

MUSIC NOTES:

Two anthems today are by contemporary women composers. Cindy Berry (b. 1949) wrote a moving setting of the ancient "Christ Hymn" from Philippians 2. These words of Paul may have been sung by the early Christians as a statement of faith. Jesus 'divested' himself of divine glory and voluntarily assumed the form of a human servant and 'became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.' That's why God raised him up and gave him the name above every other name: Lord.

Natalie Sleeth (1930-1992) wrote "Promised Land" for a United Methodist Women in the Clergy Conference in 1979. She never accepted commissions but agreed to attempt to write something for the group although she wrote, "their women's lib cause was not necessarily my number one priority." After several 'false starts' and almost abandoning the project, she came up with this piece which the women liked and actually used it as the 'keynote' of their Dallas Conference.

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



Jackie Koski
In Honor of Jerry Koski



Nancy Donnelly
In Honor of Phyllis Donnelly's 93rd Birthday

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2015 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, October 11th:** Gloria Whitfield, Jerry Koski, Jacob Pope
- Monday, October 12th:** Nancy Stevens
- Tuesday, October 13th:** Larry Cornillaud
- Wednesday, October 14th:** Jean Counts, Bunny Bitner
- Thursday, October 15th:** Bill Bilka, Sarah Jahosky, Carey Stevens, Warrick Williamson
- Friday, October 16th:** Steve Cantin
- Saturday, October 17th:** Norman Smith, Jack Mattheus, Trish Robicheau, Lucas Johnston, Adam Booth



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

ACOLYTE:

- (8:15) Nyden Rodewald
- (11:00) Aidan McDermott



GREETERS:

- (8:15) Chip & Marian Hill
- (11:00) Jon Mills & Sally Uhler



Greeters & Ushers

USHERS:

- (8:15) Fred & Charlotte McQuown
Wayne & Nancy Rodewald
- (9:30) Barb & Sam Musgrave
- (11:00) Ernie & Carol Kirkwood
Ken & Martha Tobiassen

VAN DRIVER: Art Holloway

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (15/16 School Year), Room 3, join us in the multi-age Sunday School worship class after the Children's Message.
Justine Ruisz

9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (15/16 School Year), **Room 3**
Meagan & Keith Decker

1st & 2nd Grades, **Room 4**

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour. Nancy Turner & Billie Nesmith

3rd- 4th Grades, **Room 8**

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour. Bill Sutton & Janet George

5th Grade, **Room 12**

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 12**.
Tanya & Todd Adkisson

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 Dawn Winder, Chair of Worship Team. (Communion is normally celebrated on the first Sunday of each month).

11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (15/16 School Year), Room 3, join us in the multi-age Sunday School worship class after the Children's Message.
Barbara Englehart & Nancy Stevens

9:30 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

On the 1st Sunday we will meet in the Ignite service to enjoy worship and communion together. Middle and High Sunday School will be in the Youth Room on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 AM Serendipity Class

Join us in rooms 13&15 to continue our study of Revelation. Chapter 4 of Revelation is so visual in description. What do John's words say to us, as we Christians move toward our Heavenly Home with God?
Jeanette Holloway

9:30 AM The TCI Sunday School Class (Today's Christian Issues)

This week, the TCI class will meet in Rooms 9 and 11. Class will be led by Al Barrett, Ministry Director of Threads of Hope. Everyone is welcome to come and learn about the miracles God is working through this ministry among the Masai Christians in Kenya. As always, we will have coffee and cookies.

11:00 AM Experiencing God Class

Join us in room 15 led by Vicki Krueger. All are welcome.

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Church

October 11, 2015

"Promised Land" Natalie Sleeth
Westminster Youth Choir

*Brother, sister, lend an ear, I'm headin' for the promised land!
Troubles soon will disappear, I'm headin' for the promised land!
When I reach it there will be love and happiness awaitin' for me,
come along and you will see! I'm headin' for the promised land!*

*I'll be singin' freedom's song, I'm headin' for the promised land!
That's the place where I belong, I'm headin' for the promised land!
I'll get there one day I know; now I've started I'm a-rarin' to go
where the milk and honey flow, I'm headin' for the promised land!*

*O, listen, don't you hear that trumpet, sounding forth the call!
O, children, won't you rise and follow, one and all?*

*Better days are now in view, I'm headin' for the promised land!
All my dreams are comin' true, I'm headin' for the promised land!
Want to leave the past behind, face the future with a hopeful mind,
peace and joy I'll surely find, I'm headin' for the promised. Land!*

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
October 11, 2015
20th Sunday after Pentecost
8:15 & 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service

WE GATHER

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”
Westminster Handbell Choir arr. Nancy Tipton
(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 #298 “Lord, You Give the Great Commission”** ABBOT’S LEIGH
(omit stanza 3)

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

God who makes all things new, have mercy upon us as we make our confession. The afflicted await good news. The poor await our kindness. The brokenhearted need their wounds healed. The captives still yearn for freedom, and those who mourn remain to be comforted. Forgive us who fail to follow Christ's call to faithful ministry; restore us and make us worthy to serve. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #15** *(stanza 6)* LASST UNS ERFREUEN
O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart.
Alleluia! Alleluia! All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Three in One! Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

ANTHEM “At the Name of Jesus” Cindy Berry

*Jesus, though he was God, did not cling to his rights as God,
But laid aside his mighty power and glory.
Taking the form of a servant, and becoming like men.
He humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on the cross.*

*At the name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bow in heaven and in earth.
That ev'ry knee shall bow and ev'ry tongue shall confess that Jesus
Christ is Lord!*

--Philippians 2:6-11

FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN Justine Ruisz, Director of
Children's Ministries

(Children age 3 (by 9/15) through fifth grade are welcome to go to Room 3 for Children's Sunday School.)

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 “Promised Land” Natalie Sleeth
Westminster Youth Choir
(See text on front cover.)

***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**

***HYMN #738 “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”** MARYTON

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Mark 14:3-7 (pages 826-827)
Deuteronomy 15:1-11 (pages 150-151)

SERMON

Stewardship Series: Where Your Treasure Is... Chris Curvin, Pastor
#2 “Why Bother with the Poor”

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN “Sovereign God of All Creation”** HYFRYDOL

Sovereign God of all creation, reigning o'er all time and space,
With us in our celebration of each milestone, age, and place;
Challenge us to faithful living in our day, so fraught with greed.
As You give, may we be giving as we see our neighbor's need.

Loving Christ, our servant Master, Savior of all humankind,
Living with us, friend and pastor, serving God with heart and mind:
Show us where the need is stronger; there our energies employ.
Grant us skill and patience longer to fulfill our tasks with joy.

Holy Spirit, Hope of morrow Advocate for all the lost,
Comfort in all pain and sorrow, Faithful One who counts not cost;
May Your presence so inspire us that we feel what others feel.
May Your flame of love so fire us that through us is love made real.

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Hymn Setting: HYFRYDOL” Jonathan Reuss

(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.

**COUNTDOWN
WESTMINSTER HANDBELLS**

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

WELCOME

PRAISE SONGS

“Where I Belong”

“The Only Name (Your Will Be)”

MEET & GREET

“In Christ Alone”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“One Thing Remains”

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN
PRAYER**

(1st-5th Grade Children move to Sunday School)

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Promised Land”

SCRIPTURE

Mark 14:3-7

Deuteronomy 15:1-11

MESSAGE

Stewardship Series: Where Your Treasure Is...

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SONG OF DEDICATION

“Lift My Life Up”

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!