

**HYMN NOTES:**

**My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (353)**

Written by Edward Mote (1797-1874) this hymn was originally titled "The Immutable Basis of a Sinner's Hope." When telling of this hymn (he wrote more than 100) Mote stated that "one day it came into my mind as I went to labor to write a hymn of the 'gracious experience of a Christian.'" The hymn was first sung at the bedside of a dying parishioner and met with instant favor and was soon published (1836). Mote was born in London where his parents owned a pub and grew up quite irreligious. He attended a school that did not allow Bible reading. At sixteen he became an apprentice cabinetmaker. His employer took him to hear John Hyatt preach, which Mote pointed to as the beginning of his conversion. He wrote, "O ignorant was I that I did not know there was a God." Converted, he became an English Baptist pastor and is buried in the churchyard of Horsham Baptist Church--his beloved parish which he served for 26 years.

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...**

- Sunday, August 16:** Alice Russell, Beverly Field, Sandy Ingram, Susan Taylor, Hannah Fish
- Monday, August 17:** Richard Naider, Dan Gipson
- Tuesday, August 18:** Atticus Ulrich
- Wednesday, August 19:** Tommy Donnelly, Jim McGordy, Barbara Henry, Victor Valdes, Kathleen O'Leary
- Thursday, August 20:** Dennis Rasmussen, Suzanne Rimmmler, Bucky Helms, Jeff Voss, Brad Hanway, Isabella Latorre
- Friday, August 21:** Margie Gott, Catherine Somers, Dominic Fuoco



*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*



**Jean Swintek**

**In Loving Memory of my Brother Bobby**



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. During this time when we are not meeting for in person worship, please send your information directly to [communications@northwoodpc.org](mailto:communications@northwoodpc.org)  
Thank you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

*"Then Jesus said to her, WOMAN, you have great FAITH. Your request is GRANTED and her daughter was healed at that moment."*

Matthew 15:28

**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**

**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 [lucindy1@aol.com](mailto:lucindy1@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](mailto:vickilee33@aol.com) and she will send you the meeting details each week.

**MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

*Citylight Schedule*  
**8/16 - 8/23**

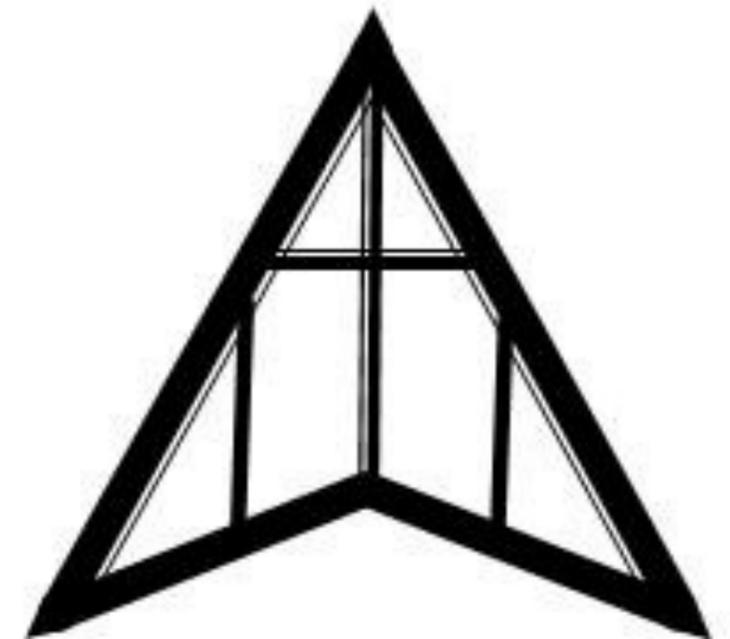
- ★ **SUNDAY 8/16**  
9:30 AM & 11:00 AM LIVE STREAM CHURCH  
10:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS  
8:30 PM - JACK BOX VIA ZOOM
- ★ **TUESDAY 8/18**  
7:30 PM - YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM  
7:30 PM - YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA TEAMS
- ★ **WEDNESDAY 8/19**  
7:30 PM CITYNIGHT VIA ZOOM
- ★ **THURSDAY 8/20**  
7:30 PM - YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM  
7:30 PM - YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA TEAMS
- ★ **FRIDAY 8/21**  
8:30 PM - TRIVIA VIA ZOOM
- ★ **SUNDAY 8/23**  
9:30 AM & 11:00 AM LIVE STREAM CHURCH  
10:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS  
8:00 PM - BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER & BLESSING VIA ZOOM

