

**Hymn Notes:**

**“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (475)**

The author, Robert Robinson (1735-1790), was born of humble parents and could not afford schooling for the ministry, so was apprenticed at fourteen to a London barber and hairdresser. After a dissolute youth he was converted by George Whitefield and became a Calvinistic Methodist minister.

The text was said to have been written for use on Pentecost in 1758 and was originally four eight-line stanzas. The fourth is now almost universally omitted as you can probably understand why:

*O that Day when freed from Sinning, I shall see thy lovely Face;  
Cloathed then in blood-wash'd Linnen, How I'll sing thy sov'reign Grace:  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry, take my ransom 'd Soul away;  
Send thine Angels now to carry me to Realms of endless Day.*

Like the more famous John Newton's "Amazing Grace," Robinson's hymn is one of providence and grace. Like Jacob, who raised an Ebenezer (stanza 2), he confesses how great a debtor he is to the grace of God, as are we all. The "Ebenezer" reference recalls I Samuel 7:12 where Jacob set up a stone altar which signified that God had brought him thus far.

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...**

- Sunday, November 10:** Daniel Pena, Ande Preston
- Monday, November 11:** Tom Huffman
- Tuesday, November 12:** Lindsey Scalera
- Wednesday, November 13:** Don Hamilton, Michael Fisher
- Thursday, November 14:** Annie Thompson, Glenda Bell-Golic
- Friday, November 15:** Claudia Alwood
- Saturday, November 16:** Dan Hyden, Cheryl Isler



*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*



**Friends of Northwood**



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**FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY**

**GREETERS:**

- (8:15) Jesse Loy & Betty O'Shea
- (11:00) Barbara Forsyth & Barbara Bozinski

**USHERS:**

- (8:15) Dick & Connie Evans  
Dennis & Betty O'Shea
- (9:30) Curtis & Vicki Krueger
- (11:00) Bailey Shields & Nancy Johnson  
Roger Snay & Claudia Alwood

**Ushers & Greeters**



**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 Melissa Long and Joyce Curvin.

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

Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8 with Kelly Makal.

**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 studying our 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, Bill Bitner, Bill Lewis, and Pete Towns will speak about their military service experiences.

**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!

**10:45A.M. "Defenders" —NEW STUDY BEGINS TODAY**

The "Defenders" meets in rooms 5 & 7 at 10:45am. This class is taught by Michael Jahosky, who is a Humanities Professor at St. Petersburg College. We will begin a new 6-week study *Surprised by Hope* by N.T. Wright. A schedule of assigned readings and accompanying reflective questions as well as discussion questions are available on the Christian Education bulletin board located across from the kitchen. It is important that you have the book, *Surprised by Hope*, which can be purchased through Amazon. 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*

**November 10, 2019**



*Dedication Sunday*

**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**  
**November 10, 2019**  
**22nd 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)** Paul Means, Associate Pastor  
Leader: If we have been raised with Jesus Christ,  
**People: then let us seek the things that are above.**  
Leader: If our lives are hidden in Jesus Christ,  
**People: then let us look for his glory to be revealed.**  
Leader: Let us worship God.

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** “Sing Joy” arr. Douglas E. Wagner  
Trumpets: Emily & Steve Cantin  
Trombones: Dylan Cantin & Eric Kemerer  
*Sing, O heavens, be joyful O earth, break forth in joyous song.  
Sing, O sing, O sing of our God, to Him all praise and thanks belong.  
Awake my soul and arise, cast off the darkness of night,  
And greet the new morn with strength renewed,  
For God is our strength and song.*

*O sing from the highest mountain, sing from the deepest sea;  
For with hearts of true thanksgiving, all created things now be,  
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, sing alleluia. Praise the Lord;  
O sing from the highest mountain, all created things sing praise.*

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*

*Mortals join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;  
Love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.  
Ever singing march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life. Amen.*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**  
*(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle.)*

**\*HYMN #307** “God of Grace and God of Glory” CWM RHONDDA

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Together)**

**Faithful and loving God, we confess that we have not lived in faith and love. You offer us the gift of salvation, but we spend our lives in vain pursuits. You provide enough for all to share, but we store up treasures for ourselves. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to seek the way of heaven and to let go of earthly desires so that we might have abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** ABBOT’S LEIGH  
**God of music, psalms and anthems, help us sing our faith anew:  
Melodies expanding worship, harmonies enriching too.  
May our lives by hymns in action, tuned to Christ in note and rhyme,  
Celebrating past and present, consecrating future time.**  
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**ANTHEM** “Healing River” arr. Mark Hayes  
Westminster Youth Choir  
*O healing river, send down your waters. Send down your waters upon this land.  
O healing river, send down your waters, and wash the blood from off the sand.*

*This land is thirsting. This land is parching. No seed is growing in the barren ground.  
This land is thirsting. This land is parching. O heal us now, send your waters down.*

*Let the seed of freedom awake and flourish. Let the deep roots nourish. Let the tall stalks rise.  
Let the seed of freedom awake and flourish, proud leaves uncurling against the skies.  
O healing river, come heal our land.*

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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**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” arr. Diane Bish

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #717** PLEADING SAVIOR

**For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,  
With these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:  
Here we offer, Lord, our praises, heart and mind and strength we bring;  
Give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.**  
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**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN #712** “As Those of Old Their Firsfruits Brought” FOREST GREEN

**WE GROW IN THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Genesis 3:8-15 NRSV (page 2)  
1 Corinthians 8:4,7-9,13 NRSV (page 930)

**SERMON** Stewardship Series: Give Freely and Wholeheartedly!  
Sermon #4: “The Ripple Effect”  
Chris Curvin, Pastor

**DEDICATION OF OURSELVES AND PLEDGES FOR 2020**

*(Members and guests are invited to come forward in an act of rededication and to touch the baptismal font. During this time pledge cards may be placed in the basket near the font.)*

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

**\*HYMN #475** “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” NETTLETON

**\*BENEDICTION**

**SUNG BLESSING** “Peace of God Be with You” Arabic Greeting  
*(please be seated)* Lindsey Peterson, Soloist

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

“Toccata on FOREST GREEN” Jerry Westenkuehler

*(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.

We welcome our Youth Praise Band this morning



**COUNTDOWN**

**WELCOME**

**PRAISE SONG**

“Freedom”

**MEET AND GREET**

**PRAISE SONG**

“Who I Am”

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAISE SONG**

“Steady My Heart”

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER**

**CALL TO OFFERING  
OFFERTORY**

“Healing River”

arr. Mark Hayes  
Westminster Youth Choir

**SCRIPTURES**

Genesis 3:8-15  
1 Corinthians 8:4, 7-9, 13

**MESSAGE**

Stewardship Series: Give Freely and Wholeheartedly!  
#4 “The Ripple Effect”  
Chris Curvin, Pastor

**STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION**

“Oceans”

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**SONG OF DEDICATION**

“Lay Me Down”

**GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU**