

MUSIC NOTES:

We have two new handbell choirs this season—actually we’ve had two youth aged bell groups before but have now changed their names. For some time, the names have not accurately described the groups (formerly Middle School and High School). There are college-age ringers and 8th graders in the older group so the ringers themselves have voted and will now be known as the Hallelujah Handbell Choir (ringing today) and the Revelation Handbell Choir. Perhaps not “cause and effect” but with the name change, I think the ringing has improved!

The bell piece today is an arrangement of a hymn popularized in the 19th century, “On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand” which had the refrain “I am bound for the promised land...” Originally in a minor key, in 1874 it was published in the parallel major key—a fate born by many minor tunes that were either dropped or put into major keys, reflecting the predominant Sunday school and revival styles of Reconstruction times.

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



Marcy & Eric Kemerer
In Honor of Amy’s 17th Birthday



Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2017 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!

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

- Sunday, Oct. 8:** Sharon Lumia
- Monday, Oct. 9:** Tom Donnelly, Davonne Irion, Amy Kemerer, Ellis Cantin
- Tuesday, Oct. 10:** Ethel Cargill, Claire Cantin
- Wednesday, Oct. 11:** Gloria Whitfield, Jerry Koski, Jacob Pope
- Thursday, Oct. 12:** Nancy Stevens
- Saturday, Oct. 14:** Jean Counts, Bunny Bitner



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

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

GREETERS:

- (8:15) Mary Duffey, Carol Rathmell
- (11:00) Ken & Martha Tobiassen



USHERS:

- (8:15) Dennis & Betty O’Shea
Barbara Moler & Howard Green
- (9:30) Bill & Louise Mylin
- (11:00) Polly Brown, Eleanor Cicerchi
Pete Towns, Marti Huff

VAN DRIVER: Tom Zareczny

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY NEWS

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (17/18 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 Kim & Sydney Blackmore.

1st & 2nd Grade, Room 2

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Gulden Wulf & Justine Ruisz.

3rd-5th Grade, Room 4

Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 4 with Steve Cantin & Justine Ruisz.

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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Childcare for children 3yrs-5th grade who attended Sunday school at 9:30 will be in room 2.

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 will meet this week! All youth are invited to attend worship together in the Sanctuary at 9:30 Ignite service for the first 20 minutes, then move to the Youth Room for Bible Study.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

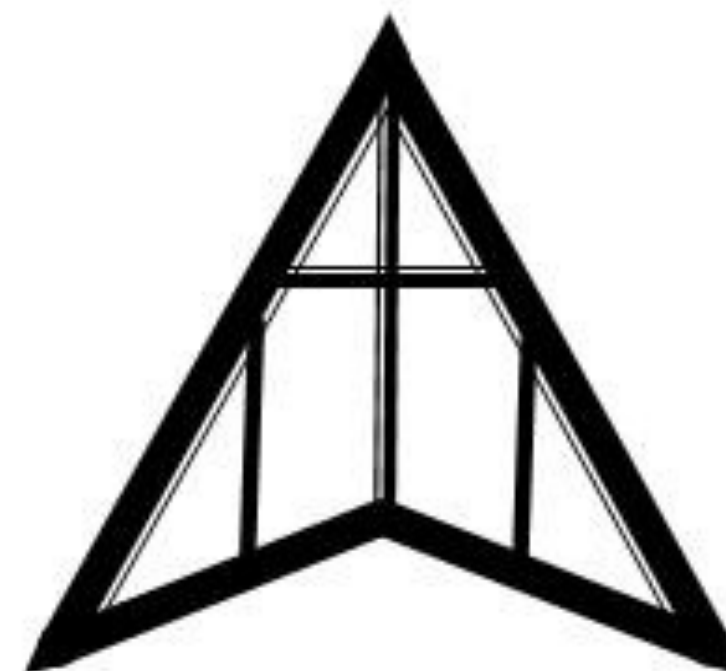
9:30 TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Class– TCI Class will meet today in rooms 9&11 There will be cookies and coffee as always!

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

**Welcome To
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*A Stephen Ministry Church
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Order for the Public Worship of God
October 8, 2017
18th Sunday after Pentecost
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

WE GATHER

(Please silence electronic devices. Large print bulletins and hymnals as well as hearing assistance devices are available. Ask an usher.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Vanessa Celotto

Leader: Good morning friends. Welcome to a celebration of God's love.

People: Thank you. We are glad to be here this morning.

Leader: Today we will hear the good news of God.

People: In this world in which the news is mostly bad, we look forward to hearing God's good news for us.

Leader: Prepare your spirits. Quiet your souls. God is ready for you. Let us worship God.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"Bound for the Promised Land" Derek K. Hakes
Hallelujah Handbell Choir

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

WAY Dinner & Invite a Friend

INTRODUCTION

Director of Youth and Family Ministry

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

***HYMN #846**

"Fight the Good Fight" DUKE STREET

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

God of compassion and mercy, look with favor upon us as we confess our sins. Our faith is weak in the face of crisis. Our hope collapses when we are threatened or maligned. We seek our own safety and abandon those you love. We trust in objects we can create and control. We speak much and risk little. But you, O God, have given your promise that you will never forsake us. Forgive our failure to take you at your word.

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.

ANTHEM

"Rejoice, the Lord is King" arr. Mark Edwards

Rejoice the Lord Is King: your Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Our Savior, Jesus reigns, the God of truth and love;

When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules both earth and heav'n:

The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

*Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come
And take his servants up to their eternal home:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN

(Children ages 3yrs – 5th Grade, are welcome to remain in service with their parents or see back panel for classroom information.)

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 "All My Days" Mark Miller
Westminster Youth Choir

***A 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 #223** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" HAMBURG

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Philippians 3:10-14 *(page 955)*
2 Corinthians 4:8-9 *(page 939)*

SERMON "Perplexed? Keep On, Keeping On" Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #450** "Be Thou My Vision" SLANE

***BENEDICTION**

SUNG BLESSING *(please be seated)*

"Go in Peace" Kenneth E. White
Sarah Flaherty, Soloist

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day.

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate new life!

God in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

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CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Prelude and Fugue in F Major" Dietrich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

(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

"Bound for the Promised Land"

arr. Derek K. Hakes

Hallelujah Handbell Choir

MEET & GREET

PRAISE SONGS

"Only King Forever"

"Eye of the Storm"

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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

"Even If"

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 3:10-14 *(page 955)*

2 Corinthians 4:8-9 *(page 939)*

MESSAGE

"Perplexed? Keep On, Keeping On"

Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

"We Won't Be Shaken"

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU