

**Music Notes:**

The anthem by the youth choir today is a lyrical setting of the popular maxim for *Pirkei Avot* (Jewish morality laws). The text, sung in Hebrew, translated means “the world is sustained by three things, by truth, by justice, and by peace. The composer, Allan Naplan has won awards for his compositions that have been performed and recorded in over thirty countries and featured at Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center and the White House. His “An American Anthem” was chosen as the wake-up song for the NASA astronauts on Space Shuttle *Columbia*. “Al Shlosa...” was commissioned and first performed at the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Interfaith Concert at Washington National Cathedral in 2000.

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...**

- Monday, October 14:** Bunny Bitner
- Tuesday, October 15:** Bill Bilka, Sarah Jahosky, Carey Stevens, Phillip Mackie, Warrick Williamson
- Wednesday, October 16:** Steve Cantin, Lorelei Robicheau
- Thursday, October 17:** Jack Mattheus, Trish Robicheau, Lucas Johnston, Adam Booth, Livi Scalera, Gwendolyn Gordon
- Friday, October 18:** Caysen Patel
- Saturday, October 19:** Peggy Brown

*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*



**Elaine Cornillaud**

**In Loving Memory of My Dear Larry**



**David & Suzanne Hamilton**

**In Honor of Don & Polly Hamilton's 62nd Anniversary**

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) Barbara Moler & June Arnold
- (11:00) Linda & Mike O'Leary

**Ushers & Greeters**



**USHERS:**

- (8:15) Wayne & Nancy Rodewald  
Ellen Stoup
- (9:30) Curtis & Vicki Krueger
- (11:00) Ed Puschmann & Sharon Card  
Larry & Sandy Ingram

**VAN DRIVER:** John Makal

**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 Kelly Tighe.

**2nd-5th Grade, Room 8**  
Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8 with Melissa Long & Joyce Curvin.

**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 join the Defenders class today in rooms 5 & 7 at 11:00am.

**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, Keith Nadig, who is a retired U.S Army Colonel, will speak to us on “A World Perspective from the Iranian Point of View.”

**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**  
This Bible study meets at 11:30am on Sunday mornings in room 8 of the Christian Education Building. We are studying the minor prophets from the Old Testament. We are looking at God's message of hope and reconciliation to God's people while they were in exile. The book we are using 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 13, 2019**

**“Give Freely and  
Wholeheartedly”**



**Ministers: All Members of the Church**

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor  
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**Order for the Public Worship of God**  
**October 13, 2019**  
**18th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**8:15 & 11:00 AM Worship Services**

**WE COME TO WORSHIP**

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**

Leader: When Jesus came to Caesarea Philippi he asked his disciples,  
“Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

**People: They replied: “Some say John the Baptist, or Elijah, or  
Jeremiah, or one of the other prophets.”**

Leader: But you—who do you say I am?

**People: Lord, you are the Bread of Life, the Good Shepherd. You are  
the Way, the Truth and the Life.**

Leader: And what shall we say of him to others?

**People: He is the Light of the World, the Resurrection and the Life,  
the Son of the Living God.**

Leader: Let us worship our Redeemer and Lord. Amen.

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Foundation” arr. Anna Laura Page  
Jubilation Ringers

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

MINUTE FOR MISSION Stephanie Carson

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

\*HYMN #610 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” AZMON

CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)**

**God of all people, through the ages you have raised up brave and  
able reformers of your church. We confess that we have lost  
our way again. We are content with easy religion, with too much  
money and too little charity; we cultivate indifference. Lord, let  
your word shake us up, and your Spirit renew us, so that we may  
repent, have better faith, and never shrink from sacrifice; in the  
name of Jesus Christ our only Lord and Savior. 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.**

ANTHEM “When Morning Gilds the Skies” arr. Hal Hopson  
*When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries, may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair, may Jesus Christ be praised!*

*The night becomes as day when from the heart we say, may Jesus Christ be praised!  
The powers of darkness fear when this sweet chant they hear, may Jesus Christ be  
praised!*

*Let earth’s wide circle round in joyful notes resound; may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply, may Jesus Christ be praised!*

*Be this, while life is mine; my canticle divine, may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Be this the eternal song through all the ages long, may Jesus Christ be praised!*

**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.)*

**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 “Al Shlosa D’varim” Allen E. Naplan  
Westminster Youth Choir

Al shlosa d’varim haolam kayam,  
Al haemet v’al hadin v’al hashalom.

*The world is sustained by three things,  
By truth, by justice, and by peace.*

\*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 (Together)

**Redeeming God, sustained by your grace, we come before you bear-  
ing our gifts. Purify them to serve your purpose, and nurture us to  
act according to your will, so that all we have and do may bring jus-  
tice on earth. This we pray in the character and person of Christ.  
Amen.**

\*HYMN #629 “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee” ST. AGNES

**WE GROW IN THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 11:2-15, 16:13-17 NRSV (page 792 & 798)

SERMON Stewardship Series: Give Freely and Wholeheartedly!  
#1 “What Is Your Final Answer?”  
Chris Curvin, Pastor

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

\*HYMN #684 “Faith Begins by Letting Go” LUX PRIMA

\*BENEDICTION

SUNG BLESSING “May the Road Rise to Meet You” Lori True  
(please be seated) Westminster Youth Choir

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Finale Jubilante” Healey Willan  
(1880-1968)

*(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**

“Foundation”

arr. Anna Laura Page  
Jubilation Ringers

**MEET AND GREET**

**PRAISE SONG**

“Raise a Hallelujah”

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**CHILDREN’S SONG**

“Bless You”

Cherub & Angel Choirs (age 3-5th grade)

**PRAISE SONG**

“Reckless Love”

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

“Al Shlosa D’varim”

Westminster Youth Choir

**SCRIPTURE**

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**MESSAGE**

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**SONG OF DEDICATION**

“We Believe”

**GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU**