

### HYMN NOTES:

#### “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand” (331)

Written by Daniel Crane Roberts (1841-1907) for the 1876 centennial celebration of the writing of the Declaration of Independence, this hymn was first sung in Brandon, Vermont where the author was the rector of the local Episcopal church. In 1886, he submitted this text to the committee producing a new Episcopal hymnal but with no indication that he was the author. After the still-anonymous text was approved as part of the committee’s report to the 1892 General Convention, he identified himself in time for his name to appear in the published hymnal. George Warren (1828-1902) wrote the music for the 1892 centennial of the adoption of the U.S. Constitution. The musical directions in the first printing imply that the trumpets are not optional; in fact, there is a note, “before each stanza.” The first four measures of sung text are marked “Voices alone,” and only after the next trumpet fanfare comes the direction “With Organ.”

### BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

- Monday, May 25:** Jane Frame, Hallie Pelham, Kylie Winder
- Tuesday, May 26:** Jay Basinger, Steven Murray
- Thursday, May 28:** Betty Evans, Winnie Robbins, Chris Lumia, Melinda Pena, Brandon Strelcheck,
- Friday, May 29:** Matthew Nigels, Delaney Pope
- Saturday, May 30:** Jody Beattie, Kayla Johnson, Garland Pelham



*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



Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2020 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!

“They will have  
*NO FEAR* of bad news;  
their hearts are steadfast,  
trusting in the LORD.”

Psalm 112:7

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Children’s Ministry is sending out personal notes to the children of Northwood so watch for your note in the mail. If you want to receive a note for your child or grandchild contact Justine Davis at [childrensministry@northwoodpc.org](mailto:childrensministry@northwoodpc.org).
- Please be sure to check out and “like” the Children’s Ministry Facebook group. Each week we will have a children’s Bible lesson posted along with other activities.  
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### ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Given the guidance from the Presbytery and public health officials, we have suspended all group gatherings, including Christian Education for children, youth and adults until further notice. Please use our website for up to date information.

#### Experiencing God Class, led by Vicki Krueger

If you’d like to join the Experiencing God class virtually via Zoom at 10:30am on Sunday mornings, please contact Vicki Krueger via email at [vickilee33@aol.com](mailto:vickilee33@aol.com) and she will send you the meeting details each week.

### MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

#### Citylight Virtual Schedule 5/24 - 5/31

- ★ **SUNDAY 5/24**  
9:30 AM & 11:00 AM LIVE STREAM CHURCH  
10:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH DAN JEFFRE VIA TEAMS  
8:15 PM - CONFIRMATION CHAT VIA ZOOM  
8:30 PM - JACKBOX VIA ZOOM
- ★ **TUESDAY 5/26**  
#BETTERTOGETHER BIBLE STUDIES!  
7:30 PM - YOUNG MEN’S BIBLE STUDY WITH MR. DAN VIA TEAMS  
7:30 PM - YOUNG WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY WITH ROSALIE VIA ZOOM
- ★ **WEDNESDAY 5/27**  
7:30 PM - NO CITYNIGHT - VIRTUAL VBS PREP MEETING VIA ZOOM
- ★ **THURSDAY 5/28**  
YOUNG MEN’S BIBLE STUDY WITH MR. DAN VIA TEAMS AT 7:30 PM  
YOUNG WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY WITH ROSALIE VIA TEAMS AT 7:30 PM
- ★ **FRIDAY 5/29**  
8:30 PM - MOVIE NIGHT - JUMANJI: WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE
- ★ **SUNDAY 5/31**  
9:30 AM & 11:00 AM LIVE STREAM CHURCH  
10:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH DAN JEFFRE VIA TEAMS  
8:00 PM - VIRTUAL VBS PREP MEETING VIA ZOOM  
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<https://mailchi.mp/c98790d265ba/citylight-updates-1364112>

# Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church  
Organized February 19, 1978*

**May 24, 2020**



*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 Worship of God  
May 24, 2020  
7th Sunday of Easter  
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*)

Leader: Blessed is God, who hears our prayers,

**All: whose steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: There is no greater love than this:

**All: to lay down one's life for one's friends.**

Leader: God calls us to proclaim the good news.

**All: Let us open our hearts to hear God's word.**

OPENING VOLUNTARY "Battle Hymn of the Republic" Charles W. Ore

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #331 "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand" NATIONAL HYMN  
(stanzas 1,3,4)

**God of the ages, whose almighty hand  
leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.**

**From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
be thy strong arm our ever sure defense.  
Thy true religion in our hearts increase.  
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.**

**Refresh thy people on their toilsome way.  
Lead us from night to never ending day.  
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.**

CALL TO CONFESSION Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Together*)

**God of every nation, as we remember those that gave their lives for  
our sake, let us be stirred to action in their memory. We confess that  
we have not done all that is possible to promote peace and justice in  
our world. We have not loved our neighbors, let alone our ene-  
mies. Forgive us for failing to live up to your commandments. Em-  
power us to work for your Kingdom in this world, and welcome us by  
your grace into your Kingdom in the next. In Jesus' name we pray,  
Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM "America the Beautiful" arr. Mark Johnston  
Stephanie Carson, Soloist; Mark Johnston, Piano

*O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain.  
America, America! God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.*

*O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life.  
America, America, may God thy gold refine  
Till all success be nobleness and every gain divine.*

*O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years.  
Thine alabaster cities gleam undimmed by human tears.  
America, America! God shed His grace on Thee  
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.*

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN #329 "God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength" WINCHESTER OLD  
(stanzas 1,3,4)

**God is our refuge and our strength, our ever present aid,  
and therefore though the earth be moved, we will not be afraid.**

**Where God abides a river flows; that city will rejoice.  
But nations fear and kingdoms shake the mountains on the shore.**

**Since God is in the midst of it, the city walls shall stand,  
secure and safe with God's sure help, when trouble is at hand.**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS Genesis 50:20 (NRSV)  
Ephesians 3:20-21 (NRSV)

SERMON "An Ingenious Alchemist"  
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #8 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" MELITA  
(stanzas 1,4)

**Eternal Father, strong to save,  
whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:  
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Trinity of love and power, all travelers guard in danger's hour;  
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
protect them where-so-e'er they go;  
thus evermore shall rise to thee  
glad praise from air and land and sea.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY "Come, God, Creator, Holy Ghost"  
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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 SONGS**

"Old Church Choir"

"Grace Wins"

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**VIDEO**

"Memorial Day Tribute"

**PRAISE SONG**

"America the Beautiful"

arr. Mark Johnston

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER**

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

"This Is My Land"

by Larry Stephen

**SCRIPTURES**

Genesis 50:20

Ephesians 3:20-21

**MESSAGE**

"An Ingenious Alchemist"

Chris Curvin, Pastor

**SONG OF DEDICATION**

"Only King Forever"

**GOD'S BLESSING TO YOU**

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!