

Hymn Notes:

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” (645)

Often great hymns are written in the midst of great adversity as was the case for “Sing Praise to God...” The battleground of The Thirty Years’ War (1618-1648) between Catholic and Protestant forces centered in Germany where death and disease caused the German population to dwindle from sixteen million to six million. From the tragedies of the war arose the Pietist movement stressing personal faith in Christ and the manner in which believers should live. This movement gave birth to a great revival in hymnody in Germany including this hymn by Johann Schütz (1640-1690), a Frankfurt lawyer. It took considerable time for the English-speaking world to discover this great wealth of German hymnody. This hymn was finally translated into English in 1864 by British translator Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897). The tune MIT FREUDEN ZART is about 100 years older and from the Bohemian Brethren hymnal of 1566. Its name means “with gentle joy.”

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

- Sunday, February 3:** Meaghan Caccamise
- Monday, February 4:** Chris Bryant, Drew Strelcheck, Jack Winder
- Tuesday, February 5:** Howard Green
- Wednesday, February 6:** Alyssa Bates
- Thursday, February 7:** Terry Steele, Pam Means, Kim Blackmore, Jessica Catlin
- Friday, February 8:** Linda Cioken, Bev Ventrella, Renee Voss, Todd Pope, Ryan Weitz, Aidan McDermott
- Saturday, February 9:** Jeri Heycock, Kathy Gunderman, Katie Pacana



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

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FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

GREETERS:

- (8:15) JoAnne & Ray Spigarelli
- (11:00) Barbara Forsyth & Marylou Foemmel

USHERS:

- (8:15) Myrl & Dot Chronister
- Tim Beaver, Fred Heider
- (9:30) Candy & Rich Spoenlein
- (11:00) Claudia Alwood, Polly Brown
- Eleanor Cicerchi, Jon Mills



- ACOLYTE:** Claire Cantin (8:15) Blake Ruisz (11:00)
- VAN DRIVER:** Tom Zareczny



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd 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-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 8
Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8 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 will be discussing today’s message.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

Today’s topic is “Can New Ideas from Scientists Save Our Glaciers”? Led by Eleanor Cicerchi. Come, participate, and 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!

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
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February 3, 2019



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Order for the Public Worship of God
February 3, 2019
4th Sunday after Epiphany
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)* Paul Means, Associate Pastor
Leader: What a wonderful privilege it is to come into the house of God!
People: We have come here today by God's gracious invitation.
Leader: What staggering good news it is that God welcomes us not as strangers, but as God's dearly beloved children.
People: And by God's grace, that is who we are!
All: Since God has first loved us, let's open wide our hearts and worship God, boldly praising the Lord who is our light and our salvation.

OPENING VOLUNTARY
"Fanfare on NICAEA" Nancy Hill Cobb
(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS (11:00)
We welcome the following new members who were introduced to our church family last Sunday as a part of the January 2019 Discovering Northwood Class:
Winnie & Chuck Robbins, Reaffirmation of faith
Carol Hopkins, Transfer of Letter-St. Thomas Episcopal, Clearlake City, TX
Eileen & Richard Zirk, Transfer of Letter from a local Presbyterian Church

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**
(Please complete the bulletin insert, "FRIENDSHIP SHEET," and pass it toward the center aisle.)
***HYMN #645** "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" MIT FREUDEN ZART

CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*
Dear Lord, You are a God of everlasting love. You have demonstrated your extravagant love for humankind with the gift of life and supremely through Jesus' incarnation, crucifixion and resurrection. You call us, you encourage us. You exhort us to love You with all of our heart and to love others as ourselves. Forgive us, for too often we have failed to live out the care and beauty of such love. By the power of the Holy Spirit, pour out your love into our hearts, empowering us to love others as Jesus has loved us, for it is in His name that we pray. 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 "One at the Feast" Craig Courtney
*He ate bread at their tables, He joined them in their feasts,
And many asked the Savior, "Why do you dine with these,
The outcasts and the sinner, the dying and the poor?"
There are many greater than these You sit before."*

*Break the bread and pour the wine, let them drink, let them dine,
None is greater than the least, all are one, one at the feast.*

*So let the poor and the wealthy be seated side by side,
The sick among the healthy, the widow by the bride,
The hungry and the thirsty with those who have been fed
And share the feast together, come share the wine and bread.*

*Gather at the table, come and take your place,
There is room for many at the feast of grace.
With the bread remember, with the wine recall
Jesus gave his body and His blood for all.*

OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN
(Children ages 3yrs – 2nd 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 "O Lord Most Holy" Cesar Franck
Jim Howes, Soloist

***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**

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 NRSV *(pages 783)*

SERMON "True Love" Paul Means, Associate Pastor

***HYMN #693** "Though I May Speak" GIFT OF LOVE

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 relationship with the Lord, we drink of the cup, as the Spirit leads.)

MUSIC DURING THE SERVING "Devotion" John Leavitt

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #833** "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" ST. MARGARET

***BENEDICTION**

SUNG BLESSING "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" William Tomer
(please be seated) Jim Howes, Soloist

CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Jubilation" John Leavitt

(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
"Love the Lord"
"My Feet Are on the Rock"

MEET AND GREET

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"So Will I"

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY
"Lord, I Need You"

VIDEO
"Love—No Exceptions"

SCRIPTURE
1 Corinthians 13:1-13

MESSAGE
"True Love"
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC
"10,000 Reasons"
arr. Heather Sorenson

SONG OF DEDICATION
"One Thing Remains"

Sermon notes...

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU

that Ignite Action!