

HYMN NOTES:

“Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending” (348)

This “second coming” hymn was written by Charles Wesley (1707-1788). He used the first line but completely recast the rest of a crude hymn by John Cennick (author of the famous “Wesley” table grace, “Be Present at Our Table, Lord”). The ideas and language are borrowed from the book of Revelation and based on Revelation 1:7, “Behold, he cometh with clouds, and every eye shall see him...” The language is apocalyptic and should be interpreted symbolically, not literally.

The tune, named HELMSLEY, is by Thomas Olivers (1725-1799) who adapted a melody he heard being whistled. He was born in Wales and received little in the way of formal education. He spent his life’s vocation as a shoemaker, but after hearing a sermon of George Whitefield, he was led to join the Methodist Society and in 1753 became a traveling evangelist until his death. Olivers is buried in Wesley’s tomb at City Road Chapel cemetery.

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



*Jody Beattie
In Honor of
Betty Beattie’s Birthday
Friends of Northwood*



Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2013 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, November 30th:** Carol Anderson, Kelly Makal, Hiten Patel
- Monday, December 1st:** Roland Watkins, Martha Carland
- Wednesday, December 3rd:** Betty Beattie, Kerry McDermott, Sue Miskiewicz, Bob Redpath, Jonathan Stevens
- Thursday, December 4th:** Jonathan Irion
- Friday, December 5th:** Jackie Rice
- Saturday, December 6th:** Shane Alexander, Zachary Cox, Robert Fuoco, Harry Seckman

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

ACOLYTES:

- (8:15) Kayla Dabbs
- (11:00) Aly Tobiassen

GREETERS/USHERS:

- (8:15) Shaun Flaherty, Sarah Flaherty, David Hamilton, Anna Hamilton, Heather Wood, Robert Wood.
- (9:30) Bryce Fulford and Jarrett Mattson
- (11:00) Carissa Johnston, Mitchell Johnston, William Warren

VAN DRIVER: Jerry Koski

EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (14/15 School Year) Room 3, move to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children’s Message
Teacher: Justine Ruisz

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (14/15 School Year) Room 3
Teachers: Kim Blackmore, Melissa Patel

1st to 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 16.
Teachers: Tracey Birch, Mr. Bill, Jean Swintek

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds – 5th grade (14/15 school year) join us as we bring the Bible to Action through games and activities in room 3 beginning at 11:00. Should your child like to attend service up until the Children’s message, they can join in on the fun in room 3 after the Children’s Message or remain in worship with their parents.
Teacher: Barbara Englehart

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Come join us for combined middle/high school Sunday school. We will be studying the "Elements" of our faith. Through new and exciting curriculum, we will learn how to grow in our walk with God.
9:30 AM Youth Room
11:00 AM Youth Room

Children Welcome to the Lord’s Table

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 Jackie Koski (jackieandjerry@verizon.net), Chair of Worship Team. (Communion is normally celebrated on the first Sunday of each month).

9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15 TODAY:

TCI (Today’s Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11

The TCI class will meet at 9:30 in rooms 9 & 11 today to continue the discussion on the list of some of the most critical Christian issues facing all of us in today’s society. The discussion will be lead by Bill Bitner. Coffee and cookies is an added bonus to the class get together.

11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 & 15 TODAY: Led by Vicki Krueger.

**Welcome To
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A Stephen Ministry Church

November 30, 2014



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Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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Order for the Public Worship of God
November 30, 2014
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.)*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

OPENING VOLUNTARY Karl Osterland
“Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”
1. Fanfare
2. Trio

(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 #353 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”** SOLID ROCK

THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

The Advent Candle Song

*(Choir): When Mary came to Bethlehem, a lantern shed its light,
While Joseph led the little donkey through the silent night.
We light the Advent candle to shine on us today, to give us hope,
To make us warm while we await the coming of Christmas Day.*

Lighting the Candle

(8:15) Bill and Patty Martin

(11:00) Steve and Dawn Winder with Ethan & Kylie Crossley

Prayer

All Sing:

We light the Ad-vent can - dle to shine on us to - day, to give us hope, to
make us warm while we a- wait the com - ing of Christ - mas Day.

WE CONFESS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)

God of light, once again so many of us approach this season of Advent unprepared. We are not alert to your promised coming; as a result we are exhausted by trying to fit life into a box of our own design. Like your people of old, we make ill-advised and impulsive, me-first decisions and blame you for the discouraging and painful consequences. By your grace, lead us through this Advent Season in a way that will strengthen our faith, deepen our joy and created a renewed sense of awe and wonder at the extravagance of your love. In the strong name of Jesus Christ our Lord we ask this. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #367 (Stanza 4)** ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR
Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home.
Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
there forever purified, in thy presence to abide:
come, with all thine angels, come; raise the glorious harvest home!

ANTHEM “King of Glory” Roger Summers

*Who is the King of glory?
Lift up your heads, O gates! Be lifted up, O ancient doors!
That the King of glory may come in.*

*The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle, King of glory.
He is the King of Glory!
Lift up your heads, O gates!*

FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN (Children age 3 (by 9/12) through first grade may go to Room 3 for Children’s Worship.)

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

OFFERING “Savior of the Nations, Come” Michael Burkhardt
(text based on hymn # 102)

***DOXOLOGY #606** OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, 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 (page 606) Isaiah 64:1-9 (NRSV)

***HYMN #348 “Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending”** HELMSLEY

SCRIPTURE READING (page 826) Mark 13:24-37 (NRSV)

SERMON Paul Means, Associate Pastor
“Advent—The Promise That Jesus Will Come Again”

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #82 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”** HYFRYDOL

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Michael Burkhardt

“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”
(based on the hymn at #349)

(You are invited to remain for the final act of worship, the closing voluntary. A closer look is welcomed if you wish to come stand next to the organ console.)

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.

LET THE COUNTDOWN BEGIN

PRAISE SONG

“This Is Amazing Grace”

MEET & GREET

PRAISE SONG

“Thrive”

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

“Advent Candle Song”

Solo: Heather Wood

Lighting the Candle

Rich & Candy Spoenlein

WORSHIP CONTINUES

“Holy Emmanuel”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

1st-5th Grade Children move to Sunday School

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“In Christ Alone”

VIDEO

“The News: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mark 13:24-37 (NRSV)

MESSAGE

“Advent—The Promise That Jesus Will Come Again”

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”



Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!