**Follow the link to view our weekly email:**  
<https://mailchi.mp/f9c17cc5e75f/citylight-updates-1399232>

**Welcome To**  
**Northwood Presbyterian**  
**Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Church*  
*Organized February 19, 1978*

**August 16, 2020**



**Come, Grow, Go!**

**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**  
**August 16, 2020**  
**11th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**11:00 AM Worship Service**

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Leader: The Lord is our Rock, our Fortress, our Deliverer, our Savior in whom we take refuge.

**People: For who is God besides the LORD? And who is the Rock except our God?**

Leader: The LORD lives! Praise be to our rock! Exalted be our God, the Rock, our Savior!

**People: Therefore we will praise you, LORD, among the nations; we will sing the praises of your name.**

**All: Let us worship the God.**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #263 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!” CORONATION  
*(stanzas 1,3,4)*

**All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!**

**Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball  
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!**

**O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!  
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!  
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

**Almighty and loving God, you invite us to draw near to you, to share our hearts with you, to live life with you. Forgive us when we keep you at arms length. Forgive us when we live life on our own terms, relegating you to the margins. Forgive us when we mostly talk about you, rather than to you. In your mercy give us eyes that see, ears that hear and hearts that respond to the love and grace you freely give to us in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, for it’s in his precious name that we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581

GLORIA PATRI

**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

“Christ Has Broken Down the Wall”

Mark A. Miller

Dylan Cantin, Soloist

*Christ has broken down the wall. Christ has broken down the wall.  
Let us join our hearts as one. Christ has broken down the wall  
We’re accepted as we are. We’re accepted as we are.  
Through God’s love all is reconciled. We’re accepted as we are.*

*Cast aside your doubts and fears. Cast aside your doubts and fears.  
Peace and love, freely offered here; cast aside your doubts and fears.  
We will tear down the walls! We will tear down every wall!  
God has called us, one and all. Christ has broken down the wall.  
Christ has broken down the wall.*

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 “She Came to Jesus” SLANE

**She came to Jesus from outside the fold  
Canaanite woman! Persistent and bold!  
Looking to Jesus, she wanted to see  
One who would help her and set her child free.**

**Claiming a blessing, a touch of God's grace,  
She knew God's love was not bounded by place.  
Jesus, you listened, debated then healed  
For in her asking, her faith was revealed.**

**God, you still bless those who seek you in prayer.  
You welcome dreamers who faithfully dare.  
In Christ, now risen, your mercy extends:  
Those on the outside are welcomed as friends.**

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WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 15:21-28 (NRSV)

SERMON “Engaging God in the Hard Conversations of Our Lives”

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #353 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” SOLID ROCK  
*(stanzas 1,2,4)*

**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.**

*refrain:* **On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.  
*(refrain)***

**When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found,  
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.  
*(refrain)***

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “The Solid Rock”

Don Hustad

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**

“Jesus”

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAISE SONG**

“Is He Worthy”

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER**

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**VIDEO**

“Hold On”

**OFFERTORY**

“Christ Has Broken Down the Wall”

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**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 15:21-28

**MESSAGE**

“Engaging God in the Hard Conversations of Our Lives”

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**SONG OF DEDICATION**

“Who You Are to Me”

**GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU**

*Sermon notes...*

*that Ignite Action!*