

### HYMN NOTES:

#### “If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee (816)

Georg Neumark (1621-1681) was only twenty years old when he wrote this text in the winter of 1641. He was traveling from his home to the University of Königsberg when he was robbed by highwaymen who left him with nothing but his prayer book and a little money sewn into the clothes he was wearing. With no money for school he searched for months for employment and finally by chance, secured an appointment as tutor in the household of a prominent judge. This hymn was written in thanksgiving for this long-sought blessing. The text is based on Psalm 55:22 (“Cast thy burden on the Lord, and he shall sustain thee”). The tune name is the German of the first line of text.

#### “God Is Calling through the Whisper” (410)

This is a relatively new hymn (2006) by Mary Louise Bringle, a Presbyterian hymnwriter born 1953. The text points out how God’s call may not come to us in literal words but may appear in the beauties of art and nature or in recognizing a need we are especially well equipped to address. The opening two lines allude to two important biblical illustrations of God’s subtle call. The “whisper” of 1.1 recalls the “still small voice” (KJV) or “sound of sheer silence” (NRSV) through which God calls to Elijah in 1 Kings 19:12. The next line (1.2) recalls the Spirit’s “sighs too deep for words” (NRSV) described by Paul in Romans 8:26.

### BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

- Sunday, September 6:** Mark Giese, Aimee McDermott
- Monday, September 7:** Roy Jackson, Curtis Krueger
- Tuesday, September 8:** Wally Ericson, Dot Brown
- Thursday, September 10:** Loring Daniel, Ashley Gordon, Tyler Jones, Mitchell Jones
- Friday, September 11:** Doris Smith, Heather Stark, Brian Schultz
- Saturday, August 12:** Judy Peterson, Dale Goodman, Logan Bullis



*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*



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). Please remember to mark “flowers” and the date on your \$30 donation. Thank you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

*“The LORD indeed is GOD;  
the LORD indeed is GOD.”*

1 Kings 18:39

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

A study of the Book of Matthew meets every Wednesday at 7:00pm through Zoom. The study guide being used is *The Immersion Bible Study: Matthew* by J. Ellsworth Kalas. If you’d like to join the Wednesday Bible Study or need a study book, 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 9/6 - 9/13

- ★ **SUNDAY 9/6**  
9:30 AM & 11:00 AM LIVE STREAM CHURCH  
10:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS  
4:00 PM - SLIP N SLIDE KICKBALL IN HERITAGE LOT
- ★ **TUESDAY 9/8**  
7:00 PM - CONFIRMATION CHAT VIA ZOOM  
7:30 PM - YOUNG WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM  
7:30 PM - YOUNG MEN’S BIBLE STUDY VIA TEAMS
- ★ **WEDNESDAY 9/9**  
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM WRITING GIVING WALL THANK YOU CARDS ACTIVITY - SEE SIGN UP
- ★ **THURSDAY 9/10**  
7:30 PM - YOUNG WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM  
7:30 PM - YOUNG MEN’S BIBLE STUDY VIA TEAMS
- ★ **SUNDAY 9/13**  
9:30 AM & 11:00 AM LIVE STREAM CHURCH  
10:45 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS

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<https://mailchi.mp/976615cc7925/citylight-updates-1402052>

# Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

*A Stephen Ministry Church  
Organized February 19, 1978*

## September 6, 2020

### “God Is Calling Through the Whisper ”

God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit’s deepest sighs,  
through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise.  
Flash of lightning, crash of thunder; hush of stillness, rush of wonder.  
God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?

God is calling through the voices of our neighbors urgent prayers,  
Through their longing for redemption and for rescue from despair.  
Place of hurt or face of needing; strident cry or silent pleading:  
God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?

God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts,  
Through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts.  
Lift of joy and gift of singing; days and nights our praises bringing:  
God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?



*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  
September 6, 2020  
14th Sunday after Pentecost  
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Responsive)*

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.  
**People: We will praise you, O Lord, among the nations; we will sing of you among the peoples.**  
Leader: For great is your love, higher than the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.  
**People: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and let your glory be over all the earth.**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” arr. Paul Manz (1919-2009)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #816 “If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”  
WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

**If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hopeful heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, whate’er betide thee, to bear thee through the evil days. Who trusts in God’s unchanging love builds on the rock that nought can move.**

**Only be still, and wait God’s leisure in cheerful hope, with heart content to take whate’er thy Keepers pleasure and all discerning love hath sent. No doubt our inmost wants are clear to One who holds us always dear.**

**Sing, pray, and swerve not from God’s ways, but do thine own part faithfully. Trust the rich promises of grace; so shall they be fulfilled in thee. God never yet forsook at need the soul secured by trust indeed.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

**Almighty God, you have supremely spoken love and grace to our hearts through your Son, Jesus Christ. You have spoken to us about making our temporal lives count toward your eternal purposes. Forgive us when we are preoccupied with the competing voices of culture which promote consuming self-interest over generous self-sacrifice, and champions personal comfort rather than godly character. In Jesus’ name, we praise you and give you thanks for your redeeming love and forgiving grace. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.**

SOLO

“For Those Who Serve”  
Michele White, Soloist

Joseph M. Martin

*Lord, thank you for the hands, the hands that calm our fear; tender hands that hold the sick and catch the falling tear. Lord, thank you for the lips that speak the words, all those who break the bread of life and wake the world to praise.*

*(refrain) Thank you God, for those who serve, for the ones who share your love, Lord, the ones who give their lives away and lift our eyes above.*

*Thank you for their song. Thank you for their light. Thank you for the ones who serve the body of Christ. Thank you for the feet of those who lead us into peace. Leaving in the sands of time a path for all to see.*

*Thank you for thee arms of those who reach in to the night, arms that carry those who fall and lift the cross of Christ. (refrain)*

*Thank you for their song. Thank you for their light. Thank you for the ones who serve the body of Christ. Thank you.*

CALL TO OFFERING

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING *(selected verses)* 1 Kings 18 (NRSV)

SERMON

“Can You Hear Me Now?”  
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

HYMN #511 “Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven” LLANFAIR  
*(stanzas 1,2,4)*

**Come, behold! the feast of heaven. Alleluia!  
Has to mortal flesh been given. Alleluia!  
Hear the Word of God declared: Alleluia!  
“Come! the banquet is prepared.” Alleluia!**

**All is ready, come attend. Alleluia!  
As the Lord’s invited friend; Alleluia!  
Come from north, west, south, and east; Alleluia!  
Celebrate the joyful feast. Alleluia!**

**As the Lord our God has willed, Alleluia!  
Here the hungry soul is filled; Alleluia!  
Here the weary are refreshed. Alleluia!  
All who share God’s feast are blessed. Alleluia!**

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  
*(Please plan to celebrate communion during this livestream service by preparing a small portion of juice—or something to drink—and bread for your use at home.)*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #410 “God Is Calling Through the Whisper” W ZLOBIE LEZY  
*(see front cover)*

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY “Now Thank We All Our God”  
arr. Michael Burkhardt

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**  
“Lean On Me”

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAISE SONG**  
“Testify to Love”

**SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**VIDEO**  
“What Is Faith?”

**SCRIPTURE**  
1 Kings 18 *(selected verses)*

**MESSAGE**  
“Can You Hear Me Now?”  
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**HOLY COMMUNION**  
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**SONG OF DEDICATION**  
“Lord, I Need You”

**GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU**

*Sermon notes...*

*that Ignite Action!*