

**Hymn Notes:**

**“Lift High the Cross” (826)**

This hymn in eleven stanzas with the refrain was written for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel festival in Winchester Cathedral, June 1887. More than half a century after its publication, the hymn was introduced in the USA in *Hymns for the Living Church*, 1974, which led to its inclusion in all recent hymnals. The original first stanza has been reworked by numerous hymnal committees to reduce sexist and militaristic images. The original stanza 1 read:

*Come, brethren, follow where our Captain trod,  
Our King victorious, Christ the Son of God.*

Other text changes in our hymnal’s version provides the opportunity to express the spirit of “Onward Christian soldiers” (not included in *Glory to God*) without singing militaristic metaphors.

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...**



- Sunday, October 6:** John Makal
- Monday, October 7:** Bob Stone, Dot Chronister, Helene Zalay, William Vickery
- Tuesday, October 8:** Sharon Lumia
- Wednesday, October 9:** Tom Donnelly, Amy Kemerer, Ellis Cantin
- Thursday, October 10:** Ethel Cargill, Claire Cantin
- Friday, October 11:** Gloria Whitfield, Jerry Koski, Jacob Pope,
- Saturday, October 12:** Nancy Stevens

*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*



**Bill & Patty Martin**

**In Loving Memory of Patty’s Mother,  
Harriet McGrath**



Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2019 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) Patty Martin & Linda Ciokan
- (11:00) Linda & Mike O’Leary

**USHERS:**

- (8:15) Rocky Davis & Fred McQuown
- (9:30) Candy & Rich Spoenlein
- (11:00) Jon Mills & Ed Puschmann  
Larry & Sandy Ingram

**Ushers & Greeters**



**VAN DRIVER:** Curtis Krueger

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**8:15 & 11:00 AM**

**CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**3 Yr. Olds-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** (19/20 School Year)

Children 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-1st Grade, Room 3**

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour with Chrissy Raborn & Carissa Johnston.

**2nd-5th Grade, Room 8**

Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8 with Justine Davis & Jane Winne.

**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 back-left-side of the Sanctuary at the 9:30 Ignite service. After the service, youth will meet in the City at 10:45am for Sunday School where we will be starting our new series, *Amplify*.

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

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

TCI is an adult class that provides a respectful, civil and non-judgmental forum to explore the timely issues we face as Christians, citizens, parents and friends. We ground our discussions in scripture and celebrate the diversity of ideas drawn from experiences and perspectives. Today, we will be discussing the following questions:

- What do we see when we look at others who seem different?
- Do we see the face of Christ?
- Do we see ourselves in similar circumstances?

Join us for a discussion of some of the problems created and try to find some answers for ourselves. Discussion will be led by Martha Tobiassen.

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

The Experiencing God class offers you a place to connect with other believers in the study of God’s word and how it applies to our daily lives. Our goals: to grow in our understanding of the Bible, as Jesus’ own group of disciples did; to meet the needs of others in our group in prayer and ministry; to become equipped for evangelism; and to let the living Word of God dwell richly in us.

**11:30 A.M. Sunday Morning Bible Study —BEGINS TODAY**

This Bible study meets at 11:30am on Sunday mornings in room 8 and will begin TODAY, **October 6**. We will be studying the minor prophets from the Old Testament. We will look at God’s message of hope and reconciliation to God’s people while they were in exile. The book we will use is part of the *Immersion Bible Studies - Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, and Jonah* by Bruce Epperly. If you have any questions or would like to purchase a book for the study, please contact Cindy Huffman 727-409-8727 or lucindy1@aol.com. This is a discussion class and is approximately one hour in length. All are welcome! Come join us!

**9:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. “Defenders”**

The “Defenders” meet in rooms 5 & 7 at both 9:30am & 11:00am. This class is taught by Michael Jahosky, who is a Humanities Professor at St. Petersburg College. We will focus on defending the Christian faith in a secular world, studying the book “Christian Apologetics: Renewing the Christian Voice, Conscience, and Imagination in a Disenchanted World” by Dr. Paul Gould. For more information, you may contact Spencer Briggs at spencer.briggs1@gmail.com.

**Welcome To  
Northwood Presbyterian  
Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church  
Organized February 19, 1978*

**October 6, 2019**



**WORLD  
COMMUNION  
SUNDAY**

**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 6, 2019  
17th Sunday after Pentecost  
8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Leader: We praise the God of all nations and peoples,  
**People: whose mercy extends to the ends of the earth.**  
Leader: Who are my brothers and sisters?  
**People: They who walk in the way of Christ.**  
Leader: We are many members,  
**People: but one body.**

OPENING VOLUNTARY “How Firm a Foundation” arr. Sandra Eithun  
Revelation Ringers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

\*HYMN #826 “Lift High the Cross” CRUCIFER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

**Almighty God, from the ends of the earth you have gathered us around Christ’s holy table. Forgive our separate ways. Forgive everything that keeps us apart; the prides that prevent our proper reunion. O God, have mercy on your church, troubled and divided. Renew in us true unity of purpose; that we may break bread together, and, with one voice, praise Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581 GREATOREX

**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, amen.**

\*APOSTLES’ CREED *(Together)*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

ANTHEM “O Lord, Bread of Life” arr. Patrick Liebergen  
Heather Wood, Clarinet

*O Lord, bread of life, we come to your table and praise your name;  
O Lord, we take your cup in thanks and celebration,  
Your name we proclaim, you set us free, we rest in thee,  
O Lord, you died that we may live for all eternity.*

*O Lord of peace and love, I eat your bread and drink your cup,  
Come live in me; O Lord from God above,  
Your blood was shed upon the tree, you set me free, I rest in thee,  
O Lord, you died that I may live for all eternity. Amen.*

OUR MINISTRY WITH 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.)*

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens” Dale Wood  
(1934-2003)

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(Together)*

**Almighty God, we present these gifts to benefit our brothers and sisters around the world. From many vocations, we all engage in your global mission. Use our gifts to serve your church and to reach out to our neighbors everywhere. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 17:1-9, 14-21 NRSV *(page 798)*

SERMON “High Mountain Moments”  
Chris Curvin, Pastor

\*HYMN #517 “Here, O Lord, We See You” MORECAMBE  
*(stanzas 1,2,3)*

WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND SACRAMENT

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER *(Together)*

**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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF THE CUP; THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND CUP  
*(To symbolize our unity in Christ, we hold the bread until the Elders and Deacons are served and then all partake as one body. To symbolize our personal relationship with the Lord, we drink of the cup, as the Spirit leads.)*

MUSIC DURING THE SERVING  
“Prière à Notre-Dame” Lèon Boëllmann  
From *Suite Gothique*

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

\*HYMN #193 “Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain” UNSER HERRSCHER

\*BENEDICTION

SUNG BLESSING “Forth in Your Name, O Lord, I Go” Wesley/Buck  
*(all singing, seated)* Rachele Cox, Soloist

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Interpretation on UNSER HERRSCHER” 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.)*

\*Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.

Stephanie Carson, Music Director  
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

# 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**

**HANDBELL CHOIR**

“How Firm a Foundation”

arr. Sandra Eithun

Revelation Ringers

**MEET AND GREET**

**PRAISE SONGS**

“All the People Said Amen”

“Stand in Your Love”

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAISE SONG**

“Build My Life”

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER**

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

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**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

“King of Kings”

**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 17:1-9, 14-21

**MESSAGE**

“High Mountain Moments”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

**COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

“Amazing Grace”

arr. Jack Schrader

**SONG OF DEDICATION**

“Faith”

**GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU**