

MUSIC NOTES:

The anthem today is an arrangement of the hymn "How Great Thou Art." The original text was written by the Swedish pastor Carl Boberg (1859-1940). It would take the FBI to trace the history of this popular hymn. The Swedish poem came to be sung to a popular Swedish folk tune, moved next to Germany but translated there by an Estonian, then to Russia where it was published in 1927. Stuart Hine, who settled in the western Ukraine, brought out an English translation around 1939 which contains little of the nine stanza original. In 1948 he added a fourth stanza as Hine heard the repeated question from refugees who had fled to England to escape the Nazi terror ask, "When are we going home?"

The hymn's fame in the USA came by way of the Billy Graham crusades, particularly the New York meetings of 1957 when the choir joined singer George Beverly Shea in singing it ninety-three times! In 1974 it was picked as the most popular hymn in America by readers of *Christian Herald* magazine.

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

Chris & Allen Hurst

In Loving Memory of Chris' parents, Madeline & Ed Herbert, on their 75th wedding anniversary.



*Elaine, Jason & Ava Cornillaud
Larry's 74th 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 25th: David Daniel, Larry Taylor, Luran Irion, Jordan Mattheus, Ava Cornillaud
Monday, October 26th: Sue Gavette, Jody Mattheus
Tuesday, October 27th: Bob Beck, Matt Ruisz, Brianna Preston, Caitlyn Preston
Wednesday, October 28th: Glenna Stevens
Thursday, October 29th: Carol Kirkwood, Roger Ulrich, Shawn Wolf, Tiffany Long
Friday, October 30th: Don Drummond, Jason Cornillaud, Jessica Jones
Saturday, October 31st: Elizabeth Curkan, Jessica Robicheau



FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

ACOLYTE:

(8:15) James Birch
(11:00) Aidan McDermott



GREETERS:

(8:15) Chip & Marian Hill
(11:00) Gloria Whitfield & Jon Mills

USHERS:

(8:15) Fred & Charlotte McQuown
Wayne & Nancy Rodewald
(9:30) Louise & Bill Mylin
(11:00) Ernie & Carol Kirkwood
Ken & Martha Tobiassen



VAN DRIVER: Ed Puschmann

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

Karen Gipson & Mauricio Estavil

1st & 2nd Grades, Room 4

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour. Melissa Patel & Justine Ruisz

3rd- 4th Grades, Room 8

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

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**. Kathleen & Todd Pope

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

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).

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 6 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? Bob Meier

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

The TCI class will discuss the case of Kelly Gissendaner, a 47 year old convicted murderer, who was executed by the state of Georgia last month. During the nearly 17 years she was on Death Row, she claimed to have had an amazing life changing experience as a result of a Christian transformation. Her lawyers presented 54 pages of testimony from clergy, theologians, inmates, prison officials and even her children, requesting a stay of execution. It was reported that she sang "Amazing Grace" and prayed aloud as she was strapped into the chair in preparation for her execution. Coffee and cookies will be served in rooms 9 & 11 between the first and third services.

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 25, 2015

For where your
Treasure is,
there will your
Heart
be also.
~Matthew 6:21

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Order for the Public Worship of God
October 25, 2015
22nd 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

(8:15) "A Mighty Fortress" Calvin Hampton
(1938-1984)

(11:00) "How Firm a Foundation" arr. Sandra Eithun
Celestial Ringers (4th-5th Grade)

(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION Vicki Conolly, Director of Schools

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

***HYMN #275** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" EIN FESTE BURG

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

How great you are God, for the gift of your only Son for our salvation. We have heard your call to give of ourselves completely and yet there are times when we fall short. Times when we focus on the wrong things and have placed our resources into our earthly possessions and not into a church that you have created and blessed. Help us to have faith, O God. Help us to give through that faith. Help us to be blessed by that faith. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #714** (stanza 4) ITALIAN HYMN
God of the countryside, dear to the Christ who died
to make us one: we pledge our lives anew in faithful love to you.
Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

ANTHEM "How Great Thou Art" arr. Jay Rouse

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made. I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art. Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art.

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in; That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim my God, how great Thou art! (Refrain)

FAITH SHARING WITH THE CHILDREN

(11:00) "Clap Happy Psalm" arr. Joe Ridenour
NPC Children's Choirs and Celestial Orff Ensemble
Solo: Daniel Marshall

(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 "Chorale Prelude on DIX" Wayne L. Wold
(based on the tune of the closing hymn, #14)

***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 #655** "What Shall I Render to the Lord" MARTYRDOM

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Ecclesiastes 5:10-19 (NIV)

SERMON "God's Blessing of Prosperity" Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

***HYMN #14** "For the Beauty of the Earth" DIX

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

(8:15) "Clap Happy Psalm" arr. Joe Ridenour
NPC Children's Choirs and Celestial Orff Ensemble

(11:00) "Crown Him with Many Crowns" 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

WELCOME

"Clap Happy Psalm"

NPC Children's Choirs and Celestial Orff Ensemble

Solo: Daniel Marshall

MEET & GREET

PRAISE SONGS

"The Maker"

"Live Like That"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION—SCHOOLS SUNDAY

Vicki Conolly, Director of Schools

VIDEO: "BACK TO CHURCH" Skit Guys

"How Firm a Foundation" arr. Sandra Eithun

Celestial Ringers (4th-5th grade)

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

(5th Grade Children move to Sunday School)

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"I Am Not Alone"

SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiastes 5:10-19 (NIV)

MESSAGE

"God's Blessing of Prosperity"

Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

"Because He Lives"

GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!