

Hymn Notes:
“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”
By Albert F. Bayly, 1961
The best reason for extending a helping hand to others in need is Christ’s poignant statement: “Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me” (Mt 25:40 NRSV). This applies to the immigrant at the Texas border to the grumpy man across the street. Christians honor their Lord when they do acts of benevolence to others. It was this awareness that prompted The Hymn Society of America to seek new hymns of social welfare. From those submitted, this one by Bayly was chosen to be the theme hymn for the second National Conference on the Churches and Social Welfare in Cleveland OH in June 1961. As Christians we should follow Christ’s example whose life was spent serving others. Our worship is vain unless it is followed by living concern for others.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, September 1:	Janet Dudley
Monday, September 2:	Fred Heider
Tuesday, September 3:	Drew Bryant
Wednesday, September 4:	Scott Curkan
Thursday, September 5:	Toby Shugart, Michael Turner, Allison Gunderman
Saturday, September 6:	Mark Giese, Aimee McDermott

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

Mike & Linda O’Leary
In Loving Memory of Dorthea O’Leary
Dave & Hallie Pelham
In Honor of our 20th Wedding 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) Ray & Joanne Spigarelli
(11:00) Larry & Sandy Ingram

USHERS:
(8:15) Tim Beaver & Fred McQuown
Don Stevens
(9:30) Candy & Rich Spoenlein
(11:00) Jon Mills & Pete Towns
Sue Miskiewicz & Nancy Johnson

VAN DRIVER: Curtis Krueger

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

8:15 & 11:00 AM
CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-2nd 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–Kindergarten, Room 3
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour.

1st-5th Grade, Room 8
Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8 with Justine Davis.

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 10:45am for Sunday School where we will be discussing today’s message.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 A.M. TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) Rooms 9-11
TCI (Today’s Christian Issues) will resume NEXT Sunday, September 8th. TCI 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.

11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class Room 15, led by Vicki Krueger
The Experiencing God Class will resume NEXT Sunday, September 8th. 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. We are studying the Book of Hebrews, using the study guide: *Hebrews: Christ-Perfect Sacrifice, Perfect Priest* by John MacArthur. 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*

September 1, 2019

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy’s perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart, consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.

Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love’s revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to tireless striving your abundant life to share.

*--Albert F. Bayly, 1961
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Order for the Public Worship of God
September 1, 2019
12th 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)*

Leader: Give thanks to God, for God is good; His steadfast love endures forever!
People: **All nations shall thank you, O God, for your wonderful works. You satisfy the thirsty and the hungry you fill.**
All: In faith and with joy, let us worship God!

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Gather Us In” Marty Haugen
(based on the opening hymn #401) arr. Jean Cotter

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

*HYMN #401 “Here in This Place” GATHER US IN

CALL TO CONFESSION Paul means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

Merciful God, you lead us by the cords of compassion; we seek your forgiveness through Christ’s intercession. Fill us anew with your Holy Spirit, so that we may faithfully obey your will. When we are vengeful, purge our thoughts of resentment and anger. When we bear false witness, turn us from deceit to truthfulness. Cleanse us of selfish desires, and free us to respond to your holy word. In righteousness remake us, and through Christ restore us. 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 “In Remembrance” Beryl Red
Ragan Courtney

*In remembrance of me, eat this bread. In remembrance me, drink this wine.
In remembrance me, pray for the time when God’s own will is done.
In remembrance me, heal the sick. In remembrance me, feed the poor.
In remembrance me, open the door and let your brother in, let him in.*

*Take, eat, and be comforted. Drink, and remember, too,
That this is my body and precious blood, shed for you.*

*In remembrance me, search for truth. In remembrance me, always love.
In remembrance me, don’t look above, but in your heart, for God.
Do this in remembrance of me.*

OUR MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN

(Children ages 3yrs – 2nd 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 “Pavane” Peter Warlock

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(Together)*

Almighty and loving God, you have taught us how to trust your goodness and lay up treasure in heaven; we offer you our gifts and tithes in response to your generous grace and blessings in our lives. May these gifts and our lives glorify your name and build up the body of Christ for it is in the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

WE HEAR THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 14:1, 7-14 NRSV *(page 849)*

SERMON “God Helps Those...”
Jack Alwood, Guest Pastor

*HYMN “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service” BEACH SPRING
(see cover)

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 “Adagio” Charles-Marie Widor
from Organ Symphony #2 in D Major

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #722 “Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak” CANONBURY

*BENEDICTION

SUNG BLESSING BEACH SPRING
(all singing, seated)

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we
give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know,
and live.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Toccata on DIADEMATA” Nancy Hill Cobb

(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

PRAISE SONG

“Glorious Day”

MEET AND GREET

PRAISE SONG

“Stand in Your Love”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIDEO

“Mark & Mark’s Labor Day”

PRAISE SONG

“Build My Life”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

APOSTLES’ CREED

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CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Lord I Need You”

SCRIPTURE

Luke 14:1, 7-14

MESSAGE

“God Helps Those...”
Jack Alwood, Guest Pastor

COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC

“In Memory”

Jeanne Cotter

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Lean on Me”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU