

**Hymn Notes:**

**“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” (35)**

The beautiful hills, valleys, and flowing streams in the Dusseldorf area of now western Germany provided the inspiration for this hymn by Joachim Neander (1650-1680). A brilliant young man, both a teacher and a pastor, was well known despite his short life. He died a few months after writing this hymn. Neander enjoyed the seclusion he found in the valley of the small stream of Dussel. This valley was named the Neanderthal Valley for him, and almost two hundred years later, in 1856, a skeleton was discovered there that was thought to represent a race of people who lived in western Europe as early as 4000 B.C. It was named the Neanderthal man.

While the German hymn was written more than three hundred years ago, the English translation was made and published in 1863 by Catherine Winkworth of London. She was regarded as one the finest translators of the German language and helped make German hymns popular in England during the 19<sup>th</sup> century. She also was the translator of “Now Thank We All Our God.”

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...**

- Sunday, September 16:** Dennis O’Shea
- Monday, September 17:** Myrl Chronister, Ted Wojciechowski
- Tuesday, September 18:** Eve Walker, Janet George, Charlie Fitzgerald, Gail Rothrock, Dave Glaser, Grace Fulford, Julie Latorre
- Wednesday, September 19:** Cynthia Lawrence, Larry Stephen, Brian Preston
- Thursday, September 20:** Ken Andreassen, Mitchell Johnston
- Friday, September 21:** Alyssa Long, Hannah Gipson
- Saturday, September 22:** Steve Lang, Matilde Naidler, David Nelson, Rachel Granata



*If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven’t seen them in church recently, give them a call!*

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



**Terry & Peggy Steele**



**In Loving Memory of our Mothers  
Maxine Steele and Zella Morris**

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2018 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!

**FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY**

**GREETERS:**

- (8:15) Patty Martin & Barbara Englehart
- (11:00) Sandy & Larry Ingram

**Ushers & Greeters**



**USHERS:**

- (8:15) Wade & Nancy Rodewald  
Earle Lusk & Bob MacFall
- (9:30) Kim Peterson & Marie Ziegler
- (11:00) Polly Brown & Dean Rabenstine  
Ernie & Carol Kirkwood

**VAN DRIVER:** Cynthia Lawrence

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**3 Yr. Olds-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade (17/18 School Year)**  
During the summer months, there will be no children’s worship. Children will remain in service with their family. Nursery will still be available.

**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 Kelly Tighe & Kim Blackmore.  
**2nd-5th Grade, Room 4**  
Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 4 with Jessica Jones & Sydney Blackmore.

**11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

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**9:30 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL  
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

The Middle & High Schoolers are meeting this week for Sunday School. All youth are welcome to worship together in the center-right-side of the Sanctuary at the 9:30 Ignite service. After the service, youth will meet in the City at 11:00am for Sunday School where we are currently studying the Book of Exodus.

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**9:30 A.M. TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Rooms 9-11**

**Planning for the future.** Are you prepared? Or will you leave your heirs with many unanswered questions? Northwood member, Tom Michaels, as attorney specializing in elder law, will share his experiences and perspective on what we need to consider as we plan for the future. Come and learn while enjoying coffee and cookies!

**9:30 A.M. “Defenders” Sunday School Room 10,** led by Michael Jahosky, **beginning in October,** this Bible study will help you with tools to talk about your faith to non Christians.

**11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class Room 15,** led by Vicki Krueger, Each day brings new questions. Should I stay? Should I go? Buy it? Sell it? Start it? Stop it? There is one question you can ask that makes it easy to determine the answer to all the other questions. In our video and discussion series, we will learn how asking this question has the potential to save us time, money and tears. All we have to do is ask it. Come join us!

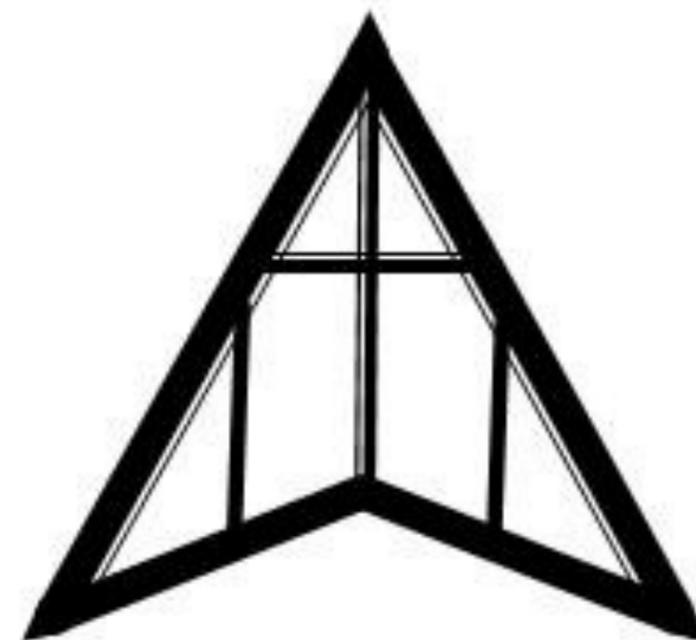
**11:00 A.M. “Journey Through” Room 4,** led by Vanessa Celotto. *Journey Through* is an adult Sunday school class in room 4 from 11:00-11:45 that coincides with the youth Sunday school class. It is an awesome opportunity for you and your family to study the Bible cover to cover and grow together in a way that is relevant to each of your lives. Don’t have a child in the Youth Ministry program? That’s okay! The class is open to everyone and it’s the perfect place to study the Bible while building relationships with other members of Northwood.

