

Hymn Notes:

“There Are Many Ways of Sharing”
by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Presbyterian pastor Carolyn Gillette is a prolific and thoughtful hymn writer who offers this insight about her hymn that we sing today: “This hymn, which is based on I Corinthians 12, celebrates the gifts of the Spirit for ministry.....We know that it is the ‘same Spirit’ who gives the gifts that the church needs. One thing that is unique about the church is that we call people ‘volunteers’ just like many other community groups do, but we have a different awareness of how people come to us to serve. We recognize that the gifts each one brings to the church come from God—and God calls us to use them for the good of all. The initiative comes from God, who gives us abilities, seeks us out, nudges our consciences, helps us to see the need, and uses a nominating committee or a search committee to ask us to help. We are not strictly volunteers. We are people who have received gifts from God, and we have been called and challenged to use them.”

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

- Sunday, March 8:** Connie Evans, Sharon Card
- Monday, March 9:** Liana Stephen
- Tuesday, March 10:** Gale Dufresne, Alexander Scales, Declan McManus
- Wednesday, March 11:** Graham Gordon
- Thursday, March 12:** Carol Rathmell, Jim Carlstedt
- Saturday, March 14:** Andrew Michalk



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) Dan & Anna Hyden
- (11:00) Cookie Roffey & Dee Rivers

USHERS:

- (8:15) David & Suzanne Hamilton
Earle Lusk & Barbara Moler
- (9:30) Vicki & Curtis Krueger
- (11:00) Polly Brown & Sue Miskiewicz
Dean Rabenstine & Sharon Card



VAN DRIVER: John Makal
ACOLYTE: Ellis Cantin

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

8:15 & 11:00 AM

CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (19/20 School Year)
Children 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.

2nd-5th Grade, Room 8

Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8.

11:00 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Middle & High Schoolers (6th-12th graders) are welcome to worship together in the back-left-side of the Sanctuary at the 9:30 Ignite service. After the service, the youth will meet for Sunday School this week in rooms 10 & 12 where we will be continuing our series, *Amplify*. The Confirmation class will meet in the City at 10:45am for Class #5.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

TCI -- Today's Christian Issues -- offers adult congregants an opportunity to explore how our Christian values should inform our daily lives. This week Jim Vander Slik will begin a 2-part series on covenant theology in the Old and New Testament.

11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class Room 15, led by Vicki Krueger

The Experiencing God class offers you a place to connect with other believers in the study of God's word and how it applies to our daily lives. Our goals: to grow in our understanding of the Bible, as Jesus' own group of disciples did; to meet the needs of others in our group in prayer and ministry; to become equipped for evangelism; and to let the living Word of God dwell richly in us.

11:30 A.M. Sunday Morning Bible Study

This Bible study meets at 11:30am on Sunday mornings in room 6 of the Christian Education Building. We are studying the minor prophets from the Old Testament. We are looking at God’s message of hope and reconciliation to God’s people while they were in exile. The book we are using is part of the *Immersion Bible Studies—Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, and Malachi* by Linda B. Hinton. If you have any questions or would like to purchase a book for the study, please contact Cindy Huffman 727-409-8727 or lucindy1@aol.com. This is a discussion class and is approximately one hour in length. All are welcome! Come join us!

**Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

March 8, 2020

“There Are Many Ways of Sharing”

There are many ways of sharing, but God's Spirit gives each one. There are different ways of caring; it's one Lord whose work is done. God, whose gifts are overflowing, may we hear you when you call; Keep us serving, keep us growing for the common good of all.

We've been baptized in the waters! We've been given work to do. When you call your sons and daughters, you give gifts for serving you. God, we join in celebration of the talents you impart. Bless each baptized one's vocation; give each one a servant's heart.

All are blest by gifts you give us; some are set apart to lead. Give us Jesus' love within us as we care for those in need. Give us faith to make decisions; give us joy to share your Word. Give us unity and vision as we serve your church and world.

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Order for the Public Worship of God
March 8, 2020
2nd Sunday in Lent
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

WE COME TO WORSHIP

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

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Leader: We enter into this season of Lent, knowing the wilderness is ahead.

People: Prepare us, O God, to face the distractions and tests.

Leader: We enter this day, hoping to set our hearts on Christ.

People: Help us, O God, to center our lives on you.

Leader: We enter this time of worship, dependent upon our God.

People: Keep us, O God, to the way of faith. Amen.

OPENING VOLUNTARY "Ribaltamento" Kathleen Wissinger
Revelation Ringers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION The Giving Wall, Rosalie Bradford

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

(Please complete the bulletin insert, "FRIENDSHIP SHEET," and pass it toward the center aisle.)

*HYMN #298 "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" ABBOT'S LEIGH
(stanzas 1,2,5)

CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

Faithful God of Promise, we confess that we give up too easily. We confess that we had rather take the easy way out when we struggle with the difficult questions of faith. Challenge us as your ambassadors to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly. Hold us to the covenant You have made with us, to be our God, and for us to be Your people. Guide us in our journey of faith, beyond our doubts and fears. Remind us that You are close to us always, and may we surrender our lives unto you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581 GREATOREX

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 "What Wondrous Love Is This" arr. Michael Burkhardt

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul?*

*When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.*

*To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.*

*And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I'll sing on.*

OUR MINISTRY WITH 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.)

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 "Here's One" Spiritual/arr. Mark Hayes
"Talk about a child who do love Jesus, here's one..."

*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

THE INSTALLATION/ORDINATION OF DEACONS & ELDERS

**those being ordained*

DEACONS: (Class of 2022) ELDERS: (Class of 2022)
*Dan Hyden (8:15) *Raymond Linville (8:15)
Claudia Alwood (9:30) *Curtis Krueger (9:30)
Faye Mackie (9:30) Keith Nadig (9:30)
Sue Miskiewicz (11:00) *Polly Brown (11:00)
Susan Curry (11:00) (class of 2021)
Bailey Shields (11:00)

The Statement of Purpose
The Questions to the Candidates
The Questions to the Congregation
The Prayer of Ordination, Installation and Laying on of Hands
The Declaration and Charge

*HYMN #69 "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" HERE I AM LORD

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:33-37 NRSV *(page 786)*

SERMON "Integrity" Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN "There Are Many Ways of Sharing" NETTLETON
(see front cover)

*BENEDICTION

SUNG BLESSING "May the Lord Bless You and Keep You" Lloyd Larson
(please be seated) Heather Wood, Soloist

CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Sons of Sorrow" Dale Wood
(1934-2003)

(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.)

**Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.*

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

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

HANDBELL CHOIR

"Ribaltamento"

Revelation Ringers

MEET AND GREET

PRAISE SONG

"Raise a Hallelujah"

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The Giving Wall, Dan Jeffre

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PRAISE SONG

"King of Kings"

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

OFFERTORY

"Is He Worthy"

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:33-37

MESSAGE

"Integrity"

Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

"Same Power"

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!