

**Hymn Notes:**

**“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (275)**

On October 31, 1517, an Augustinian monk nailed his famous ninety-five theses to the Wittenburg church door. The effect was far more than a basis for debate, which was Martin Luther’s intent. Four years later, he broke from the Roman church to lead the German reform movement.

Besides being a pastor, teacher, writer, translator, theologian and reformer, Luther was also a composer and an accomplished musician. He believed that music was the “living voice of the Gospel” and that “next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praises.”

Today we will sing his most famous hymn, “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.” This “battle hymn of the Reformation” is based on portions of Psalm 46, scripture being the inspiration for a number of Luther hymns. The final stanza is Luther’s vow—and ours—to cling to God’s Word and Truth in spite of the stresses of this life.

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...**

- Sunday, October 28:** Glenna Stevens
- Monday, October 29:** James Baker, Carol Kirkwood, Roger Ulrich
- Tuesday, October 30:** Don Drummond, Jessica Jones
- Wednesday, October 31:** Elizabeth Curkan, Jessica Robicheau
- Thursday, November 1:** Faith Allen, Graham Pacana
- Friday, November 2:** Art Callan, Ed Bunch
- Saturday, November 3:** LJ Zimmer



*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*

**Sue & Steve Miskiewicz**

**In Memory of our Dads**



**The Hewlett, Till, & Hammell Families**

**In Memory of our Mom, Jan Hewlett**

**Sally Uhler**

**In Honor of James Baker’s Birthday**

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2018 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!

**FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY**

**GREETERS:**

- (8:15) Barbara Moler & Mary Duffey
- (11:00) Sharon Card & Ed Puschmann

**Ushers & Greeters**



**USHERS:**

- (8:15) Rocky Davis & Mary Duffey
- Howard Green & Bob MacFall
- (9:30) Bill & Louise Mylin
- (11:00) Martha & Ken Tobiassen
- Eleanor Cicerchi & Nancy Johnson

**VAN DRIVER:** Keith Nadig

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**3 Yr. Olds-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** (18/19 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-1<sup>st</sup> Grade, Room 3**

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Melissa Long & Joyce Curvin.

**2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Room 4**

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

**11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

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**11:00 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

The Middle & High Schoolers (6th-12th graders) are meeting this week for Sunday School. All youth are welcome to worship together in the center-right-side of the Sanctuary at the 9:30 Ignite service. After the service, youth will meet in the City at 11:00am for Sunday School where we are currently studying the Book of Exodus.

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**9:30 A.M. TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Rooms 9-11**

This week, the T.C.I. class will be led by Dr. Bob Redpath and will be a discussion of Islam. Please join us in rooms 9-11 at 9:30. As always, coffee and cookies will be available.

**11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class Room 15**, led by Vicki Krueger,

Each day brings new questions. Should I stay? Should I go? Buy it? Sell it? Start it? Stop it? There is one question you can ask that makes it easy to determine the answer to all the other questions. In our video and discussion series, we will learn how asking this question has the potential to save us time, money and tears. All we have to do is ask it. Come join us!

**11:00 A.M. “Journey Through” Room 4**, led by Vanessa Celotto.

*Journey Through* is an adult Sunday school class in room 4 from 11:00-11:45 that coincides with the youth Sunday school class. It is an awesome opportunity for you and your family to study the Bible cover to cover and grow together in a way that is relevant to each of your lives. Don’t have a child in the Youth Ministry program? That’s okay! The class is open to everyone and it’s the perfect place to study the Bible while building relationships with other members of Northwood. If you are in need of childcare, please sign your child/children in at the nursery.

**6:30 P.M. Sunday Evening Bible Study**

This Bible study meets at 6:30pm on Sunday evenings in the Parlor. We are studying the Book of Isaiah, using the study guide *Isaiah: Trusting God in Troubled Times* by Howard Peskett. This is a discussion study where we use the ancient writings of Isaiah, discuss his prophecy regarding the future coming of Christ and learn the meaning to us today. Please contact Cindy Huffman 727-409-8727 for more information. Come join us!

**Welcome To  
Northwood Presbyterian  
Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church  
Organized February 19, 1978*

**October 28, 2018**

**“O God, Be Merciful to Me”**

O God, be merciful to me  
because your love is strong;  
Now wash me from iniquity  
and cleanse me from all wrong.

These words are old, but still they live  
within our hearts today.  
We cry to you: “O God, forgive!”  
and “Wash our sins away!”

I try to make it on my own  
as if I’m all I need.  
Until I find I’m all alone,  
wrapped up in pride and greed.

Yet this is not the final word,  
for you forgive our sin!  
When we return to you, O Lord,  
you give us joy again.

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**Come, Grow, Go!**

**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 28, 2018**  
**23rd Sunday after Pentecost**  
**8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services**

**THE GATHERING**

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Responsive)* Paul Means, Associate Pastor

Leader: The Lord is our eternal dwelling place.  
**People: From age to age, the Lord is our God.**

Leader: God has done great things for us.  
**People: Therefore we rejoice in the Lord.**

Leader: Be glad and rejoice in the Lord.  
**People: God pours down grace in abundance.**

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

“Festival Celebration” Michael Helman  
Hallelujah Ringers

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

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION** Brandon Strelcheck, Youth

**MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP** Lou Weislogel, Church Treasurer

**\*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

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(Together)*

Turn us away from evil thoughts and deeds, O God of light and salvation. Put down in us falsehood and boasting, jealousy and selfish ambition. We confess that we aspire to power and recognition, while you call us to service. We would like to be first, even when you counsel us to accept more humble roles. Grant us childlike trust and a willing spirit as we seek to embody your purposes for us. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

SCHUMANN

We give thee but Thine own, whate’er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
O Christ, Your bounty flows from richness we can see,  
Poor You became for love alone, a gift, O Lord, from Thee.

**ANTHEM** “All Creatures of Our God and King” arr. Molly Ijames

*All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing. Alleluia.  
Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

*Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in Heav’n along,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Thou rising morn in praise rejoice;  
Ye lights of evening find a voice, O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

*Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit three in One, O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

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**OUR MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN**

*(Children ages 3yrs – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, are welcome to remain in service with their parents or join us in room 3 for Children’s Church.)*

**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.

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

“Built on the Rock” Michael Ware  
Westminster Youth Choir

**\*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 #157** “O God, Be Merciful to Me” ST. PETER  
*(see front cover)*

**WE HEAR THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Psalm 51:1-12 NRSV *(page 452)*  
2 Corinthians 9:1-8 NRSV *(page 942)*

**SERMON**

**Stewardship Series**

Chris Curvin, Pastor

A Generous Undertaking! #2: “A Willing Spirit”

“Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit.”  
Psalm 51:12

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

**\*HYMN #714** “God of the Fertile Fields” ITALIAN HYMN

**\*BENEDICTION**

**SUNG BLESSING** “What Does the Lord Require of You?” Hal Hopson  
*(please be seated)* Stephanie Carson, Soloist  
Joyce Worley and Sarah Worley, Handbells

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” David Cherwien

*(You are invited to reflect on the worship service during the closing voluntary. If you must leave before the end of the service, please respect those who remain 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**

“Festival Celebration”

by Michael Helman  
Hallelujah Ringers

**MEET AND GREET**

**PRAISE SONGS**

“Jesus”

“Nothing Ever (Could Separate Us)”

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Lou Weislogel, Church Treasurer

**PUPPETS**

“God Is Bigger”

Veggie Tales

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

**SCRIPTURES**

Psalm 51:1-12  
2 Corinthians 9:1-8

**MESSAGE**

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**SONG OF DEDICATION**

“The Way (New Horizon)”

**GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU**