

HYMN NOTES:

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (475) by Robert Robinson (1735-1790)

Born of humble parents, Robinson could not afford schooling for the ministry, so was apprenticed at fourteen to a London barber and hairdresser. He spent more time reading and playing with friends than cutting hair. He became the leader of a notorious gang, and he shamed his family so much that they practically disowned him. Then, still a teen, he went to a George Whitefield meeting, intending to ridicule it; instead he almost fell asleep in it. But then the preacher shouted out a Bible verse: “O generation of vipers; who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come” (Matt 3:7 KJV). That evening Robinson was converted. He wrote this hymn at the age of twenty-three as he served at the Calvinistic Methodist Church in Norfolk, England. Like the more famous John Newton’s “Amazing Grace.” his hymn is one of providence and grace. Like Jacob, who raised an Ebenezer (a stone altar which signified that God had brought him thus far), he confesses how great a debtor he is to the grace of God, as are we all.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Monday, July 13: David Smith, Ann Briggs, Jackson Krueger, Julie Bryant
Tuesday, July 14: Lorrie Janusik, William Warren
Wednesday, July 15: Nathan Rodewald, Bryce Fulford
Thursday, July 16: Georgia Rounding, Nancy Rodewald, Ava Catlin, Annabelle Fredriksen
Friday, July 17: Richard Zirk, Diane Bolton
Saturday, July 18: Rob Robicheau, Jimmy Krueger, Morgan Peterson



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



The rose on the baptismal font is in honor of the birth of

Liam Michael O'Leary

Liam was born on June 25th and is the son of Laura & Kevin O'Leary, the grandson of Linda & Mike O'Leary and Max & Pat Bygrave and the great-grandson of Pete & Evelyn Towns.

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!

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.
- 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.
https://www.facebook.com/groups/633579497423839/?source_id=263480270372443

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Wednesday Bible Study, led by Cindy Huffman

The Sunday Bible study has moved to Wednesdays and is meeting on Zoom. The group is studying the book of Ecclesiastes. If you'd like to join the Wednesday Bible Study that meets on Wednesdays at 7:00pm, please email Cindy Huffman at lucindy@aol.com and she will forward you the Zoom link. All are welcome!

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 and she will send you the meeting details each week.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Citylight Schedule 7/12 - 7/19

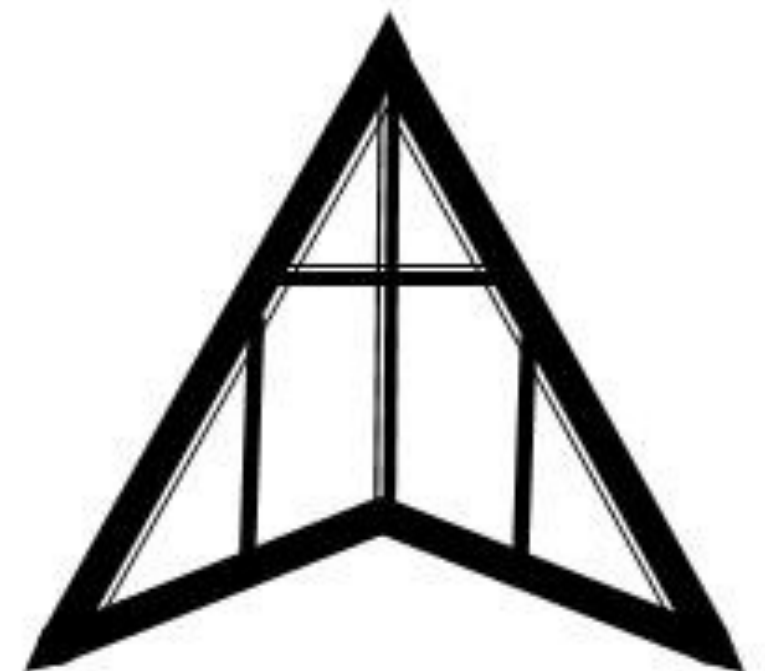
- ★ **SUNDAY 7/12**
9:30 AM & 11:00 AM LIVE STREAM CHURCH
10:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS
8:15 PM - CONFIRMATION CHAT
8:30 PM - TRIVIA NIGHT VIA ZOOM
- ★ **TUESDAY 7/14**
7:00 PM - YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM
NO YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 7/14 & 7/16
- ★ **WEDNESDAY 7/15**
7:30 PM - CITYNIGHT VIA ZOOM - NEW DEVOTIONAL SERIES WEEK 4
- ★ **THURSDAY 7/16**
7:00 PM CRAFT NIGHT VIA ZOOM - SEE FLYER BELOW
- ★ **FRIDAY 7/17**
8:30 PM - MOVIE NIGHT VIA ZOOM - VOTE VIA INSTAGRAM
- ★ **SUNDAY 7/19**
9:30 AM & 11:00 AM LIVE STREAM CHURCH
10:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS
8:30 PM - JACKBOX VIA ZOOM

Follow the link to view our weekly email:
<https://mailchi.mp/196f3eff77b1/citylight-updates-1373476>

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978*

July 12, 2020



Come, Grow, Go!

Ministers: All Members of the Church

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Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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Order for the Worship of God
July 12, 2020
6th Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Leader: God of grace, you have given us minds to know you,

People: You have given us hearts to love you,

Leader: And you have gifted us life to sing your praise.

**People: Fill us with your Spirit that we may celebrate your glory
and truly worship you.**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s unchanging love!**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I’m come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here’s my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

Heavenly Father, As your children, you long for us to grow in faith, hope and love. We confess that the concern for what others might say, the consuming cares of this world, and the constant desire for more have hardened our fickle hearts to your love and grace. In our most honest moments, we know that growing spiritually and becoming more like Jesus has not been what it could have been. Loving God, forgive us we pray. In your great mercy, continue to till the soil of our hearts so that we may grow more and more in the love and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM “And the Father Will Dance” Mark Hayes

And the Father will dance over you with joy! He will take delight in whom He loves.

Is that a choir I hear singing the praises of God?

No, the Lord God Himself is exulting o’er you in song! And He will joy over you in song!

My soul will make its boast in God, for He has answered all my cries.

His faithfulness to me is as sure as the dawn of a new day.

Awake, my soul! Awake, my soul and sing! Let my spirit rejoice in God!

Sing, O daughter of Zion, with all of your heart! Cast away fear for you

have been restored! Put on the garment of praise, as on a festival day.

Join with the Father in glorious, jubilant song.

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

HYMN “Holy Spirit, Truth Divine” CANTERBURY

**Holy Spirit, Truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine;
Word of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.**

**Holy Spirit, Love divine, glow within this heart of mine,
Kindle every high desire; perish self in thy pure fire.**

**Holy Spirit, Power divine, fill and nerve this will of mine;
Grant that I may strongly live, bravely bear, and nobly strive.**

--text by Samuel Longfellow, 1864

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

SERMON The Heart of the Matter”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #729 “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN
(stanzas 1,2)

**Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.**

**Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “How Firm a Foundation” Jason D. Payne

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

“Open Up the Heavens”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE SONG

“Jesus”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“O Come to the Altar”

VIDEO

“Change is Possible”

SCRIPTURES

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

MESSAGE

“The Heart of the Matter”

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Raise a Hallelujah”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

Sermon notes...

that Ignite Action!