**6:30 P.M. Sunday Evening Bible Study**  
This Bible study meets at 6:30pm on Sunday evenings in the Parlor. We are studying the Book of Isaiah, using the study guide *Isaiah: Trusting God in Troubled Times* by Howard Peskett. This is a discussion study where we use the ancient writings of Isaiah, discuss his prophecy regarding the future coming of Christ and learn the meaning to us today. Please contact Cindy Huffman 727-409-8727 for more information. Come join us!

**Welcome To  
Northwood Presbyterian  
Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church  
Organized February 19, 1978*

**September 16, 2018**



**Come, Grow, Go!**

**Ministers: All Members of the Church**

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**Order for the Public Worship of God**  
**September 16, 2018**  
**17th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services**

**THE GATHERING**

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Responsive)*

Leader: Whether we live or die, we belong to God.  
**People: Christ is Lord of the dead and the living.**  
Leader: I called to God: Lord, save my life!  
**People: God has delivered my soul from death.**  
Leader: Rejoice with me! The lost are found.  
**People: There is joy in the presence of God.**

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name” Michael Burkhardt  
(based on the hymn at #4 in *Glory to God*)

*(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 #35** “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” LOBE DEN HERREN

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(Together)*

Holy and righteous God, we are a people of unclean lips . But it is not only unclean lips we possess. We are people with unclean hands and unclean hearts. We have broken your law times without number, and are guilty of pride, unbelief, self-centeredness and idolatry. We have sought satisfaction in this world’s pleasures rather than in you. We have uttered your name countless times without reverence or love. We have considered revenge when we were sinned against. We have told distorted truths, half truths, and untruths. O God, save us from our love of sinning. Forgive us, we pray, for the sake of Him who came to bind up the wounds of the one by the side of the road. In Jesus’ name. 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.

**ANTHEM** “If God Be for Us” Clifford McCormick

*If God be for us who can be against us?  
Who can separate us from the love of Christ?  
In all things we are more than conquerors.  
Through Him that loved us, we are more than conquerors.  
He that gave His own Son for us all  
Shall He not through Him, give us all things?  
If God be for us who can be against us?*

**OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN**

*(Children ages 3yrs – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, are welcome to remain in service with their parents or join us in room 3 for Children’s Church.)*

**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.

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

“Children of the Heavenly Father” arr. Dale Wood

**\*DOXOLOGY—#606** OLD HUNDREDTH

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 #462** “I Love to Tell the Story” HANKEY

**WE HEAR THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Genesis 45:1-8 NRSV (page 37)  
Romans 8:28, 31-39 NRSV (page 919)

**SERMON** “Getting Rid of Our Rabbits’ Feet”  
Chris Curvin, Pastor

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

**\*HYMN #33** “Praise the Lord! God’s Glories Show” LLANFAIR

**\*BENEDICTION**

**SUNG BLESSING** “As We Go” Jeremy Johnson  
*(please be seated)* Lindsey Peterson, Soloist

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

“In Christ There Is No East or West” arr. Dale Wood  
*(based on the hymn at #317)*

*(You are invited to reflect on the worship service during the closing voluntary. If you must leave before the end of the service, please respect those who remain 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**

“Thrive”  
“My Feet Are on the Rock”

**MEET AND GREET**

“Stand Up”

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAISE SONG**

“Jesus Made Me Who I Am”  
By Larry Stephen

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER  
CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

“You Say”

**SCRIPTURES**

Genesis 45:1-8 NRSV  
Romans 8:28, 31-39

**MESSAGE**

“Getting Rid of Our Rabbits’ Feet”  
Chris Curvin, Pastor

**SONG OF DEDICATION**

“Nothing Could Ever Separate Us”

**GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU**

*Sermon notes...*

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