9th:** Carol Bushnell, Ally Wolf
- Friday, July 10th:** Amy Schutlz, James Towell, Bridgette Ulrich
- Saturday, July 11th:** Leota Ecker, Bob MacLennan, Erin McLarty, Kristen Murray, Dawn Winder



*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:** Aly Tobiassen
- GREETERS:** Ken & Martha Tobiassen
- USHERS:**
  - (9:00) Candy & Rich Spoenlein
  - (10:30) Rocky & Natalie Davis  
Earle Lusk, Bob MacFall
- VAN DRIVER:** Ed Puscmann



**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: Nancy Donnelly & Carissa Johnston*

**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: Justine Ruisz*

**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<sup>nd</sup> 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 Rally Day!

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**CHEW ON THAT! Bi-Weekly Adult Christian Education**

**July 12: Miracles**  
Miracles – God’s gracious and extraordinary provision for us. What do we (and should we) expect? - as needed (1Kings 17:7-24) or lavish and ‘over the top’ (John 2:1-11)? We will meet in rooms 9-11 from 9:45am for fellowship and 10:05am 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 services.*

**Welcome To  
Northwood Presbyterian  
Church  
A Stephen Ministry Church**

**July 5, 2015**



**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  
July 5, 2015  
6th 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** arr. Clay Christiansen  
"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

*(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 #331** "God of the Ages" NATIONAL HYMN

**SUMMARY OF THE LAW - The Ten Commandments (Together)**  
(Summary from Deuteronomy 5)

God spoke all these words, saying I am the Lord your God, which has brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

You shall not make unto you any graven images.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

You shall remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.

Honor your mother and father.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

**WE CONFESS**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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."

**SOLO** "Battle Hymn of the Republic" arr. Jay Althouse  
Cindy Huffman, Alto

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

**WE SHARE**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**MUSICAL OFFERING** "Trio on WAREHAM" David Cherwien  
*(based on the tune of the middle hymn today, #457)*

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (#337, stanza 4) AMERICA  
Our fathers' God to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing.  
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;  
Protect us by thy might, great God, our King.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**WE HEAR THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING** (page 868) John 6:64-68 (ESV)  
(page 424) Psalm 1 (NRSV)

**SERMON** Chris Curvin, Pastor  
"Do We Need A New Religion in America?"

**\*HYMN #457** "How Happy Are the Saints of God" WAREHAM

**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 DURING COMMUNION**

"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" arr. Charles Callahan  
"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" Callahan

**THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

**\*HYMN #338** "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" MATERNA

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY** Charles Callahan  
"Festival Procession in C"

*(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 9:00 that delivers the message of Jesus Christ through Powerful Music, Media & Scripture Based Sermons.*

**COUNTDOWN**

**WELCOME**

"Everlasting God"

"Greater"

**MEET & GREET ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**VIDEO**—"A Very Special Country"

"For Our Freedom"

Larry Stephen

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER**

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

**CALL TO OFFERING OFFERTORY**

"Blessed Be Your Name"

**SCRIPTURE**

John 6:64-68 (ESV), Psalm 1 (NRSV)

**MESSAGE**

"Do We Need A New Religion in America?"

Chris Curvin, Pastor

**COMMUNION MUSIC AT COMMUNION**

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Ken Medema

**SONG OF DEDICATION**

"America the Beautiful"

**GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU**

*Sermon notes...*

*that Ignite Action!*