

HYMN NOTES:

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” (377)

Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934), composer and author

In the summer of 1966, a terrible heat wave was gripping St. Louis when the author/composer’s mother came for a visit. There was no air conditioning in the above 100 degree temperature so the family decided to head back to the mother’s home in Houston where air conditioning awaited. However a strike by aircraft mechanics grounded planes and the only solution was to drive. From this unlikely circumstance emerged this prayer/meditation on the theme of light with a text appropriate for Advent. Thomerson produced the words and tune as they prepared to leave, thinking about the harmonies as they drove to Houston and finished it once they arrived. It was first sung at the Church of the Redeemer (Episcopal) in Houston—the family’s church. The tune name reflects the destination of the journey during which the hymn was created.

All the organ music today is based on this tune from a partita (which means a collection of variations) on the melody HOUSTON by Milwaukee musician John Behnke. He is Emeritus Professor of Music at Concordia University and is parish musician at a Lutheran church as well as directing a professional handbell choir. He believes “there is no higher honor on earth than to make music in the house of the Lord.”

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, Nov. 27: Bree Greff
Monday, Nov. 28: Polly Hamilton, Fred Archerd, Linda Diamond
Tuesday, Nov. 29: Will Curvin, Max Gipson
Wednesday, Nov. 30: Carol Anderson, Hiten Patel, Kelly Tighe
Thursday, Dec. 1: Roland Watkins, Martha Carland
Saturday, Dec. 3: Betty Beattie, Bob Redpath, Sue Miskiewicz, Stacy Atkinson, Kerry McDermott



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

ACOLYTES:

(8:15) Nadia Rodewald
(11:00) Dylan Cantin



GREETERS:

(8:15) Elaine Cornillaud, Lorrie Janusik
(11:00) Ken & Martha Tobiassen

USHERS:

(8:15) Barbara Moler, Ellen Stoup
Bill Lewis, Don Morrison
(9:30) Louise & Bill Mylin
(11:00) Pete & Evelyn Towns
Roger Snay, Dean Rabenstine



VAN DRIVER: Jane Winne

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY NEWS

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (16/17 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– Kindergarten, Room 3

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Dan Gipson & Mauricio Estavil.

1st-2nd Grade, Room 2

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Charles & Alice Ellis.

3rd-5th Grades, Room 8

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 room 8 with Cassondra Fredriksen & Jean Swintek.

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (16/17 School Year)

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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.

9:30 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Middle & High School Sunday School during the 9:30am service will meet in the sanctuary to worship together for the first 30 minutes, then move to the youth room for the lesson with Youth Director, Jon Drawdy.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Class– Rooms 9 & 11

9:30 A.M. Serendipity Class will be joining TCI in rooms 9 & 11 through the holiday season.

11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class in room 15 led by Vicki Krueger.

6:30-7:30 P.M. Bible Study in rooms 12 & 14

Join us this evening as we continue studying Paul’s life and teachings to see how his call and his decision to accept the call can help us as we grow in Christ. The study book we will use is, “Paul: His Life and Teachings,” by Jack Kuhatschek. This is a discussion-based class facilitated by Cindy Huffman. All are welcome to join: males and females, singles and couples. Please contact Cindy at (727) 409-8727 if you have any questions.

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Church

November 27, 2016



FIRST SUNDAY OF

ADVENT

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
November 27, 2016
1st Sunday of Advent
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

WE GATHER

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

Leader: Jesus says: I am coming soon.

People: Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

Leader: Awake from your sleep: salvation is near!

People: The night is far gone; the day is at hand.

Leader: Let us worship God.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” John A. Behnke
Theme

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

***HYMN #377** “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” HOUSTON

THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

Lighting the Candle

(8:15) Earle & Jessie Lusk

(11:00) Steve & Dawn Winder

Ethan & Kylie Crossley

*The reader offers words about the candle of hope and reads from today’s text,
Isaiah 2:2-3.*

One: And so we offer this mysterious prayer:

All: Lord Jesus, into our darkness, quickly come.

***HYMN #654**

“In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful” Taize Community, 1986

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that far too often we do not walk in the light of your love. We use, manipulate and hurt others to get what we want, and all the while not taking seriously the poor and hungry. We let evil grow among us and fail to bear good fruit. Forgive us, God of grace. Awaken us to your transforming Word, so that we may be ready to live a life of faith and welcome you with joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

ST. ANNE

1. Happy are those who hope in God, who made both heaven and earth, who formed the seas and all within and gave all creatures worth.
2. O God, whose advent in the flesh we welcome with our praise, reign now and ever in our midst, redeeming all our days.

ANTHEM

“Keep Silence” arr. John Helgen
Barbara Jordan, clarinet

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descending, comes our homage to demand.
Let all mortals keep silence.*

*King of kings, yet born on Mary, as of old on earth he stood;
Lord of lords in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful, His own self for heavenly food.
Keep silence.*

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.)

WE UNITE IN PRAYER

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.

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” John A. Behnke
Cantabile

***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 #104**

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You” VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 24:29-44 (page 806)

SERMON “Jesus Is Coming, I Guess Look Busy?”

Rev. Cameron Scalera

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #88** “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

VENI EMMANUEL

(stanzas 1,4,5)

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” John A. Behnke
Fantasia

(The closing voluntary is the final act of worship. If you must leave before the end of the service, please respect those who are listening 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

“Your Grace Is Enough”

MEET & GREET

“Chain Breaker”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

Lindsey & Cameron Scalera, Zoey and Livi

Chris & Allen Hurst, Patrick Hurst

“Waiting Here for You”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

For more information and classroom assignments for Children’s Sunday School, please see Children’s Ministry News on the back panel of this bulletin.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Come Lord Jesus (Even So Come)”

VIDEO

“The Story... As Told Through the Christian Calendar”

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 24:29-44 (ESV)

MESSAGE

“Jesus Is Coming, I Guess Look Busy?”

Rev. Cameron Scalera

SONG OF DEDICATION

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU