

**Music Notes:**

The music during communion today is by the American, Allen Orton Gibbs (1910-1996). Named after her father, she spent much of her career in Birmingham AL, but also lived in Pittsburgh and for a little more than three years in Clearwater Beach. Most of her music was not published in her lifetime—she wrote mostly for her own situations and some commissions. Best known for this widely played organ piece “In the Bleak Midwinter,” there is now a published collection of her entire organ output. There is a good amount of choral music that is also being picked up by several publishers.

The hymn itself, appears in our hymnal with this tune at #144. The tune, CRANHAM, was composed by the great English composer, Gustav Holst (“The Planets”) in 1906 especially for Christina G. Rossetti’s poem. In her poem Jesus’ birth is imaged in the cold and snow of a British winter.

At 9:30 communion, two piano settings by Dan Forrest and Jason Krug use this same tune.

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...**

- Sunday, January 6:** Yvonne Cherry, Robert Holleman, Spencer Briggs
- Monday, January 7:** Kristen Faulkner
- Tuesday, January 8:** Pat Speer, Joe Cernansky
- Wednesday, January 9:** Susan Gajentan, Cody Carson, Steven Cole
- Thursday, January 10:** Patrick Turner, Riley Nigels
- Friday, January 11:** Elaine Findley, Shannon Dipolito, Andrew Carlstedt



*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*



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**FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY**

**GREETERS:**

- (8:15) Mary Duffey
- (11:00) Sharon & Bucky Helms

**USHERS:**

- (8:15) Dennis & Betty O’Shea  
Bob MacFall
- (9:30) Candy & Rich Spoenlein
- (11:00) Jon Mills & Roger Snay  
Bailey Sheilds



**VAN DRIVER:** Tom Zareczny

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

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

**3 Yr. Olds-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** (18/19 School Year)  
Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship following the anthem.

**9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**3 Yr. Olds-1<sup>st</sup> 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 Sydney Blackmore & Justine Davis.

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

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**11:00 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

The Middle & High Schoolers (6th-12th graders) 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 10:45am 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**

In November, a Chinese researcher claimed he helped make the world's first genetically edited babies. If true, how does this affect our views of the uses of DNA research? Who makes the decisions of how to pursue such research and by what criteria? Barbara Englehart will lead our discussion while we enjoy coffee and cookies.

**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.

**THIS CLASS WILL NOT MEET THE MONTH OF JANUARY.**

*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. If you are in need of childcare, please sign your child/children in at the nursery.

**6:30 P.M. Sunday Evening Bible Study**

**This class will NOT meet this Sunday but will resume on January 13th.**

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*

**January 6, 2019**



**“On This Day of Celebration”**

On this day of celebration, at this time when hopes are new,  
God, we gather as your people, called to put our trust in you.  
You have made the world we live in; you have worked through history.  
In your plan we find our purpose, in your love, our unity.

Long ago you sent our Savior to this world in deep despair.  
In your world made flesh you came, our life to know, our sins to bear.  
Christ has died and Christ has risen! At this new year we proclaim:  
Yesterday, today, forever — Jesus Christ is still the same!

On this day, we pause and wonder what the future years will bring,  
Yet we know you clothe each flower and you make each sparrow sing.  
How much more will you protect us with your guiding, caring hand!  
By your Spirit, lead us boldly in the future you have planned.

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**Ministers: All Members of the Church**

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor  
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**Order for the Public Worship of God**  
**January 6, 2019**  
**Epiphany of the Lord**  
**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.)*

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** Chris Curvin, Pastor  
*(with organ and bells)*

Leader: Arise; shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of God has risen upon you.

**People: We, who live in a shadowed world,  
have seen God's revelation in Jesus.**

Leader: Lift up your eyes and see,  
God's light dwells in you and others see it.

**People: Our hearts rejoice at the opportunity  
to witness to what we have heard and observed.**

Leader: Gather then, as apostles and prophets, stewards  
of the mystery of Christ.

**People: We have seen a star and have come to worship.**

Leader: May our awareness, responsiveness, and reverence  
be strengthened in our time together.

**People: We will search diligently and listen carefully  
For all that God would reveal to us.**

Leader: Amen!  
People: Amen!

--arr. William H. Mathis from the Epiphany carol at #827  
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**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" George E. Beverst  
*(based on the Epiphany hymn at #827)* (1930-2007)

*(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 #147** "The First Nowell" THE FIRST NOWELL

**CALL TO CONFESSION** Paul Means, Associate Pastor

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

Ever-patient God, we are a people who live in thick darkness. We stumble  
around bombarded by news of war and poverty, injustice and oppression.  
The chaos of things and issues can overwhelm and paralyze us. Help us be  
people of the light, shining your light of healing, peace and joy into all the  
dark places of our lives and world. Unlock the mystery and glory of the  
babe born in Bethlehem. Turn our aimless wanderings into a journey of  
purpose guided by your star. 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** "We Three Kings" arr. John Rutter

Soloists: Dennis Rasmussen, Robert Wood, Dick Casper  
*(text is at hymn #151)*

**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.)*

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

"As with Gladness Men of Old" arr. Wilbur Held  
*(based on the tune of the closing hymn, #150)* (1914-2015)

**\*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 FOR THE OFFERING AND  
ALTERNATIVE GIFTS**

**WE HEAR THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Matthew 2:1-12  
NRSV *(pages 783)*

**SERMON** "The Wise Still Seek Him" Chris Curvin, Pastor

**\*HYMN** "On This Day of Celebration" HYMN TO JOY  
*(see front cover)*

**WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT**

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*(together, hymnal page 35)*

**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 relation  
ship with the Lord, we drink of the cup, as the Spirit leads.)*

**MUSIC DURING THE SERVING**

"In the Bleak Midwinter" Allen Orton Gibbs  
(1910-1996)

**THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

**\*HYMN #150** "As with Gladness Men of Old" DIX

**\*BENEDICTION**

**SUNG BLESSING** "Spirit-Child Jesus" John D. Horman  
*(please be seated)* Stephanie Carson, Soloist

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY** "Three Kings' March" Michael R. Barker

*(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**

"Open Up the Heavens"

**MEET AND GREET**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**VIDEO**

"The First Christmas"

**PRAISE SONG**

"What Child Is This"

**BAPTISM**

Emily Cantin

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

"It Is Well"

**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 2:1-12

**MESSAGE**

"The Wise Still Seek Him"  
Chris Curvin, Pastor

**COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

"In the Bleak Midwinter"  
Forrest/Krug

**SONG OF DEDICATION**

"Jesus"

*Sermon notes...*

**GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU**

*that Ignite Action!*